

## COTF Monthly – December 2019

### 2019 COTF Scholarship Competition Results:

Congratulations to the recipients!

- ◆ Louis-Pier Auger - COTF Doctoral Scholarships (\$3,000)
- ◆ Caroline Elfassy - COTF Doctoral Scholarships (\$3,000)
- ◆ Stacy Powell - COTF Master's Scholarship (\$1,500)
- ◆ Rachal Pattison - COTF / Invacare Master's Scholarship (\$2,000)
- ◆ Natasha Altin - Thelma Cardwell Scholarship (\$2,000)
- ◆ Éliane Dionne - Goldwin Howland Scholarship (\$2,000)
- ◆ Adeena Wisenthal - Marita Dyrbye Mental Health Award (\$1,000)
- ◆ Jackie Bosch - Lorna Reimer Award for Leadership (\$500)

Thank you to COTF's Research and Scholarship Review Committee, to the Marita Dyrbye Mental Health Award Committee (Brenda Fischbrook Benoit, Rosalie Freund, Bluma Goldberg, Jane Nakonechny, Vicky Wirth) and the Lorna Reimer Award for Leadership Committee (Sharon Brintnell, Isabel Henderson, Sandy Litman, Erin Reimer, Jeremy Reimer). A special thank you to Susanne Murphy, the Chair of the COTF's Research and Scholarship Committee and Kim Larouche, both having been members since 2010.

### 2019 COTF Future Scholar Recipients:

Congratulations!

1. University of British Columbia: Eric Chau, Adam Nishi
2. University of Alberta: Emma Peters
3. University of Manitoba: Andreea Alexandrescu
4. Université d'Ottawa: Vicki Piché
5. Queen's University: Pavlina Crawley
6. University of Toronto: Alexandra Thompson
7. McMaster University: Sharminy Nagulendran
8. Western University: Danielle Havord-Weir
9. McGill University: William MacCaul, Sevia Raelson, Veronika Svistkova, Angélique Tran
10. Université de Montréal: Natanièle Picard
11. Université Laval: William Picard-Pageau
12. Université de Sherbrooke: Sarah Rahimaly
13. Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières: Sandrine Gagné-Trudel
14. Dalhousie University: Meghan Violette

### 2020 COTF Research Grant Competition:

The deadline for the 2020 COTF Research Grant Competition is February 28, 2020. Below are the grants that COTF is offering with the links to each of them.

#### ***New Research Grant: Broda 2020 Excellence in Seating Research Project (\$15,000):***

Launched in 2020, this externally funded project by Broda that responds to Broda's research needs.

Objectives:

- Demonstrate Care Benefits with Utilization of Tilt Wheelchairs in Long-Term Care.
- Demonstrate Care Benefits of Pressure Reduction Wheelchairs (avoiding pressure injuries).

- Compare Care Efficacy of Tilt Wheelchairs vs. Standard Sling Back Wheelchair and / or Geriatric Chair Seating.
- Compare Care Efficacy of Broda's Comfort Tension Seating to Wheelchair Cushions, Basic Padding and Sling Back Wheelchair Seats.
- Other topics relating to seating and positioning wheelchairs and long-term care will be considered.

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/63011-Canadian-Occupational-Therapy-Foundation>

***COTF Innovation Research Grants:***

Although these research grants are open to all areas of research, applicants should be aware of COTF's current four priority areas – mental health, ageing, Indigenous health and the opioid crisis. When reviewers are scoring Evaluation Criteria #2 related to Importance, Relevance and Originality of the Problem, they will give greater weight to those applications, which address one or more of the priority areas.

1 x \$10,000 - <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/63209-Canadian-Occupational-Therapy-Foundation>

1 x \$5,000 - <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/63009-Canadian-Occupational-Therapy-Foundation>

***Isobel Robinson Historical Research Grant (\$2,000)***

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/63007-Canadian-Occupational-Therapy-Foundation>

***McMaster Legacy Grant to Honour Sue Baptiste (\$2,000)***

This award was launched in 2015 from the McMaster Legacy Fund, which is in honour of retirees from the McMaster University Occupational Therapy program. In 2020, the \$2,000 research grant honours Professor Sue Baptiste, an occupational therapy faculty member who retired from McMaster University in December 2017.

Sue made (and continues to make) substantial contributions to the occupational therapy profession. She graduated from St. Andrew's School of Occupational Therapy in England, and came to Canada in 1968. She made a mark as a clinical occupational therapists working with people with various conditions, but with a specific interest in working with people with chronic pain. She held leadership positions at Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals, with McMaster University's Occupational Therapy Program, and as a volunteer leader with the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists, the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists, and most recently as Vice President of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists. In 1988, she delivered the Muriel Driver Lectureship, which was titled: Culture, Activity and Chronic Pain. Sue has had long-standing interests in education, and culture, and how those intersect. She has provided consultations to universities around the globe including Colombia, China, Malta, Moldova to name a few!

In her honour and at her request, the McMaster University Legacy fund this year will be directed to a research project that focuses on any topic in the area of **Cultural applications of occupational therapy in theory, practice and/or application.**

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**COTF's Research on Education Fund:**

Did you know that COTF has a Research on Education fund? COTF has been working with ACOTUP's Research on Education Committee for the past few years to develop this fund, which has been identified as a need within the Canadian OT community. The purpose of this fund is to support research that focuses on education, which is critical to occupational therapists. This fund would support all elements of education - continuing education, professional development, research on education as a focus - that are relevant to students, clinicians and researchers. We are working to build this fund to be able to offer a grant. If research on education is important to you, please consider giving to COTF's Research on Education Fund. Here is the link [www.cotfcanada.org](http://www.cotfcanada.org) !

**December 2019 COTF Blog:**

The **2019 McMaster Legacy Fund Grant** recipient, Yolaine Bolduc explains the impact of COTF's funding on her project. Her article can be found here: <https://cotfcanada.org/december-2019-blog-yolaine-bolduc-mcmaster-legacy-fund-research-grant/>.

**Giving Tuesday Results:**

Thank you to all of you who participated in Giving Tuesday 2019! COTF raised \$2,475. The funds raised will support research that is relevant to clinicians and their clients.

**Year End Donations:**

Give the perfect gift. Dedicate your COTF donation to a loved one – it's a thoughtful gift that can change lives. Your loved one will receive a card from COTF announcing your gift in their honour. Won't you donate now? [www.cotfcanada.org/what-is-ot/](http://www.cotfcanada.org/what-is-ot/)

**Holiday Season and Office Closure:**

From the Board and Staff of COTF, happy holidays and an excellent new year to everyone!

The COTF Office will be closed from Friday, December 20, 2019. The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020.