

Novo Nordisk Network for Healthy Populations

Award Name: 2023/2024 Network for Healthy Populations Graduate Award

Established by: Novo Nordisk Network for Healthy Populations, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto Mississauga

Applicable Students: Full-time Graduate Students

Award value (per recipient): \$20,000 per award

Deadline for Project Application: November 24th 2023

About the Network for Healthy Populations: The University of Toronto's Novo Nordisk Network for Healthy Populations (NHP) is a new cross-disciplinary research network aimed at reducing the burden of diabetes and related chronic conditions. In partnership with the Temerty Faculty of Medicine, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, and the University of Toronto Mississauga, the goal is to establish an integrated platform of community-based research to address root causes of the diabetes epidemic in Mississauga, Peel Region and beyond. The NHP will foster innovation and build capacity by leveraging the three University partners' wealth of academic strengths and cutting-edge methods, and by catalyzing the creation of important links across fields to integrate diverse mindsets and approaches. More information about the Network can be found here: <https://healthypopulationsnetwork.utoronto.ca/>

MISSION

Reduce social inequities in risk and burden of diabetes and other chronic conditions through better care, lower risk factors and healthier living environments

The **NHP's Education and Training Program** will set the stage for a world-class education and training program that will train and prepare the future generation of health leaders. This education and training program provides many unique opportunities to gain and enhance students and trainee's competencies in research and analytical skills, community engagement, co-design, knowledge translation and mobilization, leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills, project management, and public speaking. Specifically, the objectives of the Education and Training Program are to:

- Gain and enhance research experience, knowledge, and skills to prepare for future career goals
- Support research projects related to the mission and mandate of the NHP
- Participate in education and professional development opportunities available via the Network and across the UofT campuses
- Network with mentors and experts from the field and seek guidance and mentorship on career goals
- Connect with other trainees who are interested in reducing social inequities and addressing inequities in chronic disease risk and burden

In partnership with:



University of Toronto Mississauga
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About the Network's Graduate Award: The Network for Healthy Populations is dedicated to training and preparing the next generation of health leaders to reduce inequities in risk and burden of chronic disease, promote healthy living and improve quality of life across the lifespan. The NHP is launching the 2023/2024 Graduate Award for graduate students pursuing thesis-based projects (Research Stream) and currently registered at the University of Toronto at DLSPH or any department at the UofT Mississauga. We will support research projects that are in alignment with the NHP's core mission and objectives. Students who are conducting research in such areas and supervised by faculty members from different disciplines are encouraged to apply for support.

Award Conditions:

- To be awarded to Master's or PhD-level graduate students who have completed at least one year of their **thesis-based graduate program** by the time of award start date (May 1st 2024) and are registered for the academic year of the term of the award at the DLSPH or affiliated with the University of Toronto Mississauga.
- Research is a thesis-based project addressing the risk, burden, and impact of chronic diseases and related conditions through innovative research approaches and where relevant, community engagement activities. Specifically, the project will need to discuss how it will address the burden of chronic diseases and related chronic conditions through better care, lower risk factors, or healthier living environments and how findings from the research will be relevant to Peel Region.
- Students are supervised by School of Graduate studies faculty members, who are eligible to supervise graduate students and hold research funding at the University of Toronto. Faculty members and students will be invited to become a member and join NHP's interdisciplinary network of renowned researchers dedicated to addressing the risk and burden of chronic diseases.

Award Conditions for students at DLSPH only:

- This award will count towards the student's funding package (for PhD students only), and will be eligible for any bonuses as described in the appropriate graduate unit funding policy

Student Responsibilities:

- Students must fulfill the academic requirements of their degree program and plan of study.
- Students are expected to participate in NHP programming and activities, when invited
- Students may be invited to present their research NHP events such as webinars, seminars, or to NHP partners
- Students are required to acknowledge the Novo Nordisk Network for Healthy Populations funding in publications, presentations, and communications resulting from their award
- Students must complete mid-year project progress reports and final reporting of deliverables, and an evaluation survey. The report templates will be provided to students.

How to apply:

- Application will need to include the following:
 - Completed Application Form (**see below**)
 - Academic CV
 - UofT Transcripts (ACORN academic history is sufficient)
- Please submit all documents in ONE PDF file to director.novonordiskhp@utoronto.ca by **February 16th, 2024, by 11:59PM**

- **Demographic data collection:** Applicants are asked to complete an optional [EDI Survey](#) after submitting their application. The purpose of the survey is to collect data for the Network to reflect on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion practices in the NHP Graduate Awards program. The data will only be collected and held by the Director of NHP and shared internally as de-identified, aggregated information to inform the review committee.

Important Dates:

- **November 24th, 2023:** Launch of the Award
- **February 16th, 2024:** Application Due
- **February- March 2024:** Review of applications
- **Week of April 8th, 2024:** Funding Notification
- **May 1, 2024:** Funding Begins

Contact

Questions pertaining to the Network for Healthy Populations Graduate Award can be sent to director.novonordiskhp@utoronto.ca.

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| Anticipated deliverables (e.g., Abstract, poster, presentation, manuscript, etc.) | |
| Anticipated timeline (outline the project timeline and key activities and milestones) | |
| Describe the significance of your research project to addressing inequities in chronic disease risk and burden and population that is impacted as relevant to Peel Region. Discuss how your research will contribute to the field and impact the health and wellbeing of equity-deserving populations. (300 words max) | |
| Please provide a brief statement of your career aspirations and how you expect to benefit from the NHP Graduate Award? (100 words max) | |
| Please provide a brief description of your training plan and environment you will have access to for your project. (250 words max) | |

Applicant's Educational Experience (starting with most recent)

| Academic Institution | Degree | Area of Study & Discipline | Start date | End date |
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Awards or Distinctions Received by the Applicant

| Awards or Distinctions | Monetary value, if available | Dates of Support From mm/yy | Date of Support End mm/yy | Which Degree Level? |
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Publications

Presentations

Referees

Please list your 2 referees and their institutions

Each referee must send a Reference Letter directly by email. One Referee must be the Research Supervisor

| Referee Name | Institution | Position/title | Email Address | Phone number |
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| Funding Applications | | | | |
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| To which funding institutions have you applied for a Award for the year? | | | | |
| Funding Institution | Date submitted | Funding period (mm/yy-mm/yy) | Amount requested | Notice date |
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REVIEW CRITERIA

Applications will be considered based on scientific merit of the research, its progress and supervision, interdisciplinarity, and relevance of the research to award objectives and [NHP’s mission and goals](#). The following are set of criteria that will be used to adjudicate awards:

1. Quality of the Applicant: 40%
 - a. Academic record
 - b. Reference letters and ratings
 - c. Statement of interest
2. Quality of the Proposed Project: 40%
 - a. Description of the research project
 - b. Methods and approach are robust, feasible and clearly discussed
 - c. Significance of the research project and anticipated impact
 - d. Anticipated impact of the project on the given issue is clearly presented
 - e. Contribution and impact to addressing chronic disease risk and burden in Peel Region
3. Quality of training plan and environment: 20%
 - a. Degree to which career goals and training plan aligns with the NHP Education and Training Program objectives
 - b. Roles of mentorship team and training environment

| Disclaimer and Signature | | | |
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| <i>I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of our knowledge.</i> | | | |
| Student Name: | | Date: | |
| Student Signature: | | | |
| Supervisor Name: | | Date: | |
| Supervisor Signature: | | | |