

## **The Autism Society of Edmonton Area/Autism Research Centre 2012 Graduate Student Pilot Grants**

The 2012 Graduate Student Pilot Grants (minimum of two in a 12 month period) will support individuals conducting graduate research in any field related to Autism Spectrum Disorders to begin May 2012. These Scholarships are jointly funded by the Autism Society of Edmonton Area, and the Autism Research Centre at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital (affiliated with Alberta Health Services and the University of Alberta). Each pilot grant (maximum \$5,000.00) is to be applied towards the operating costs of the successful applicants' graduate research project. Applications will be judged on the quality and originality of the proposed project, and on the potential of the research to contribute to the well-being of persons with ASD and their families. Each successful applicant will provide a written progress report at 6 months and a final report and presentation of study findings (see below) at the conclusion of the project.

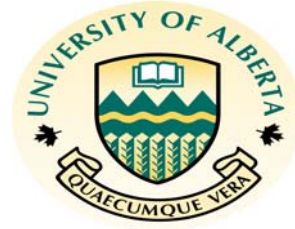
**Deadline to apply: April 1, 2012. Funding for May 15, 2012 to May 15, 2013.**

### **Application procedure:**

To qualify, the student must be enrolled in a graduate level university program (Masters or Ph.D) in the Edmonton area, and be returning to their graduate studies program as a full-time student in the fall of 2012. Students who are about to begin their 1<sup>st</sup> year of a graduate studies program must include a copy of their letter of acceptance into a relevant graduate program for the fall semester.

**The student must submit the following documents by April 1st, 2012 to Autism Society of Edmonton Area at #101, 11720 Kingsway, Edmonton, AB T5G 0X5.**

- Cover page with the following information:
  - o Name of Applicant
  - o Mailing address
  - o Email address
  - o Telephone number (daytime)
  - o Department and Institution where the applicant is a registered student
  - o Degree program (MA, MSc, PhD)
  - o Name of research supervisor and his/her professional contact information
- Complete CV of applicant
- Complete University or College transcripts including undergraduate transcripts. Official transcripts not required; a photocopy is acceptable.



- Description of the proposed research (4 pages maximum, single-spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins). The application is to include the following sections:
  - Background and Rationale;
  - Research questions (or objectives);
  - Hypotheses (if applicable), Design/Methodology and Analytic approach;
  - Feasibility of undertaking the proposed research with supervisor support
  - Knowledge translation and exchange plans;
  - Relevance and Impacts: discuss how the proposed research will help the Autism Society of Edmonton Area achieve its mission of improving the lives of people with ASD and their families. Examples of relevant research areas could include (but not exclusive to): the needs of adolescents and adults in the community; vocational planning; and family experience.
- Lay abstract (1/2 page in a publishable format) that will outline the title, objectives, prior research approval, and expected outcomes of the research.
- One page description of the applicant's previous research and/or work experience and graduate studies and expected career goals. Discuss how previous work is relevant to ASD and the current application, and how the pilot grant experience will help the applicant achieve the goals of their graduate studies and future career plans.
- Letter of support and 2-page CV from the supervising researcher indicating any supplementary funds to be provided, and the relevance of the proposed research to the overall goals of the student's research training and career development.
- Letter of support from another faculty member familiar with the candidate's academic and/or research performance.
  - Detailed budget and budget justification. A maximum of \$500 can be used towards travel to a scientific conference to present the results of the study findings.

Each successful grant recipient will provide:

- 1) **By December 1, 2012 - A mid-term report** which includes a brief financial summary.
- 2) **By April 1, 2013 - submission of a one-page article** (750-1000 words maximum and written in an engaging, reader-friendly style) that will be published in *Autism Now*, the Autism Society of Edmonton Area (ASEA) quarterly magazine;
- 3) **By the Fall 2013, - a presentation to Autism Research Rounds** at the conclusion of the project and;
- 4) **By November 1, 2013 – submission of a two-page final report** (including financial summary).

*For additional information visit the ASEA website at [autismmedmonton.org](http://autismmedmonton.org) or email at: [autism@autismmedmonton.org](mailto:autism@autismmedmonton.org).*