

Patricia Ann MacDonald Wells Van daele Award



Patricia Ann MacDonald Wells Van daele, a Cape Bretonner, alumna of the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy (P & OT), clinician, and professor in the School from 1966 – 2001, had a passion for geriatrics and clinical education. She developed the first geriatrics course for P & OT students in Canada as well as a community outreach project for the inner city elderly. As the first Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education for the Physical Therapy Program, she created a nationally acclaimed course on “Designing Clinical Instruction” and initiated the use of international clinical placements. She was a founding member and first Chair of the National Academic Coordinators of Clinical Education for Physical Therapy. Patricia’s vision, leadership, commitment, advocacy, and humanitarian qualities made her an inspiration to her students and colleagues.

Purpose and Objective of the Award:

To recognize a student who has conducted an outstanding clinical, community-based, or research project related to the aging population and/or clinical education.

This award was established in 2003 by family, friends and colleagues of Patricia Ann MacDonald Wells Van daele as well as graduates of the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy. Awarded by the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy to a student enrolled in 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 related to the aging population and/or clinical education.

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 related to the aging population and/or clinical education.

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

Evaluation Criteria

The students will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Degree of correspondence between student project and award objectives
- Quality and impact of the project
- Student's role within 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. A **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 www.mcgill.ca/SPOT/faculty)
4. Letter of Support from the respective stakeholders of the project where applicable.*
5. Applicants, who are post-baccalaureate occupational or physical therapists, enrolled in the Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation Science must provide evidence that their abstract has been accepted for presentation at a professional/scientific meeting.

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

b) Electronic submission of the application form is to be sent to the **Chair of the Awards Committee email through the student's McGill email by 16h00 on February 28th**. Application forms that are late or 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 held prior to 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 related to the aging population and/or clinical education such as:

- Development of a clinical innovation or assessment or intervention.
- Design of a community based project.
- Research in geriatric rehabilitation and/or clinical education.

TITLE OF PROJECT

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

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- Completed application form
- Application Letter
- Letter of Support (SPOT Faculty member)
- Letter of Support from Stakeholders or Supervisors Required for Community Based Projects
- Copy of Abstract accepted by a professional/scientific body (Rehabilitation Sciences applicants only)

Date

Signature

Send by February 28th to the Chair of the Awards Committee at awards-committee.spot@mcgill.ca.