

## **Paula Goering Memorial Scholarship**

### **Overview**

The Paula Goering Memorial Scholarship recognizes the significant contribution of Dr. Paula Goering to research, services, and policies targeting homelessness in Canada spanning over 30 years. Most recently, Dr. Goering served as the Lead Investigator of the Mental Health Commission of Canada's At Home / Chez Soi Demonstration Project, the largest study conducted on Housing First in the world. Because of her leadership on this project, Housing First became national policy in Canada and programs are now being implemented in communities across Canada. Sadly, Dr. Goering passed away on May 24, 2016.

### **Scholarship**

In recognition of Dr. Goering's exceptional role as a mentor to innumerable students, as a practitioner and a pioneering researcher who focused on translating research knowledge into practice, the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness has established the Paula Goering Memorial Scholarship to support students and Housing First service providers to attend the annual National Conference on Ending Homelessness. The scholarships will be awarded each year two students and two Housing First practitioners who share Paula's passion for ending homelessness and her commitment to research and evidence based practice.

This year the scholarships are generously supported by the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

### **Benefits**

- Cash Award of \$500.00
- Registration fees, travel, accommodation and meals to attend the National Conference on Ending Homelessness
- Opportunity to present on submitted research
- Presentation of the Award at a plenary session at the CAEH Annual Conference

### **Eligibility**

Student researcher applicants must:

- be registered at the time of application as a Masters or PhD student in a Canadian post-secondary institution or within one year of completing their degree;
- be nominated by a professor or academic supervisor; and,
- submit a one-page summary of research that they have conducted as a student in a Canadian post-secondary institution.

Service provider applicants must:

- be in a full-time position with an organization delivering Housing First or supportive housing;
- be nominated by a supervisor; and,
- submit a one-page summary of some aspect of their Housing First practice or program that they consider original or innovative, that could be replicated by peers in another part of Canada.

### **Applications**

Applicants must send the application (nomination and summary) by email to Trish Muntain at [trish@caeh.ca](mailto:trish@caeh.ca) by Friday, June 15, 2018. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged.

### **Review & Decision Process**

Applications will be peer-reviewed by a Selection Panel appointed by the CAEH.

Key review criteria for the service provider scholarships include: originality of the Housing First or supportive housing practice presented in the summary; clarity and quality of the submission; and strength of the nomination.

Key review criteria for the student scholarships include: originality of the research presented in the summary; applicability of the research in practice; clarity and quality of the submission; and strength of the nomination.

The scholarship winners recommended by the Selection Panel will be given final approval by the CAEH.