SPECIAL ISSUE OF *CANADIAN JOURNAL OF BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE* ON:

EXCEPTIONAL CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESEARCH IN DEPRESSION

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<u>*LES ARTICLES PEUVENT ETRE SOUMIS EN FRANÇAIS OU EN ANGLAIS.*</u> **Papers can be submitted in French or in English.**

The *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science publishes original empirical research in diverse areas of psychology (social, developmental, school and educational, industrial/organizational, clinical and abnormal, environmental, diversity, equity, and inclusion). Looking at psychology outside of the lab and in the community, the journal welcomes articles that are cross-cutting, either by looking at an issue from multiple perspectives and/or from across different psychological subject matter areas.*

Although CJBS typically publishes empirical articles, this special issue will feature a series of state-of-the-art reviews that focus on empirical research and highlight the many important contributions that Canadian psychologists have made to our understanding of depression (e.g., its onset, maintenance, recurrence, treatment and prevention). The rationale for a focus on reviews of empirical research is that the authors will be better able to distill the key findings of Canadian research across different aspects of depression (rather than limiting their scope by submitting specific empirical work). We will aim for each article to focus on a different aspect of depression research of which Canadian psychologists have been at the forefront, highlight the significant empirical findings from Canadian scientists, and provide directions for future research.

Proposed Special Issue
Depression is a chronic and debilitating disorder that is highly common and recurrent, creating a major economic and social burden. This disorder is characterized by low mood, lack of interest or pleasure in activities previously enjoyed (anhedonia), as well as psychomotor changes, changes in sleep and appetite/weight, low energy, feelings of worthlessness or excessive guilt, poor concentration or indecisiveness, and suicidal ideation or suicide attempts (American Psychiatric Association, 2013).

Depression is associated with numerous negative outcomes, including impaired interpersonal and occupational functioning, poor quality of life, and suicide. According to the World Health Organization (2017), depressive disorders are the largest contributor to non-fatal health loss. Over 3.5 million Canadians experience an episode of depression at some point in their lifetime (Statistics Canada, 2013).

Depression also tends to be a highly recurrent disorder. It is now well-established that the risk of recurrent depression increases with each subsequent episode; the risk of relapse is about 50% within one year of recovery after a first episode of depression, increases to 60% after a second episode, and increases yet again up to about 70-90% after a further episodes (Kessing, 1998; Solomon et al., 2000).

Canadian psychologists have played a critical role in advancing our knowledge and treatment of depression. The purpose of this special issue is to highlight the research contributions of Canadian psychologists to understanding the psychological basis of depression. The articles included in this special issue will cover some of the most fundamental Canadian (although internationally renowned) research related to risk/vulnerability to depression (e.g., cognitive, interpersonal, life events, personality, depression in youth) and its treatment.

This open call for papers will consider articles of no more than 35 pages, double-spaced, 12-point font, including all Tables, Figures, and references. Papers can be submitted in French or in English. All submissions will undergo peer-review. Manuscripts can be submitted via our online portal.

Potential contributors are directed to the CJBS Instructions to Authors for submission guidelines www.apa.org/pubs/journals/cbs. Authors must select the article type "*Special Issue : Canadian Contributions to Research in Depression"* and indicate clearly in their cover letter that their submission should be considered for this special issue. The Guest Editor would appreciate **a one-page statement of intent by December 15, 2020,** from people who may be submitting papers by the February 28, 2021 deadline to assist with planning.

For questions or further information about this special issue please contact the Guest Editor, David J. A. Dozois at ddozois@uwo.ca