

# The Royal-Mach-Gaensslen Prize for Mental Health Research

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## 2015 GUIDELINES

The Royal-Mach-Gaensslen Prize for Mental Health Research was established in 2015, and is awarded annually to recognize and support Canadian early-career researchers with a focus in the area of mental health.

The annual national Prize provides funding to outstanding early-career researchers who are affiliated with a Canadian academic or clinical research institution in the field of mental health, to encourage them to continue to pursue their interests in Canada. It recognizes those with a demonstrated track record in research with excellence in scientific rigor, innovative thinking, imagination and originality and a clear ability to work in partnership with other disciplines and/or research teams external to the institution with which they are affiliated. This competition will occur once a year for 10 years.

The program makes \$100,000 available per year to be awarded to one person or a research team of up to three persons per competition. The Prize is awarded with the expectation that the recipient(s) will continue to demonstrate excellence in their field of work. If no appropriate candidate is found, the Prize will be deferred for one year.

### Eligibility and Criteria

The Selection Committee will use the following criteria in assessing applications:

1. Candidates shall be early career researchers (normally should not be older than 45 years of age, independent of years of post-training) who are Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status in Canada and are currently residing in Canada or are residing abroad but are committed to return to Canada within six months from the date of the Prize.
2. Candidates shall be affiliated with a Canadian academic or clinical research institution.
3. Research shall be in a mental health discipline.
4. Candidate's research shall provide a clear research strategy with a coherent plan for knowledge dissemination and knowledge translation.
5. Demonstrated track record in research with excellence in scientific rigor, innovative thinking, imagination and originality.
6. Candidates must hold an M.D. (or equivalent) and/or a Ph.D.

### Funding and Payment

The Prize is a \$100,000 grant, unrestricted, to be used at the recipient's sole discretion for personal support, research operations and/or research equipment. The full amount of the grant may be awarded to one recipient or divided among a team of up to three recipients. Disbursement of the Prize to the recipient(s) shall take place at the presentation to the Prize winner(s).

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## Review Process

- Applications must be received by the deadline date of **July 15, 2015**. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by email within one week.
- Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee in August 2015.
- Applicants will be notified of funding decisions in September 2015.
- The Prize will be awarded in person in Ottawa in October 2015.

## Application Documents

Please create an application file with the following documents in the order listed:

1. A completed and signed application form.
2. A cover letter.
3. A 1000 word summary of your research on a separate page.
4. A current Canadian Common CV, including an up-to-date list of publications. The Canadian Common CV is the required format.
5. Three signed letters of support.
6. A copy of your Web of Science h-index and Citation Report.
7. Confirmation that the applicant is a Canadian citizen or has landed immigrant status in Canada (e.g. a photocopy of the main page of the applicant's passport)

Please scan the final application package to PDF format and submit to [research.awards@theroyal.ca](mailto:research.awards@theroyal.ca); please title and submit as indicated: *Last Name\_First Name RMG Prize Application.pdf*

## Questions

Questions should be directed to [research.awards@theroyal.ca](mailto:research.awards@theroyal.ca)