**CALL FOR APPLICANTS**

**Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners Scholarships**

**in Alzheimer Related Research**





**Background**

The Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners is committed to promoting excellence in research into Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, supporting projects that will significantly advance scientific and clinical knowledge, and improve the quality of life for both those with the disease and their care givers.

The Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners supports research at the local, provincial and national level through a collaborative effort with its partners and the generosity of donors.

**Annual Value of the Scholarships**

* One master’s award of $15,000 available each year.
* One doctoral award of $15,000, continuing for two years, available alternating years.

**Eligibility to Apply**

* must be a registered full-time graduate student at Western University
* must commit to a research project that deals directly with work on Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias

**Selection Process**

The following criteria will be considered in the application review process:

* The applicant’s potential to contribute to knowledge about Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias
* The quality and feasibility of the applicant’s research proposal
* The capability of the applicant to undertake the research
* Recommendations by a faculty member who will supervise the applicant

The Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners Scholarships recipients will be selected by a committee of Western faculty leaders involved with graduate research, coordinated by the Scholarship Coordinator in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

**How to Apply**

**A Completed Application will include:**

**1. The Application Form** (available at the end of this document)

**a. Lay Summary**

Provide a descriptive summary of the research project (maximum 100 words) suitable for release to the public.

**b. Research Project**

Provide a summary of the research project (maximum 1500 words). Include a clear description of the present state of knowledge relevant to the project, the research objective(s), the questions or hypotheses, and the method of investigation. Comment on potential problems and outcomes. Clearly describe the significance of this research to our understanding of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.

**c. Statement of Interest**

Applicants are to provide a statement (maximum 250 words) that describes why they are interested in research on Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias.

**2. Two Letters of Support**

Include two letters of reference or support from faculty familiar with your previous work. One letter may come from your current or proposed supervisor. Instructions to Referees: State in what capacity you know the candidate and for how long. Please assess the following qualities of the candidate: background, preparation, motivation, perseverance, research ability, research potential, leadership, intellectual ability and communication. Please rank the candidate overall relative to their peers (i.e. top 20%). Referees are asked to email their signed and dated letter to Erin Daley, Scholarship Coordinator, at edaley2@uwo.ca.

**3. Curriculum Vitae**

Provide an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae

\*\*Completed applications and CV to be submitted as **one .pdf** emailed to Erin Daley, Scholarship Coordinator, at edaley2@uwo.ca

**Current Alzheimer Research Projects**

For more information on research on Alzheimer’ disease and other dementias across Canada, please click on the following link at the Alzheimer Society of Canada website: <https://alzheimer.ca/en>

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**Application Form**

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| Name of Applicant: |
| Department/Graduate Program (also indicate Masters or Doctoral): |
| Indicate: Masters \_\_\_ Doctoral \_\_\_ |
| Faculty: |
| Student ID: |
| Western Email: |
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| Project Title: |
| Key Words(maximum six): |
| Anticipated Length of Project: |
| **If my application is successful, I agree to allow publication of my name, the lay summary of my application, and my progress report on the Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners website.** |
| Signature of Student: Date: |
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| Graduate Student Supervisor: |
| Email: |
| Signature of Supervisor: Date: |
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| Name of 1st Reference Position |
| Name of 2nd Reference Position |