

# UNNUR BROWN LEADERSHIP AWARD IN HEALTH POLICY APPLICATION FORM

Please submit your completed application form and current CV (4 pages maximum) to [kim.champion@schulich.uwo.ca] no later than **11:59 pm on September 30th October 31<sup>st</sup>** using the subject line "**Unnur Brown application**". The proposal should be written in 11 pt Calibri font and should be submitted as a word document. No graphics or figures should be included (tables for the timeline are allowed). Please email any questions you may have to Kim Champion (kim.champion@schulich.uwo.ca).

<b>Title:</b>
<b>Applicant and email:</b>
<b>Supervisor, CSFM and email:</b>
<b>Abstract:</b> <i>Suggested maximum 250 words.</i>
<i>Suggested headings include: Introduction, Research Question, Rationale, Methods, Impact, etc. Depending on the proposal, some of the following headings might not be applicable therefore unstructured abstracts are also accepted.</i>
<b>Literature review:</b> <i>Suggested maximum 400 words.</i>
<i>Describe what is known in the existing literature about the topic you wish to study; highlight strengths &amp; weaknesses of those studies and discuss a gap in knowledge that requires further research to address.</i>
<b>Research objective:</b> <i>Suggested maximum 50 words.</i>
<i>Please provide a clear research objective or question for your study.</i>
<b>Research design and methods:</b> <i>Suggested maximum 500 words.</i>
<i>Ensure that the research design and methods are appropriate for the stated research objective(s). Suggested headings include: Overall design, Subjects/participants (inclusion, exclusion), Sample size/Sampling technique, Data collection, Data analysis.</i>
<b>Relevance to Family Medicine/Primary Care:</b> <i>Suggested maximum 250 words.</i>
<i>How might the findings of your study contribute to the advancement of family medicine/primary care?</i>
<b>Implications and Potential impact:</b> <i>Suggested maximum 250 words.</i>
<i>Describe the potential of your project to lead to: a) the creation of new knowledge/methods that will affect family medicine/primary care, and b) improvement in the value (outcomes/costs) of the Ontario health care system.</i>
<b>Timeline:</b> <i>Suggested maximum 150 words.</i>
<i>What is the proposed timeline for your study within the one-year period.</i>
<b>Funding:</b> <i>No maximum word count</i>
<i>Please use an itemized budget up to \$10,000 to indicate exactly how the funding would be used.</i>
<b>References:</b> <i>No maximum word count.</i>
<i>Include references here using the referencing format of your choice.</i>

## **Award Criteria for the Unnur Brown Leadership Award in Health Policy**

### **Background:**

The Unnur Brown Leadership Award in Health Policy was established in 2012 with a generous donation from Dr. Adalsteinn Brown and the Larry and Cookie Rossy Family Foundation.

### **Criteria:**

The following Schulich Medicine students are eligible to apply for research support through this award:

- Undergraduate students in year 4 (post clinical clerkship year) in the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program
- Residents in Family Medicine
- Graduate students in the Master of Clinical Science - Family Medicine program

Applicants must submit a family medicine research proposal (using application form) and will work under the academic supervision of a faculty member affiliated with the Centre for Studies in Family Medicine (CSFM) at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. If you don't already have a supervisor one will be assigned.

Through the CSFM, the recipient of the award will be partnered with a decision-maker (senior executive) in a health care institution, health agency or ministry working on a topic that will improve the functioning (access, costs, outcomes) of the Canadian health care system.

The award will support the student's research expenses incurred during the academic year as he/she completes a project related to health system improvement. The project should result in a report and an implementation plan on a topic that will improve the value (outcomes/cost) of the Ontario health care system. Both the faculty member who is supervising the student and the health policy leader/senior decision-maker will meet with the awardee on a regular basis to discuss the project and provide mentorship in policy development and implementation.

Selection will be based on the applicant's potential to become a leader in health policy, the quality and feasibility of the applicant's research proposal; the capability of the applicant to undertake the research and recommendations by a faculty member who will supervise the applicant. The student will demonstrate such attributes as: strong academic standing, involvement in public service, evidence of vigour and leadership among peers.

### **How to Apply:**

Applicants must complete the Unnur Brown Leadership in Health Policy Award Application Form and provide a current CV (maximum 4 pages). Research proposals must include a rationale for the project, clear project objectives, timeline and a budget. Proposals are due by **September 30th** **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. The recipient will be chosen by a committee led by the CSFM Director, Department of Family Medicine.

One research award will be presented each fall. The value of the award will be held in a research account under the name of the faculty supervisor. This research award is intended to be used for the operating costs of the research project and not for recipient salary support.

If the University creates an institute for health policy or similar organization, the resulting report and implementation plan will be released by the institute on its website and the medical student will be affiliated with the institute for the period of his/her award. In the absence of such an institute, the CSFM will be the student's affiliation.

**Deadline for Applications:** ~~September 30th~~ **October 31<sup>st</sup>** to be submitted to selection committee c/o Kim Champion, [kim.champion@schulich.uwo.ca](mailto:kim.champion@schulich.uwo.ca)

**Award Value:** \$ 10,000

**Number of Awards:** 1

**Timeline:** Project to be completed during a one-year period, starting January 1st

**Knowledge Translation:** Recipients of the award are encouraged to undertake knowledge translation training available through Western University  
<https://www.uwo.ca/research/services/kex/index.html>

**Reporting Requirements:**

Award recipients are required to prepare/submit the following materials:

1. Interim summary of progress – approximately 250 words in length, to be submitted six months after the start of the project
2. Final report (template to be provided) – to be submitted within 3 months of the completion of the research project
3. Presentation to Department Research Committee (in-person or via Zoom) following the completion of the project
4. Publications and presentations resulting from this project; and recipients must acknowledge the Unnur Brown Leadership Award in Health Policy in any related publications and presentations
5. One-page summary of the results of the project suitable for dissemination

All the above written requirements should be sent to: Kim Champion, Administrative Assistant, CSFM, [kim.champion@schulich.uwo.ca](mailto:kim.champion@schulich.uwo.ca).