The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship for Excellence in International Community Based Rehabilitation at Queen’s University

The School of Rehabilitation Therapy’s International Centre for the Advancement of Community-Based Rehabilitation (ICACBR) at Queen’s University (Canada) is providing the opportunity for a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident to conduct RHBS Master’s thesis research with the ICACBR’s Access to Health and Education for all Children and Youth with Disabilities (AHEAD) project in Bangladesh. **Because this scholarship is for travel funding, not tuition or Canada-based expenses, it is open only to current Queen’s RHBS students, or students willing to self-fund a Queen’s RHBS Master's degree, beginning in September 2016.**

**Requirements**

The successful candidate must demonstrate the following:

1. Canadian citizen or Canadian permanent resident
2. Under 35 years of age at the time of application
3. High Level of Academic Ability
4. Commitment to Community Development, CBR, and/or Disability Rights
5. Enrolled in the Queen’s RHBS Master’s program and/or qualified to apply and willing to enroll (without additional funding) in Queen’s RHBS Master’s program in fall 2016

**Details of the Scholarship**

The successful scholar will receive the following travel funding:

1. One return airfare and airport transfers from Kingston, Ontario to the AHEAD project location in Dhaka, Bangladesh
2. Visa costs
3. Housing in secure project apartments for 12 weeks
4. Food/living allowance
5. A small allowance for research-related expenses

**Duties and Responsibilities of Scholars**

1. Scholars must conduct Master’s thesis research in Bangladesh for a period no less than three months (twelve weeks).
2. Scholars must choose a thesis topic in consultation with the AHEAD project PI and the community partner (the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed)
Application Process

Applicants should contact Dr. Heather Aldersey at hma@queensu.ca by December 15, 2015 and include in the email the following items:

1. A PDF copy of an official transcript from each university previously attended. Transcripts must display a minimum B+ average.

2. A letter of intent, no longer than 3 single-spaced pages, describing the applicant's personal and professional background, previous and current involvement in disability and CBR, motivations for pursuing Master’s research in Bangladesh, potential thesis topics, and post-graduation career plans. In this letter, applicants must explicitly state that they have Canadian citizenship or permanent residency.

3. A professional C.V., with a list of community engagement and volunteer activities, as well as all previous academic awards and publications, including abstracts and full papers

Note to applicants: Women and individuals with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

Further Information

The School of Rehabilitation Therapy is committed to leading and inspiring positive changes that transform lives through rehabilitation research, education and practice. As part of this commitment, our core mission is to educate occupational therapists, physiotherapists and rehabilitation scientists who contribute to health and well-being globally through collaboration, creativity, and the discovery of new knowledge. We are recognized nationally and internationally for our excellent faculty, high-quality professional and research programs, and the ways in which our scholarship contributes to the lives of people affected by or at risk of disability. For further details about the Master’s in Rehabilitation Science Program, visit: http://rehab.queensu.ca/programs/rhbs

Established at Queen’s University in 1991, the International Centre for the Advancement of Community Based Rehabilitation (ICACBR) is an organization committed to mainstreaming disability and advancing the concept of community based rehabilitation (CBR) practice in partnership with women and men with disabilities and their communities around the world. All of ICACBR's activities are directed towards achieving international excellence in CBR education, policy, service delivery and research. Over its 20+ years’ history, the ICACBR has conducted a wide range of CBR and international development projects in many nations around the world. For further details about the ICACBR, visit: http://rehab.queensu.ca/icacbr/home