

Indigenous Sleep Research Scholarship (2023/2024)

Information for Applicants

The *Canadian Sleep Research Consortium* provides financial support for Indigenous students (undergraduate, master's, doctoral or postdoctoral degrees) pursuing sleep research at a Canadian institution.

Scholarships

The Consortium Indigenous Sleep Research Scholarship is considered for a one-year term up to \$17,500 per year. Applicants may re-apply for each year of their program; however, awards are limited to two years per degree.

Top-up scholarships

A student may hold another scholarship concurrently awarded by other major granting agencies (i.e., CIHR, SSHRC, NSERC, IMN-Ontario, etc.) and receive a top-up from the present scholarship.

It is the student's responsibility to consider how success in this funding opportunity may impact other sources of financial support.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to qualify for a Consortium Indigenous Sleep Research scholarship:

1. The applicant must self-identify as an Indigenous student (First Nations, Métis or Inuit).
2. The applicant must be accepted by an accredited study program in Canada for the 2023-24 academic year. Proof of acceptance is mandatory before any award funds can be released.
3. If the applicant is working on research involving Indigenous communities, the applicant must have completed OCAP training or agree to register and complete OCAP training to be subsidized by the Consortium, if the application is successful.

Assessment Criteria

Reviewers will be assessing applications based on the following criteria:

Characteristics and Abilities of the Candidate

Please ensure that these are explicitly addressed in the appropriate sections of your application.

Academic performance	Research abilities	Critical thinking
Organizational skills	Originality	Independence

Nature of the Proposed Research

- Fit with the focus of the Consortium's greater objectives.
- If the project is centered on Indigenous health and well-being, there must be Indigenous community/organization involvement in and support for the research project. Applicants must adhere to the Government of Canada Tri-Council Policy [TCPS 2 \(2022\) – Chapter 9: Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples of Canada](#)
- Quality and innovation of the proposed research.

Applicants will also be evaluated based on their academic performance. If an applicant has taken a longer than average length of time to complete their degree, they should explain any interruptions or delays.

There must be a commitment to disseminate the information arising from the research.

Other Relevant Application Information

One of the objectives of the Consortium is to build capacity and knowledge for Indigenous sleep research. If you are interested in sleep research but you are not yet affiliated with the Consortium, please contact us at sleepconsortium@uottawa.ca and we will connect you with one of our research teams or researchers. Please also note that the Consortium provides networking and training activities, i.e., student gatherings and participation in webinars. Information about the Consortium's training activities can be found here:

www.researchsleep.ca

Successful applicants must agree to provide a short biography and a photo for the Consortium website at the time of notification of the award. Successful applicants must also complete a progress report near the end of their scholarship period which will be used by the Consortium for reporting and evaluation.

Application Procedure

The application form can be completed, and documents uploaded online at: https://uottawapsy.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_08O6KriPejLQhh4.

Letters of reference must be e-mailed directly by the referees to sleepconsortium@uottawa.ca, attention to: Anne Van Dam, Managing Director of the Canadian Sleep Research Consortium.

Deadline

All applications must be received by Friday, December 1, 2023, at 4pm ET. No late applications will be accepted. All applicants will be notified of their results at the beginning of January 2024.