JUDITH FRIEDLAND FUND

PURPOSE
The Fund is concerned with individuals dealing with the day-to-day challenges presented by a diagnosis of cancer as well as those in palliative care more generally or facing the end of life.

Proposals should focus on research that has the potential to help individuals create or maintain meaning in their lives as they cope with their conditions and address their occupational goals. The research could take a number of forms: for example, systematic reviews, program development and evaluation, or pilot work to support applications for future research funding.

Collaboration with others to ensure the necessary skills and abilities for the research team is encouraged.

ELIGIBILITY
The Applicant must be one of the following:

i. a graduate of the Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy program at the University of Toronto, or
ii. a faculty member (staff or status-appointed), or
iii. a student in the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, or
iv. a student in the Rehabilitation Sciences Institute who is either an occupational therapist or is working under the supervision of a faculty member in the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, or
v. a post-doctoral fellow working under the supervision of a faculty member in the Department (staff or status-appointed).

Co-applicants need not be affiliated with the Department or with the University of Toronto.

Researchers and Clinicians affiliated with GIPPEC (Global Institute of Psychosocial, Palliative and End-of-Life Care) are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES
Application deadline: May 1

Please submit an electronic copy of the application to ot.chair@utoronto.ca

Indicate ‘The Judith Friedland Fund’ in the subject line of the email

Application Materials
Formatting: 8 ½ x 11, single spaced, 12-pt font, 1-inch margin on all sides

Applications should include the following, as appropriate, considering the nature of the submission:

- Description of proposed project: one page, excluding references, using the following headings:
  - Background and relevance of research
  - Research question and objectives
- Methods
- Plans for dissemination, knowledge transfer
  - Full budget with justification for each item
  - Appendices including questionnaires, interview guides, or data collection forms, etc.
  - Curriculum vitae of principal investigator, or the faculty supervisor if applicant is a student
  - Description of research team and why they are appropriate for the grant (250 words)
  - Signatures of all applicants on the submission, attesting to their agreement with it, provided on a separate page
  - Letters of support only if they are absolutely essential to the project

Review Process
The Department of OS&OT’s Research Committee will evaluate the merit and feasibility of the proposed research. The Committee’s decision will be provided by June 30. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:
- Potential for the project to add to the knowledge base in the field, or disseminate existing knowledge
- Quality of proposal
- Feasibility of completing the project

Release of Funds
For studies involving human participants, no funds will be released until approval by the University of Toronto Research Ethics Board and/or other research institute/hospital Research Ethics Board has/have been received.

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

Recipients should acknowledge The Judith Friedland Fund in all publications or presentations of their work stemming from this award.