Dr. Bruce McCreary Developmental Disabilities Fund

I have the privilege of announcing the inaugural funding competition resulting from the establishment of the Dr. Bruce McCreary Developmental Disabilities Fund. This Expendable Fund was established by Queen’s University and supported by family and friends in memory of Dr. Bruce McCreary, M.D. 1962.

Dr. Bruce McCreary, 1938 – 2017, consulting psychiatrist and Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry at Queen’s University, was a gifted psychiatrist, mentor, scholar and compassionate crusader for people with a developmental disability, their families and caregivers. The link between service, teaching and research was a focus of Dr. McCreary’s and led to the development of the Division of Developmental Disabilities at Queen’s in 1977. The program grew to include clinicians and educators from psychology, rehabilitation, law, genetics, social work, nursing, and family medicine.

The intent of this scholarship is to honour Dr. McCreary’s legacy through the interprofessional support of people in clinical disciplines and academic studies to further their studies in the field of developmental disabilities.

The Fund was established to support medical students, graduate students, post graduate students or post graduate fellows (learners) in the Faculty of Health Sciences undertaking work on research or scholarly initiatives in the area of Developmental Disabilities at Queen’s University. NB. Applications from students in faculties other than Health Sciences will be considered if submitted in collaboration with students from Health Sciences.

As per the Terms of Reference for the Fund:
• Funds will be used to promote the importance of inter-disciplinary work in the field of Developmental Disabilities.
• A sum of $2,000 in the form of a grant will be provided to the learners (and T4 slips will be issued to students, residents, or fellows).
• The grant may be disbursed to an individual or group of learners in any given year (e.g., students working on a project together).

Please note the following:
• Recipients are expected to provide a short report summarizing their experience and the knowledge gained during their studies supported by the fund.
• Support from The Dr. Bruce McCreary Developmental Disabilities Fund must be recognized for its support in any presentations or publications related to, or as a result of, the elective, project, or research.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of application to the Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Health Sciences and the Department Head and Division Chair (Developmental Disabilities) will review all letters of application. There is currently not a specific application form. Applications must list participating members, their current academic program/affiliation, and applications with interprofessional collaboration are expected.

Applications can be sent by email to ddcp@queensu.ca and the deadline for submission is July 1, 2021. The winners (if selected) will be announced on August 4th, 2021 and notified by email of their successful application.

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