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CHAIR REPORT

To NRIG members,

NRIG promotes the understanding, conduct and uptake of nursing research to improve nursing, and the health of all individuals and families in Ontario. In our March/April 2022 newsletter, we are pleased to announce **our annual awards** and present a recap of our **latest webinars**. As always, you can find many funding opportunities at the end of this newsletter.

We know that COVID-19 has resulted in a greater sense of burnout, ongoing concerns about wellness and mental health, and a loss of connection as we mostly engage each other online. Last Winter we featured the interdisciplinary work of Drs Bookey-Bassett, Purdy and Quareshi in a webinar entitled "Quantifying Nursing Workload During the COVID-19 Pandemic". They presented evidence of how overworked nurses are now given the influx of more acute patients and newer IPAC policies. The implications of such work can inform and change healthcare system design and impact future pandemic planning scenarios.

Earlier this month, we featured Michelle Heyer and Linda Sheiban Taucar, Schelgal Research Chair and Associate Research Chair at the Canadian Institute for Seniors Care at Conestoga College.

Their presentation was focused on achieving RAO's Best Practice Spotlight Organization® (BPSO®) and the extensive work they led to engage multiple disciplines to embed geriatric-centered BPGs. Their summary can be found on the next page.

At NRIG we know that nursing research will be essential to health systems around the world as nurses continue to meet current COVID-19 challenges and begin to plan for what comes next with recent policy changes. Our ability to continue to work, educate, learn, and conduct research during these challenging times speaks to the resiliency of the nursing community - a resiliency that's been showcased throughout the pandemic. **NRIG will continue to support nursing research, nurses and nursing students with our annual scholarships and awards worth \$12,500. Read more about the award details on pages 6 and 7.** We are proud to be able to commit this substantial amount to recognize excellence within nursing.

Sincerely,
Charlene Chu, RN, GNC(c), PhD
NRIG Chair



"IN CONVERSATION..." WEBINAR SERIES

In conversation about...Integrating Best Practice Guidelines into Health Care Curricula

On March 1 2022, Ms. Michelle Heyer and Ms. Linda Sheiban Taucar presented an exciting webinar that focused on integrating the Registered Nurses' Association Best Practice Guidelines (BPGs) into curricula.

The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario ® (RNAO ®) Best Practice Spotlight Organization (BPSO) program aims to enhance care by integrating evidence-based Best Practice Guidelines (BPGs) into clinical health care and academic organizations. Faculty, staff, and college administration at Conestoga College aimed to achieve BPSO status to create a seamless integration of practice-integrated learning for the future of health and social care providers. During this presentation, Michelle Heyer and Linda Sheiban Taucar uncovered "lessons learned" while achieving BPSO status in an academic setting. Linda also discussed how an Advanced Clinical Practice Fellowship, awarded by the RNAO®, played a role in understanding how to best achieve seamless integration of RNAO® BPGs in health care curricula



Michelle Hayer, RN, MSc



Linda Sheiban Taucar, RN

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

In 2022, we plan to continue to use our growing social media platforms to promote our events and collaborations with other interest groups and research institutions. With over 800 followers on Twitter and over 300 on Instagram, our social media family can expect to stay informed about our events while getting access to exclusive prizes through contests and giveaways. We also advertise a variety of opportunities for our members to get involved including our annual scholarships/awards and recruitment for our executive team! Stay connected with us on social media so you never miss a thing!

Instagram: rnao.nrig
Twitter: @RNAOnrig



Kamika Sylvester, BSc

NRIG MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Nursing students can now join RNAO for **FREE** until **February 28, 2022!** Reminder that NRIG memberships are always **FREE** for nursing students. Visit <https://join.rnao.ca> today!



Kylie, Teggart, RN, BScN

What are the benefits of membership with NRIG?

- Eligibility to apply for NRIG Awards: Up to \$10,000/year with awards available for new members, point-of-care nurses, undergraduate/graduate students, and novice researchers
- Access to NRIG webinars and events focused on current nursing research topics
- Email subscription to NRIG Newsletters, three times per year
- Networking opportunities, including opportunities to join the NRIG Executive Team
- Access to nursing research resources, content, and more!

Do you have any suggestions for how we can continue to grow and engage our members? I'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to nrig.membership@gmail.com





NRIG STUDENT CORNER

In the coming months, we plan to increase engagement and support for nursing students planning to get involved with nursing research. We are currently collaborating with faculty at several universities to strengthen student perspectives on an upcoming research assistant training program. We aim to work alongside faculty in delivering a well-rounded research training program for students.

With virtual initiatives continuing to roll out as a result of the ongoing pandemic, we have been contacting fellow nursing student representatives of Ontario universities to help promote and engage students in the benefits and opportunities NRIG has to offer. There are many benefits to becoming involved with nursing research, as this can pave the way to post-graduate education, as well as advocacy and innovation for healthcare and the nursing profession. Joining NRIG enhances the networking and skill-building aspects of professional development within nursing research.

We as student representatives are here to support you in your involvement with nursing research, despite any experience you may have. If you have any questions or inquiries, feel free to reach out to us at nrig.studentliaison@gmail.com. We are here to help you discover nursing research.



