

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

**Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex
Graduate Research Awards
in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias
2010-2011**

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Deadline: August 27, 2010

Background

The Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex (ASLM) is committed to promoting excellence in research into Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, supporting projects that will significantly advance scientific and clinical knowledge, and improve the quality of life for both those with the disease and their caregivers.

The Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex supports research at the local, provincial and national level through a collaborative effort with its partners and the generosity of donors.

In partnership with the Aging & Health Research Centre, the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex may fund two graduate awards to full-time University of Western Ontario graduate students who are conducting research in the areas of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Students eligible for this award must be enrolled in one of the following faculties at Western:

- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Social Science
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be enrolled in a full-time graduate program at The University of Western Ontario
- Qualified candidates must commit to a research project that deals directly with work on Alzheimer's disease or related dementias
- Qualified candidates will demonstrate above average academic achievement (minimum 78%)
- Qualified candidates must agree to submit written progress reports due in the middle (January 1, 2011) and the end of the award period (August 31, 2011)

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be considered in the application review process:

- The applicant's potential to contribute to knowledge about Alzheimer Disease and related Dementia
- The quality and feasibility of the applicant's research proposal
- The capability of the applicant to undertake the research
- Recommendations by a faculty member who will supervise the applicant

Total Awards

- Two research awards in the 2010-2011 cycle
- Each Scholar will receive \$12,500 for one year

- The award is distributed in two installments. Funding of the second installment follows submission of the January progress report which demonstrates that the research project continues to be related to Alzheimer Disease and Dementia research and that progress on the project is being made

How to Submit an Application

Completed applications to be submitted by August 27, 2010 to:

Aging and Health Research Centre
Sociology Department
Rm. 5211
Social Science Centre
The University of Western Ontario

Application Guidelines

1. Lay Summary

Provide a descriptive summary of the research project (maximum 100 words) suitable for release to the public.

2. Research Project

Provide a summary of the research project (maximum 1500 words). Include a clear description of the present state of knowledge relevant to the project, the research objective(s), the questions or hypotheses, and the method of investigation. Comment on potential problems and outcomes. Clearly describe the significance of this research to our understanding of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

3. Letters of Support

Include two letters of reference or support from faculty familiar with your previous work. One letter may come from your current or proposed supervisor. Instructions to Referees: State in what capacity you know the candidate and for how long. Please assess the following qualities of the candidate: background, preparation, motivation, perseverance, research ability, research potential, leadership, intellectual ability and communication. Please rank the candidate overall relative to their peers (i.e. top 20%). Sign and date the evaluation and then place in a sealed envelope. *One page maximum (12 pt font).*

4. Curriculum Vitae

Provide an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae

5. Transcripts

Provide a photocopy of your transcripts. An official copy is *not* required.

6. Application form

Found on the last page of this document.

7. Progress Reports

Successful applicants are required to submit a progress report by January 1, 2011 and a final report by August 31, 2011.

By January 1, 2011: Please provide a concise description of the work that has been completed in the initial phase of the project. If the project objectives or methodology have changed, detail what changes have been made and how these changes impact on the goal of understanding Alzheimer disease and related dementia. Describe the next steps in the research and when it is anticipated that these steps will be completed (*2 pages maximum, 12 point font*).

By August 31, 2011: Please provide a concise description of the work that has been completed during the funding period. This report should provide a clear description of the problem addressed, the methodology used, the results to date, and the implication of these findings. If the project is ongoing, please provide a short description of the next phase. (*4 pages maximum, 12 point font*).

Selection

Students will be selected by a committee with representatives from the Social Science, Health Sciences, Science and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. Candidates will be evaluated by faculty leaders involved with graduate research, coordinated by the Director of the Aging and Health Research Centre. The committee will include at least one representative who holds membership in the School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies. The selection committees will consist of faculty members and no students will participate in the selection.

Reporting

Recipients will be asked to complete interim and final reports during the year of their award as directed by the relevant selection committee. The reports are to be submitted directly to the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex.

For more information about ASLM's research grants or if you would like to contribute to research funding, please contact the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex.
Tel: 519-680-2404 or visit the website at: www.alzheimerlondon.ca

Current Alzheimer's Research Projects

For more information on research on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias across Canada, please click on the following link at the Alzheimer Society of Canada website:
<http://www.alzheimer.ca/english/research/intro.htm>

**Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex Graduate Awards in Alzheimer Related Research
2010-2011 Application Form**

Name of Applicant:	
Department/Graduate Program:	
Faculty:	
Phone Number:	
Home Address:	
Email:	
Project Title:	
Key Works (maximum six):	
Anticipated Length of Project:	
If my application is successful, I agree to allow publication of my name, the lay summary of my application, and my progress report on the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex website.	
Signature of Student:	Date:
Graduate Student Supervisor:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Signature of Supervisor:	Date:
Name of 1 st Reference	Position