

## Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster

### Graduate Student and Post Doctoral Student Competition for Funding of Fellowships, Trainings, Workshops and Conference Presentations

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#### **Les applications peuvent se faire en Français ou en Anglais.**

The SSHRC grant to the Cluster has funds to support various development and training expenses including (1) fellowships for training workshops, (2) fellowships for a period away from home university, (3) fellowships for a period abroad and (4) travel. These Cluster grants have no funds for research, but there are funds to support the future generation of researchers, including specialized training, exchanges and costs associated with knowledge mobilization. The above order follows the priorities for this funding. Funds for travel will be allocated only when the post-doc or student is the first author on a paper presented at an international conference where the themes of the cluster are a major consideration of the conference. Applications must be for events taking place no earlier than one month after application deadline.

Post-doctoral fellows are persons who have graduated in the past five years and who do not have regular employment.

The Cluster also has funds for student involvement in knowledge transfer activities and for projects to enhance data infrastructures (see [RFP for these initiatives](#)).

Please pass this notice on to students who may be interested.

#### ***Application Guidelines***

For **training workshops** and **conference presentations**, the application should include the following:

1. Cover letter from the applicant - Indicate the name, date and place of the event, the purpose and benefits to the applicant, and how this relates to the objectives of the Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster. Include how the applicant intends to take advantage of other opportunities within and beyond the cluster to enhance their effectiveness for knowledge transfer.
2. Letter of acceptance of the paper for presentation, indicating the type of presentation (regular session, poster, or other types) or acceptance of the applicant's participation in a training program. As a general rule, the Cluster will consider funding for regular sessions only; for other types of presentations, include justification for the request. In case a decision on the participation has not as yet been made, please indicate when the decision is expected.
3. Budget - Include travel, accommodation, registration, per diem, and any other related expenses. Indicate the costs that are covered through other funds.

4. *Curriculum Vitae* including stage in program and timing of expected completion of the degree.
5. *Reference letter* – This should come from the Advisor or other faculty member and should indicate the value of the fellowship for the applicant, the potential for the applicant to enhance ability for knowledge transfer, and the e-mail address of the person writing the reference.
6. *Abstract* – For conference presentations, the abstract of the paper accepted for presentation.

For **fellowships** away from home university (including fellowships abroad), please send the following:

1. An application of no more than 5 pages including -
  - a. *Description of the fellowship* - Describe the specific objectives, the main activities that will be undertaken, and how the fellowship will enhance the educational experience of the applicant. Include here the thesis or research plan and how the proposed fellowship will contribute to these objectives.
  - b. *Relevance* – Describe how the fellowship relates to the Cluster, including how it fits in with the theme of population change and lifecourse, and how it relates to the mission statement and goals of the Cluster.
  - c. *Timeline* – Provide the dates of start and end of the fellowship, and the time when final report on the fellowship (substantive and budgetary) will be submitted.
  - d. *Budget* - Provide the budget and justification, with specification of parts of budget that will be covered by other sources. The budget should mostly cover travel and per diem expenses, it cannot include tuition nor research costs.
2. *Curriculum Vitae* indicating stage in the post-doctoral program or timing of expected completion of the degree.
3. *Reference letter* – This should come from the post-doctoral or thesis Advisor or other faculty member and should indicate the value of the fellowship for the applicant, the potential for the applicant to enhance ability for knowledge transfer, and the e-mail address of the person writing the reference.

### ***Selection Criteria***

Applications will be considered on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Relevance to Cluster
2. Quality of proposed event
3. Breadth and depth of potential impacts
4. Value to participant
5. Cost effectiveness

### ***Reporting Requirements***

A final report is required within 3 months after the funded activity and should consist of two parts:

1. A substantive report indicating what has been achieved and what are planned for knowledge transfer activities, including a copy of the paper, presentation, training output or other documents. This should be submitted in electronic format to Rod Beaujot ([rbeaujot@uwo.ca](mailto:rbeaujot@uwo.ca)) and Zenaida Ravanera ([ravanera@uwo.ca](mailto:ravanera@uwo.ca)).
2. A complete budgetary account on expenses, including an indication of which expenses are covered through other budgets, and a completed University of Western Ontario expense form, attaching necessary receipts and boarding passes. This should be sent by postal mail to:  
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***Submission of Applications***

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 15 January, 15 April, 15 June and 15 October. Send application to the PCLC c/o [ravanera@uwo.ca](mailto:ravanera@uwo.ca).