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NRIG SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS PROGRAM

NRIG's 2022 Scholarships & Grants Program is now accepting applications!

- With \$12,500 in funding available
- **NEW deadline to apply is April 8, 2022 at 23:59**
- Please visit the NRIG website to apply: www.nrig.ca
- Please view the list of available scholarships and grants below:

Undergraduate Award: 2 x \$250

The NRIG Undergraduate Award will be awarded to an NRIG member who is currently enrolled in an undergraduate nursing program. Applications must be a member of NRIG. Preference will be given to a student identifying a BIPOC for one of these awards

New NRIG Member Award: 2 x \$500

The New NRIG Member Award will be awarded to a new NRIG member who is currently enrolled in a Master's, DN or PhD program (preferably in nursing) or who is a novice nurse researcher (defined as a nurse who has completed their Master's, DN or PhD degree within the past 5 years). Applicants must be members of NRIG for less than 2 years and must agree to maintain NRIG membership for a minimum of one year.

NRIG Scholarships: 2 x \$1000

The NRIG Graduate Scholarship will be awarded to an NRIG member currently enrolled in a PhD, DN, or Masters program, preferably nursing. Preference will be given to NRIG members who have not received a previous scholarship or grant. Applicants must be members of NRIG for a minimum of 2 years. Preference will be given to a student identifying as BIPOC for one of these awards.



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now accepting applications!**

NRIG Innovation and Dissemination Research Grant: 2 x \$1500

The NRIG Innovation and Dissemination Research Grant will be awarded to support “point of care” nurses engaged in evidence-based quality improvement and/or knowledge translation research projects. Applicants must be a current member of NRIG.

NRIG Research Grant (PhD Student): 1 x \$3000

The NRIG Research Grant will be awarded to an NRIG member currently enrolled in a PhD or DN program, preferably nursing. Preference will be given to NRIG members who have not received a previous scholarship or grant. Applicants must be members of NRIG for a minimum of 2 years.

NRIG Research Grant (Novice Researcher): 1 x \$3000

The NRIG Research Grant will be awarded to a NRIG member who is currently a New Investigator (defined as a postdoctoral fellow or a researcher who has obtained their MN or PhD within the last 5 years). Preference will be given to NRIG members who have not received a previous scholarship or grant. Applicants must be members of NRIG for a minimum of 2 years.

For more information, please visit the NRIG website: www.nrig.ca





UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES



NSERC has launched Alliance International Catalyst and Collaboration Grants. Application deadline: No fixed date. Catalyst grants are up to \$25,000 for up to one year; and Collaboration Grants are \$100,000 per year for up to three years. These grants support Canadian researchers to work with leading international academic researchers, to establish and grow international research collaborations relevant to Natural Sciences and Engineering disciplines. Overall objectives: initiate development of international collaborations; support participation in international collaborative projects of global importance and benefit to Canada.



Lymphoma Canada is accepting applications for 2022 research funding. Application deadline is March 31, 2022. Areas of interest include patient-reported outcomes; comparative clinical effectiveness; pharmaco-economics or health care utilization. Funds available: maximum \$25,000



The New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) Special Call: Research for Post-Pandemic Recovery is scheduled to launch in February 2022. The purpose of the Special Call is to mobilize Canadian-led research efforts in support of a more equitable, sustainable, and resilient post-pandemic reality. Projects must directly address one more of the research priorities of the UN Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery. This competition will support two-year grants of up to \$500K (including indirect costs), with a total funding commitment of \$24 million.



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The SickKids New Investigator Grants in Child and Youth Health Application deadline: April 20, 2022, 5 pm EST. Note, CIHR and SickKids are extending eligibility for early career research status for an extra year (ECR can be up to 84 months). Funds available: \$300,000 (\$100,000 per year for up to three years) to support research in biomedical, clinical, health systems and services, population and public health sectors.



The Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology funds two research grants, to a maximum of \$5,000 each. Submission deadline is May 15, 2022.



Molly Towell
PERINATAL RESEARCH
FOUNDATION

The Molly Towell Perinatal Research Foundation 2022 Fellowship competition deadline is April 1, 2022. This award funds graduate and undergraduate fellowships. Funds available: \$30,000 per year for up to two years.



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The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses Research Grant application deadline is June 1, 2022. Award value: \$2,500.



The National Council of State Boards of Nursing Centre for Regulatory Excellence Grant application deadline is April 1, 2022. Research priorities include impact of legalized marijuana, substance use disorders in nursing, national and international regulatory issues, economic analyses, remediation, and innovations in nursing education. Funds available: up to US\$300,000 for projects to be completed in 12-24 months following project start date.



Sigma Nursing Grants now accepting applications for April 1, 2022, include the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care Grant; Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation End-of-Life Nursing Care Research Grant; Midwest Nursing Research Society Research Grant, the National Association of Hispanic Nurses Research Grant, and the Southern Nursing Research Society Research Grant. The Emergency Nurses Association Foundation Grant has an April 2, 2022, application deadline. Grant values range from US\$2,500 to US\$6,000.



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