

## Graduate Student Scholarship Program Application Guidelines

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Stage 1:

Release of Request for Application	January 18, 2023
Deadline for Applications (highlighted portions only)	March 20, 2023
Notification of Successful Stage 1 Applicants	April 28, 2023

#### Stage 2:

Complete remainder of Application for Mitacs - Deadline	TBD
Mitacs Approval	TBD
One year funding begins	TBD

Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario (PSSO), in partnership with Mitacs, is excited to offer its Graduate Student Scholarship Program (herein the 'Program'), as a strategic initiative to encourage young scientists to enter the field of Parkinson's research; and to invest in research and training that offers promise for future work in the area of Parkinson's disease. PSSO intends to provide awards in the amount of up to \$25,000 CDN to outstanding graduate students who meet the eligibility criteria of the Program and who have been approved by the Program's Adjudication Committee.

PSSO invites applications from graduate students committed to conducting Parkinson's research in areas relevant to the treatment of motor and/or non-motor symptoms. This initiative is consistent with, and reflects PSSO's commitment to support research in the Southwestern Ontario region and to foster leadership potential in this area.

## FUNDS AVAILABLE

This Program offers awards up to a maximum of \$25,000 CDN to applicants who have been approved by the Program's Adjudication Committee

## ELIGIBILITY

- Applications will be accepted from graduate students who are studying at the master's and/or doctoral levels at an approved university or college located in Southwestern Ontario (see list below).
- Applicants must be enrolled in their program full-time from June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024.

## APPROVED UNIVERSITY & COLLEGES

University of Guelph	Conestoga College
University of Waterloo	Fanshawe College
Western University	Georgian College
Wilfrid Laurier University	Lambton College
University of Windsor	St. Clair College

## LOCATION OF TRAINING & SUPERVISION

Awards granted under this Program shall be held in trust by the Approved Institution at which the approved supervisor of the successful applicant holds a faculty appointment.

Other training locations may be considered by the Program's Adjudication Committee, provided that the facility is an Approved Institution and the research activities fall within the mandate of the Program.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications must be completed and submitted to PSSO no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 20, 2023.

Your application will be considered complete once PSSO has received the following items:

1. Completed (highlighted areas only) and signed application form
2. Official transcripts
3. Student's curriculum vitae
4. Two reference letters, including one from the student's current/proposed supervisor

Incomplete applications or applications received later than 4:00 p.m. EST on March 20, 2023 will not be considered under any circumstances.

Application materials (Items 1-3 above) are to be submitted electronically as a single pdf file to Shelley Rivard, CEO, Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario, [research@pssso.ca](mailto:research@pssso.ca). Receipt of application will be confirmed.

Applicants do not need to courier any documents to PSSO; however, we ask that you keep the original signed documents which may be requested in the event that your application is successful in the competition.

Reference Letters (Item 4 above) are to be completed by two sponsors. These sponsors should be current/proposed or recent supervisors from the program in which the applicant's training is/was taken. Reference Letters are to be completed using the provided Referee Ranking Form and electronically submitted by the sponsor to Shelley Rivard, CEO, Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario, [research@pssso.ca](mailto:research@pssso.ca). Receipt of letters will be confirmed.

Decisions made by the Program's Adjudication Committee are final and not subject to appeal. Once approval is granted by PSSO, applicants will be notified to complete the remainder of the application (Stage 2) and submit to Mitacs for final approval. Funding will only be awarded to those applications which are successfully adjudicated at both Stage 1 (PSSO) and Stage 2 (Mitacs).

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