

 DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF HEALTH	<i>Policy Sponsor:</i> Dean Faculty Council	<i>Approval Date:</i> January 26, 2017
Terms of Reference: Excellence in Research Award: PhD Graduate Student	<i>Responsible Unit:</i> Faculty Council Associate Dean Research Director of Research	<i>Amendments:</i> Formatting, March 2018

Title
The Faculty of Health PhD Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research

Purpose
The purpose of the award is to acknowledge excellence in research performed by PhD students within the Faculty of Health. It is intended to recognize a PhD student who has demonstrated the potential to become an independent researcher.

- Award Recognition**
- The recipient will receive a certificate at the Professional and Research Education Group (PREP) Graduate Research Day
 - A platform presentation at the PREP Graduate Research Day in the year of the award
 - \$500 cash award

- Eligibility**
- All graduate students registered in the previous 11 months in the PhD Health and PhD Nursing.
 - IDPhD Students must be supervised or co-supervised by a faculty member in the Faculty of Health.
 - PhD students must have completed their dissertation proposal, data collection and at least a preliminary analysis of their data that would constitute an original conference presentation.
 - Applicants must have an **accepted** abstract for either a platform or poster presentation for the annual PREP Graduate Research Day (normally held in May).
 - Previous winners of the PhD award are NOT eligible to apply.

- Criteria**
Applications will be reviewed on the basis of;
- The scientific merit of the research submitted
 - Evidence within the supporting documents that the student has the potential to become an independent researcher.

Application Process

Students with an accepted platform or poster abstract for the PREP Graduate Research Day will be invited by the Director – Research Services to submit the following documentation to the Selection Committee:

- The PREP abstract
- A CV
- A letter of support from your supervisor/co-supervisor (max 2 pages) indicating your potential to become an independent researcher
- Any published papers, conference proceedings or abstracts and relevant reports to external agencies you are named on (max. 8)
- A short cover letter (max. 2 pages) summarizing your dissertation research

Selection Committee

Applications will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Faculty of Health Research Committee and will be chaired by the Associate Dean Research or an alternate designated by the Associate Dean. The Committee will comprise a minimum of three Committee representatives including the Chair.