



The Helen Marion Walker - Soroptimist Award Women's Health Research Scholarship

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Description

The Helen Marion Walker - Soroptimist Women's Health Research Scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the estate of Ms. Helen Marion Walker and Soroptimist International of Toronto. The objective of the scholarship is to support the advancement of knowledge through research in women's health.

Awarding Body

The award is granted by the Women's College Hospital Foundation on the recommendation of the Vice President, Research, WCRI and the Women's College Research Institute Awards Committee at the Women's College Hospital.

Award Details

A single award of up to \$10,000 (amount to be determined by Foundation) will be presented annually.

Eligibility

The candidate must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and a resident of Ontario. The candidate must be a graduate student or post-doctoral fellow conducting research at the Women's College Research Institute in the area of women's health. The candidate must be supervised by a researcher appointed at the Women's College Research Institute at Women's College Hospital.

**Preference will be given to students whose supervisor is a scientist with primary appointment at Women's College Hospital (WCH) and to those students who are based at WCH, or those who have made significant contributions to research at WCH*

The award may be held concurrently with other awards. Awardees may apply for renewal of the award.

Applications

The application package should include:

- Completed application form (Helen Marion Walker - Soroptimist Application Form)
- Undergraduate and graduate transcripts
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- A 1-2 page description of the candidate's research, including details of
 - (i) Interdisciplinary aspects of their research, if any;
 - (ii) How their work advances knowledge of women's health;
 - (iii) How being associated with the Women's College Research Institute at the Women's College Hospital will contribute to their research.
- Two letters of support, including one from the candidate's current supervisor.

- For renewal of the award: two letters of support, including one from the candidate's department head and one from the candidate's advisory committee, both confirming that the candidate's research is progressing on a timely basis and that the candidate is continuing to demonstrate excellence in pursuing the advancement of knowledge through research in women's health.

Inquiries and completed application packages should be directed to Maya.Strasser@wchospital.ca or (416) 351-3732 ext. 3824.

Please submit applications via email as a PDF attachment. **Only electronic submissions will be accepted.** All files in the application package should be clearly identified using the applicant's last name, first name and the name of the document. (ex: Smith, John – CV 2019).

The subject line of the email application must state the name of the award "**Helen Marion Walker—Soroptimist Women's Health Research Scholarship,**"

Criteria in Order of Importance

Applications will be evaluated on:

1. Academic record of the candidate
2. Relevance to women's health
3. Significance of project
4. Degree of innovation
5. Original contribution to knowledge
6. Interdisciplinary aspects
7. Other potential sources of support

Reporting

The successful candidate will submit a written report to the Women's College Research Institute at the end of the award year describing the research undertaken during the year and any other such information as the candidate may judge to be of interest. A copy of the report will be made available to the Soroptimist International of Toronto and the Women's College Hospital Foundation. The successful candidate will present their work at one of the Soroptimists' monthly meetings (date TBD by candidate and Helen Marion Walker Soroptimist president).