



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

David McCutcheon Doctoral Scholarship in Pediatric Palliative Care

Palliative Care McGill invites applications for a Doctoral Scholarship in Pediatric Palliative Care Research. This competition is open to permanent residents of Canada, Canadian citizens, and international scholars. This is a three-year funded position. Funding is contingent upon acceptance into a doctoral program at McGill University; annual renewal of funding is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance. Applications will be considered as of **June 1, 2015**, and will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the award is granted.

[About Palliative Care McGill](#)

Palliative Care McGill is an interdisciplinary network of clinicians, educators, researchers, volunteers and support staff who work together across McGill University and five teaching hospitals to provide top-quality palliative care, education, and research. The Mission of Palliative Care McGill is to improve the field of palliative care and enable persons with life-threatening and life-limiting illnesses and their families to live with optimal quality of life. Palliative Care McGill aims to achieve these objectives through academic excellence across four interdisciplinary axes: research, education, support for social policy development and community outreach, and international collaboration. Research foci include a broad range of palliative care concerns for both the pediatric and adult populations with life-limiting illnesses including the needs of patients and their families, bereavement, volunteers, health-care delivery and social policy.

David McCutcheon Doctoral Scholar

The Doctoral Scholar will be matched with a Pediatric Palliative Care Research Scientist from Palliative Care McGill (see list below). They will have an opportunity to participate in ongoing research in Palliative Care, expand their own research interests, and develop new areas of inquiry.

Duration: A three-year full-time appointment, renewal each year contingent upon satisfactory academic performance.

Start date: Variable; dependent on McGill University internal deadlines.

Stipend: \$25,000 per year.

Educational background and experience: Suitable candidates will hold a Master's degree or equivalent. The ability to work collaboratively in an interdisciplinary team environment is essential. Holders of this Scholarship are required to apply for external fellowships during the tenure of the award.

Palliative Care McGill - Pediatric Research Scientists

Mary Ellen MACDONALD, PhD. Program Head, Pediatric Palliative Care Research, Montreal Children's Hospital of the McGill University Health Centre; & Assistant Professor, Faculty of Dentistry, McGill University.

- **Potential topics:** Bereavement; Socio-cultural analysis of child death; Health professions education; Indigenous issues in palliative care; Oral health.

Stephen LIBEN, MD. Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University; & Director, Programs in Pediatric Palliative Care, Montreal Children's Hospital of the McGill University Health Centre.

- **Potential topics:** Education; Mindfulness interventions; Communication.

Franco A. CARNEVALE, RN, PhD. Professor, Ingram School of Nursing, McGill University; Co-Chair, Pediatric Ethics Committee, Montreal Children's Hospital of the McGill University Health Centre.

- **Potential topics:** Pediatric intensive care; Bioethics; Childhood ethics; Childhood disability & Complex care.

Robin COHEN, PhD. Professor, Departments of Oncology and Medicine; Associate Member, Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology and Ingram School of Nursing; & Research Director, Palliative Care McGill.

- **Potential topics:** Family caregiving, especially interventions; Existential well-being; Community engagement; Integration of patient- and family caregiver-reported outcomes into practice.

* **NOTE:** While applicants are encouraged to submit additional project areas for consideration, please be aware that not all areas can be matched with sufficient supervision.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, please submit electronically to the address below: Curriculum Vitae; a ½ page description of achievements vis-à-vis pediatric palliative care (where relevant); a one-page description of proposed research area; a ½ page description of how the research will ultimately promote clinical excellence in pediatric palliative care; official university transcripts. (All documents except CV and transcripts should be Times New Roman, 12 font, with 2cm margins). In addition, please have three referees send confidential letters of reference directly to the email address below. Short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview (via Skype if outside Montreal). Applicants selected for an interview will be asked to submit examples of unedited writing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION and to SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

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We thank all applicants for their interest. McGill University is committed to equity in employment and diversity. It welcomes applications from Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity, visible minorities, women, and others who may contribute to diversification. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.