2021-22 Ontario Women’s Health Scholars Awards and 2021-22 Autism Scholars Awards competitions.

**DEADLINE:** the deadline for submission of the application form and all required materials is January 4, 2021. The materials attached refers to a December 1 deadline, but at Queen’s our internal deadline is January 4, 2021.

Please refer to the following:

1. **2021-22 Ontario Women’s Health Scholars (OWHS) Awards:** The application package contains the announcement of the competition and the application form. These documents are also available on the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) website: [https://cou.ca/resources/awards/](https://cou.ca/resources/awards/)

   Applicants must be nominated by their university for this competition. The competition is open to Canadian citizens or permanent resident of Canada carrying out research that falls under one or more of the following broad categories of women’s health research: bio-medical research, clinical research and research respecting health systems, women’s health services, the health of populations, societal and cultural dimensions of women’s health, and environmental influences on women’s health.

   More details about these research categories, as well as all other eligibility requirements are as outlined in the application package and COU’s website.

   For the 2020-21 competitions, COU will award up to:
   - three one-year awards of $25,000 (plus a research allowance of $1,000) at the master’s level;
   - three renewable one-year awards of $35,000 (plus a research allowance of $2,000) at the doctoral level; and
   - two one-year awards of $50,000 (plus a research allowance of $5,000) at the postdoctoral level.

   **NOTE:** Queen’s can only submit up to two applications per award level (Master’s, Doctoral and Postdoctoral). There is an internal selection process to determine which applications are sent forward to the provincial competition. The internal selection committee will pay particular attention to the criteria described in the “Selection Process” found in the application package.

2. **2021-22 OWHS Renewals, Doctoral Award only:** The application package contains the OWHS Awards Renewals announcement and the application form. Anyone who currently holds an Ontario Women’s Health Scholars Doctoral Award may be eligible to apply for a renewal of the award for 2021-22. The eligibility conditions for a renewal vary according to the level of the original award. Please note that renewals are competitive and also based upon available funding.

3. **2021-22 Autism Scholars Awards:** The application package contains the announcement of the competition and the application form. These documents are also available on the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) website: [https://cou.ca/resources/awards/](https://cou.ca/resources/awards/)
For the 2020-21 competitions, COU will award:

- one Autism Master’s Scholars Award - $18,000
- one Autism Doctoral Scholars Award - $20,000

Applicants must be nominated by their university for this competition. The competition is open to Canadian citizens or permanent resident of Canada carrying out research in autism. More details about the competition as well as all other eligibility requirements are as outlined in the application package and COU’s website.

**NOTE:** Queen’s can only submit up to two applications per award level (Master’s, Doctoral). There is an internal selection process to determine which applications are sent forward to the provincial competition. The internal selection committee will pay particular attention to the criteria described in the “Selection Process” found in the application package.

Yours sincerely,

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