




THE EMPOWERMENT COUNCIL ADVOCACY BURSARY

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This bursary was established with a generous donation by an anonymous donor to the Empowerment Council in order to acknowledge and support individuals wanting to explore the area of mental health advocacy and human rights. The main purpose of the bursary is to provide financial assistance to low-income clients and/or students who may be pursuing education in college, certificate courses, undergraduate/graduate courses, other professional development training/workshops or related courses. The award can also be applied to education-related equipment for courses, and depending on the program this could also be for video or art supplies.

SCOPE OF BURSARY

The bursary is for those who are proposing to undertake some work or education in the area of advocacy, human rights or opportunities that contribute to the history of psychiatric survivor/consumers community work, research or in the growing field of Mad Studies. Too often, the importance of funding for the advocacy and human rights of consumers and psychiatric survivors is overlooked. This bursary is aimed at focusing on support for specific educational discovery in this area.

Applicants may apply for a bursary one of two ways:

- a. An award to cover costs of courses or professional development etc. as mentioned above or,
- b. Support for a human rights related project with clear outcomes and timelines. If you are proposing a project please submit a letter of intent (not exceeding 2000 words) together with a budget and other relevant information. This award is conditional on the bursary holder agreeing to submit a final report of work completed and related receipts. One – two letters of support from organisations or colleagues is required.

The awards are chosen by the Empowerment Council Selection Committee. The bursary is typically in the \$500 range, but may occasionally be more depending on need. At its discretion, the Empowerment Council Selection Committee may approve several bursaries to a maximum total of \$1500.00

Please note: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all required and/or applicable documentation is included with the application. Return the completed application to the attention lucy.costa@camh.ca or by mail to the EC Selection Committee, 1001 Queen Street West, Room 160, Toronto, Ontario M6J 1H4.



Application Form

<i>Application Due Date:</i>	OCTOBER 15th 2015
<i>Amount Requested:</i>	\$
<i>Applicant's Date of Birth:</i>	

Note: If you are a successful applicant for the funds, you will be required to submit an original receipt or invoice for payment or the original application as proof of your registration. Please allow at least 6 weeks from the date of application review for processing.

<i>Applicant Name:</i>	
<i>Applicant Address:</i>	
<i>Telephone Number:</i>	
<i>E-Mail:</i>	

1. Name of Course(s):

2. Start Date(s) :

3. Frequency of classes & end date:

4. Please describe the course: what the course will cover, what school or organization is running the course, the duration and frequency etc. Please include a photocopy of the course description & location of course. If you are applying for course related educational materials, please also specify what materials are requested (and attach a photocopy of estimated costs).

5. Why do you want to take this course? **How does this course support advocacy, human rights work, the history and community of psychiatric survivor/consumers or, the field of Mad Studies?** (If you require additional space, please feel free to add content to the back of this sheet or add another sheet)

6. Have you applied for funding elsewhere? If so, where? Please include the amount, and provide the details of your submission and award.

7. This award is intended to support people with low income. For this reason we ask what is your source of income?

8. Applicants applying for project bursary are required to submit a letter of intent (not exceeding 2000 words) together with a budget and any other relevant information with a description of a project or research related to advocacy, human rights for psychiatric survivor/consumers community or, contribution to the field of Mad Studies. A letter of support from a colleague, peer, or service provider is highly recommended.

The deadline for submissions is 5:00pm OCTOBER 15th 2015.



EMPOWERMENT COUNCIL ADVOCACY BURSARY CHECKLIST

This is a checklist to help ensure the application is complete, the application form is attached.

	Have you specified the amount of funding you are applying for on your application?
	Have you included a copy of the course description from the educational facility? A valid notification of the cost of the course from the educational facility? Start dates etc.?
	Have you included receipts for equipment and/or books – proof of cost and information about the equipment and/or books?
	Have you included notice of acceptance from school or program or conference etc. ?
	Optional but recommended to include Have you included a brief letter of recommendation from a colleague, peer, service provider or friend? This letter could include: how long they have known you and how, how this course will support you meeting your goals etc.
	If you have already paid for the course(s), has the receipt(s) been included with the application?

NOTE: It is not mandatory to provide receipts upon initial submission of this application. However, in the event that the application is approved, early submission of receipts with the application will speed up the processing time. Please allow 6 weeks for processing.

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