



## FUNKE-FURBER GERONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH AWARD DESCRIPTION

### History

The Funke-Furber Gerontological Research Award was established in 2010 by Jeanette Funke-Furber and Robert Furber, long-time supporters of the Eldercare Foundation and strong believers in the importance of research and continuing education for health care professionals.

Jeanette and Robert moved to Victoria in 1985 and Jeanette became the Assistant Executive Director of the Health Care Service of the Juan de Fuca Hospitals and Adjunct Professor at the University of Victoria's School of Nursing. She retired from health care administration in 2000 and joined Robert in managing their technology company, Intec Automation Inc. Jeanette's involvement in care for the elderly began in 1980 and through her work at the Juan de Fuca Hospitals she became involved with the Foundation as a liaison. In 1999, Jeanette became an Eldercare Foundation Member and was elected to serve on the volunteer Board of Directors that same year. Board President of the Eldercare Foundation for two years commencing in July 2001, Jeanette also served on many Foundation committees over the years, including the Awards Committee.

Robert and Jeanette believe that gerontological research needs to be carried out which brings new knowledge to provide the best care for seniors. This belief prompted their decision to create the Funke-Furber Gerontological Research Award to support health care professionals undertaking research in gerontology in order to enhance and advance care for the elderly.

### Purpose and Support

The Funke-Furber Gerontological Research Award supports applied research designed to enhance and advance care for the elderly.

Financial support for applied research projects is provided by the Funke-Furber Gerontological Research Fund. Funds are held by and administered through the Eldercare Foundation. Research support is provided by the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health (IALH) at the University of Victoria (UVic).

## Eligibility

1. Applicants must be health care professionals, graduate students or undergraduate students registered in an educational program offered by UVic.
  - (a) For the purposes of this award, health care professionals include, but are not limited to: Psychologists, Pharmacists, Registered Nurses, Social Workers, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Recreational Therapists, and Music Therapists.
  - (b) Graduate students may be at any stage in their studies. Undergraduate students must be in at least the third year of their studies.
  - (c) The educational program must incorporate a major focus on the clinical care of the elderly. The program may exist within a wide range of departments including, but not limited to: Education, Engineering (Assistive Technologies), Health Information Science, Medical Sciences, Music, Nursing, Psychology, Public Administration, Social Work, or Sociology. Formal coursework must lead to a diploma, certificate or degree with a major focus on the clinical care of the elderly.
2. Applicants must use the funding to conduct an applied research project.
3. Applicants must identify a UVic faculty member who will be responsible for sponsoring/supervising their research. Applicants cannot identify themselves as the sponsoring/supervising faculty member.
4. Applicants must include a letter of support from their sponsor/supervisor.
5. Preference will be given to applicants who are proposing to conduct research involving a partnership between one or more health care professionals **and/or** one or more students.
6. Preference may be given to applicants who are health care professionals and students (either undergraduate or graduate).
7. Applicants must be formally affiliated with the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health at the University of Victoria by the end of the application submission period. Applicants may apply to become an IALH affiliate within the application submission period.

## Expectations

1. Applicants must provide a short description (up to five pages) of the research to be conducted with the funding. The description must be approved by the applicant's sponsor/supervisor.
2. If the proposed research involves the study of human participants, applicants must apply for ethics approval from the University of Victoria once they have received notification of award (if they have not already done so). Funding will not be released until ethics approval has been obtained.

3. Successful applicants must provide written progress reports midway through the project and annually (if applicable). A final project report must also be submitted.
4. Successful applicants will, at a minimum, be expected to provide written summaries of the research to both the Eldercare Foundation and the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health for inclusion in their newsletters.
5. Successful applicants may also be asked to present their research at one or more public events supported by the Eldercare Foundation (e.g., as part of Embrace Aging Month or International Day of Older Persons).
6. Any published work must recognize the financial support of the Funke-Furber Gerontological Research Award and the Eldercare Foundation as well as the research support of the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health at the University of Victoria.

### **Funding**

1. One award of up to \$10,000 will be granted annually.
2. Funding will be available for applicants working on new applied research projects as well as those working on one or more components of an established applied research project.
3. If the proposed research involves the study of human participants, funding will not be released until ethics approval has been obtained.
4. Successful applicants may apply more than once for funding, but the above noted criteria and expectations will still apply.
5. Funding may be used for:
  - (a) Stipends
  - (b) Participant honorariums
  - (c) Research related equipment and supplies
  - (d) Costs associated with knowledge dissemination activities (eg. publications)
  - (e) Registration, travel and associated costs related to presenting at conferences

NOTE: Eldercare award funds cannot be used to provide institutional support and no indirect costs or overhead will be provided.

### Application Process

1. Applications for the Funke-Furber Gerontological Research Award should be submitted to the Eldercare Foundation between **January 1, 2024 and February 29, 2024**.
2. The application package should include:
  - (a) A completed application form
  - (b) A short (up to 5 page) document which describes the research to be conducted with the funding (approved by sponsor/supervisor)
  - (c) A description of COVID-19 protocols
  - (d) A description of the study team and any partnerships
  - (e) A study budget
  - (f) A knowledge dissemination plan
  - (g) A letter of support from the applicant's sponsor/supervisor
  - (h) A copy of the applicant's CV
3. Funds will be released by the Eldercare Foundation once Human Research Ethics Board approval has been obtained from the University of Victoria (if applicable).

### For More Information

For more information on the Funke-Furber Gerontological Research Award, or the types of research supported by the fund, contact :

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