



**THE ANDRÉ LALONDE BURSARY FOR THE WORK OF CANADIAN PHYSICIANS WITHIN CANADA
IN AREAS OF SPECIAL NEEDS
BURSARY GUIDELINES**

General Information

The André Lalonde Bursary for the Work of Canadian Physicians within Canada in Areas of Special Needs is supported by The André Lalonde Endowment Fund with the purpose of promoting knowledge of and interest in national and international women's health issues among Canadian health care professionals who also serve as members of SOGC.

The Purpose of the Fund was expanded in 2016 to include the support of Canadian physicians wishing to, or currently working with, under-served Canadian population.

A maximum of 2 bursaries will be distributed per calendar year. The award will be \$4,000 to the recipient and \$1,000 to the institution where the work will be done. The award is determined by the review committee based on the project. A committee formed by the CFWH Chair will review all applications.

Required Documentation for Submission

To be eligible for the bursary, you must send the following documents:

- Application form
- A cover letter describing your project or intended work
- An itemized budget outlining how the bursary funds will be spent and a projected timeline
- A curriculum vitae
- A letter of support from a community leader or supervisor
- A report on how the funds were spent

Eligibility

Applicant must be a member in good standing of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

Priority will be given to the following:

- Health professionals working to improve Indigenous women's health
- Health professionals working with under-served groups
- Practitioners working towards improvement of nutrition in pregnancy and newborns

Project/Research must relate to the following populations:

- Under-serviced Canadian or Low Resource international populations
- Indigenous Populations of Canada

Projects must last at least 6 weeks of the calendar year of the bursary

Successful applicants must be prepared to present their results at an agreed upon meeting such as the SOGC ACSC

Application Deadline

The deadline for submissions is **December 15, 2026**. Submissions received past this date will be ineligible and will not be reviewed. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all criteria have been met.

Please note: Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their proposal has been received – if they have not received acknowledgement, it is their responsibility to advise CFWH (an e-mail confirmation from the Foundation acknowledging receipt of the proposal is sent within 5 business days of its receipt).

Selection Process

The CFWH will have a pre-selection which will only confirm that the files received are complete and that the submitted applications comply with the prerequisites. The review committee, formed by the CFWH Chair, reviews all applications and determines the bursary.

The recipient(s) will be contacted by the CFWH. The funds must be used within 12 months, otherwise it must be returned to the CFWH. The institutions where the work is done will receive the lump-sum (\$1,000 CAD) at the end of the project.

Awarding of Research Grants

The recipient(s) will be contacted directly by the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health in February 2027. The awards will be announced at the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada's Annual Clinical and Scientific Conference in Halifax in June 2027.