The Judith Friedland Fund for Occupational Therapy Research in Oncology and Palliative Care

Purpose

The purpose of the Judith Friedland Fund is to support research on how occupational therapy can help individuals with cancer and those in palliative care to pursue their occupational goals. Research proposals should address: 1) challenges presented by living with a diagnosis of cancer, or 2) coping with end of life concerns regarding life roles and relationships.

Eligibility

Proposals should focus on advancing research or practice of occupational therapy in oncology or palliative care through scholarship. The scholarly project could take a number of forms. For example, research studies, systematic reviews, program development and evaluation, curriculum development, or support for national or international planning or consensus meetings.

One investigator on the application must have a connection with the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy or the Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science at the University of Toronto; for example, a current student, a status or core faculty member, or an alumnus. Co-applicants do not need to be affiliated with the University of Toronto.

Guidelines for Submission:

- Cover letter (1 page)
- One page Summary of the project that outlines:
  - goals
  - methods
  - feasibility
  - proposed impact
- One page Budget with justification for each item
- If relevant, include questionnaires, interview guides, or data collection forms to be used in the study
- Curriculum Vitae of the investigators (principal and co-investigators) truncated to not more than two pages, reflecting work in the last five years

Please email your application to:

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**Review Process**

The Department’s Research Committee will evaluate the scientific merit and feasibility of the proposed research. Each submission will also be reviewed by an external expert, selected by the committee, who is deemed to have content expertise in the proposed area of research. Additional external referees will be sought if specific questions arise outside of the skills of the committee.

The report(s) from the external reviewer(s) will be made available to the review committee prior to their scoring. Submissions will be judged on five criteria:

- Potential for the project to add to or disseminate the knowledge base in the field
- Scientific quality of proposal
- Feasibility of completing the project within the stated budget
- Experience of applicants in undertaking and completing similar projects

**Release of Funds**

For studies involving human subjects, no funds will be released until a Certificate of approval by the University of Toronto Research Ethics Board or other research institute/hospital Research Ethics Board has been received.

**Final Report**

A written report must be submitted to the Department Research Committee within three months following completion of the project.