



## Dr. Alice Chan Yip Multiculturalism Award



**Dr. Alice Chan Yip**, is a 1962 graduate of McGill Medical School; a community-based pediatrician from 1973-2005, Associate Professor of the Department of Pediatrics, McGill University Health Centre; and an Emeritus Fellow of the Canadian Pediatric Society, American Academy of Pediatrics and the Royal College of Physicians of Canada. Throughout her career she has devoted herself to the creation of culture-specific targeted community health services for immigrant families to address culture-specific health problems; most notably within the Chinese community. She readily identified the potential poor health outcomes that may result when language, values and other cultural considerations are not included in the development of patient-centered programs. She has long been a proponent of the biopsychosocial approach to comprehensive patient care.

Dr. Yip's vision, inter-professional leadership, commitment, advocacy, and humanitarian qualities have made her an inspiration to her colleagues, her patients, her students and the Chinese community.

### **Purpose and objective of the Award:**

To recognize a student who has conducted an outstanding clinical, community-based, or research project related to **international development or multiculturalism**, that embodies the principles of cultural competency in rehabilitation.

This award was established in 2011 by the donor, in recognition of the importance of cultural competency in professional practice in rehabilitation, both in the domestic and the international arenas. Awarded by the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy to a student enrolled in any year of the School's professional Occupational or Physical Therapy programs or to students registered in the Master's or PhD programs in Rehabilitation Science.

## Eligibility

Two categories of students are eligible to apply for this award:

1. **Students enrolled in the School's Professional OT or PT programs** who have **implemented** (cannot be in the planning stages) an outstanding clinical, community-based or research project demonstrating
  - a) cultural sensitivity related to international development or
  - b) promoting cultural competency and health in the field of rehabilitation.

OR

2. **Students enrolled in the Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation Science (MSc or PhD)** who have implemented (not in the planning stages) an outstanding research project demonstrating
  - a) cultural sensitivity related to international development or
  - b) promoting cultural competency and health in the field of rehabilitation.

*\*Students will only be considered for one award per degree program (unless unused funds are available).*

## Evaluation Criteria

- Degree of correspondence between the student's project and the award objectives
- Quality and impact of the project
- Student's role within the project (leadership, innovation, contribution)

**Value of the award:** Between \$500 to \$1000 depending on available funds.

## Responsibilities

Awardees will be expected to give a presentation of their projects at an event that will be organized by the Awards Committee.

## *Application Process*

a) Each application must include:

1. A completed and signed **application form**
2. **One page application letter** that addresses the pertinence of the project to the objectives of the award.
3. **Letter of Support** from one faculty member of the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy (see <http://www.mcgill.ca/spot/faculty>).\*
4. **Letter of Support from the respective stakeholders** of the project where applicable.\*
5. Applicants who are graduate students enrolled in the Master's or PhD programs in Rehabilitation Science must provide evidence that an abstract related to their research project has been submitted or accepted for presentation at a professional/scientific meeting.

**\*Note:** Letters of support should not be mere testimonials; they should address the cultural sensitivity, innovation, creativity, sustainability, merit and relevance of the applicant's project.

- b) Electronic submission of the application materials is to be sent to: [awards-committee.spot@mcgill.ca](mailto:awards-committee.spot@mcgill.ca) through the student's McGill email by 16h00 on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Applications that are incomplete will not be considered.

### *Review Process*

- Applications will be reviewed by the Awards Committee, with input from the Director of the Occupational Therapy Program, the Director of the Physical Therapy Program, and ad hoc faculty members, as needed.
- All applicants will receive notification from the Chair of the Awards Committee once the selection process is complete.
- The awards will be presented at the reception on the day of convocation each year.

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*APPLICATION FORM*

Name (or principal applicant if group project):	
Address:	
Telephone:	Email:
Professional OT/PT program:	Rehabilitation Science program:
Student ID:	

**PROJECT TYPE** (select one from the boxes below)

A project demonstrating a) cultural sensitivity related to international development or b) promoting cultural competency and health in the field of rehabilitation, in:

<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical	<input type="checkbox"/> Community-based	<input type="checkbox"/> Research
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**TITLE OF PROJECT**

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**BRIEF SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTED PROJECT** (maximum of 300 words to be attached to application)

**APPLICANT CHECKLIST**

Indicate, in the boxes below, if the following have been included in your application:

<input type="checkbox"/> Completed application form	<input type="checkbox"/> Application letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of support (SPOT Faculty member)	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of support from stakeholders for community-based projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of abstract submitted to or accepted by a professional/scientific body (Rehabilitation Science applicants only)	

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Send by February 28<sup>th</sup> to the Chair of the Awards Committee at [awards-committee.spot@mcgill.ca](mailto:awards-committee.spot@mcgill.ca)