

Call for Applications Postgraduate Scholarship Supplements

The Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network invites graduate students to apply for a scholarship supplement to advance their training in multidisciplinary research. The Network is composed of researchers dedicated to solving the problems of language and literacy deficiencies that can limit the social, academic, and economic opportunities of Canadian children. As a Network of Centres of Excellence we conduct research collaboratively using multidisciplinary and multisectorial strategies. We recognize that problems of language and literacy development have no single cause, and that research success depends on a network approach.

The Network is mandated to increase the number of highly qualified personnel in language and literacy research and practice. Toward this goal we provide support for supplementary **multidisciplinary** training to outstanding scholars who receive federal scholarships (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR) for their graduate research. The purpose of the \$5000 award is to fund students who engage in collaborative activities across laboratories, disciplines, private, and public sectors.

The Network encourages applications for proposed research training which bridges two or more of the Network's five Themes:

- I. **Biological** factors underlying the development of language and literacy skills
- II. **Sensory processes and environmental factors** that affect the development of language and literacy
- III. **Language:** auditory processing, oral skills, and delayed and disordered communication
- IV. **Literacy:** exposure and training affecting reading, writing, and numeracy
- V. **Social, economic and program influences**

The Network also encourages student training in the areas of **knowledge transfer** and **technology** development by working with our Partners and Core Facilities.

Eligibility

Graduate students who have received **SSHRC, NSERC PGS A or PGS B, or CIHR** scholarships may apply for the Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network Postgraduate Scholarship Supplement. The deadline for applications is **30 JUNE 2003**. The proposed activities must relate to research or practice in child language and literacy and must reflect **multidisciplinary** training. Student activities must be sponsored by Researchers who are members of the Canadian Language and Literacy Research

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Network (see membership list and description of Supplement activities of the 2002 Network award winners at www.cllrnet.ca). Activities may involve work with individuals who are not members of the Network, but the student must obtain the sponsorship of a Network Researcher as well. Students may apply for more than one award during their graduate training, but priority will be given to first-time applicants and to students in the early stages of their graduate program. Award winners become members of the Network if they are not already members. Receipt of the award is contingent on receipt of the federal scholarship (see above). Successful applicants must maintain full-time study during the year of the award.

Application

The Application for a Postgraduate Scholarship Supplement Award will include the following materials:

A statement (2-4 pages, 12-point font, double-spaced) delineating how the proposed activities meet the objectives of the Postgraduate Scholarship Supplement. State how the activities will provide multidisciplinary training related to child language and literacy, and how the activities will supplement your graduate program of studies. What would be the value-added role of the Network supplement?

A two-page (12-point font) curriculum vitae

A two-page (12-point font) describing career goals, and academic and extracurricular activities that support the applicant's interest in the objectives of the Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network

A statement of endorsement by a Network Researcher who agrees to support the supplementary training. The endorsement should describe why the applicant is particularly suitable for the proposed activities. The Network Researcher need not be the student's graduate supervisor and need not be from the student's graduate school institution. In this case the student must also submit a letter of support for the proposed activities from the academic supervisor

A copy of the federal scholarship (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR) application and letter of confirmation of award

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The application should be sent to:

The Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network
Postgraduate Scholarship Supplements
The University of Western Ontario
Elborn College
1201 Western Road
London, Ontario N6G 1H1

Deadline: 30 JUNE 2003

Note: Only completed applications can be reviewed.

Note: Address questions to: research@cclrnet.ca

Adjudication

Applications will be adjudicated in July, contingent on confirmation of federal scholarship award. Decisions will be based on the applicant's potential for unique and outstanding contributions to the goals of the Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network, and on the degree to which the proposed activities represent multidisciplinary training. Efforts will be made to distribute the awards equitably across the Network's Themes, geographic regions, and Network supervisors.

Award winners will be announced by the first week in August. The Network will issue payment to the student for \$5,000 in two instalments (September and January).

For additional information, contact:

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