



REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES' FOUNDATION INC.

Fall 2022

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation, Inc. (RPNF) hopes you had an enjoyable summer and wishes you a happy autumn! There are many exciting things happening with the Foundation this season!

- [Donate today](#) and receive your gift from the RPNF!
- The 2022 – 2023 RPNF Scholarships & Grants official opening October 1, 2022, along with a number of exciting changes! Visit rpnf.ca/scholarships/ for more information.
- The 100 Years of Psychiatric Nursing Education Conference Planning Committee seeks abstracts for its May, 2023 Conference!

Donate Today!

All donors contributing \$25.00 or more from October 17, 2022 to December 31, 2022 will receive an RPNF Infuser Water Bottle (while supplies last)



RPNF 2022 – 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

RPNF Graduate Scholarship

This scholarship may be awarded to a graduate psychiatric nurse, registered in Canada, who is pursuing relevant studies at a masters or doctoral level. Minimum value \$1000.

RPNF Undergraduate (4th Year) Scholarship

This scholarship may be awarded to a 4th year student enrolled in a psychiatric nursing education program in Canada. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Minimum value \$500.

RPNF Undergraduate (3rd Year) Scholarship

This scholarship may be awarded to a 3rd year student enrolled in a psychiatric nursing education program in Canada. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Minimum value \$500.

RPNF McCormick/Henry Scholarship

Darlene Henry's psychiatric nursing career was dedicated to caring for seniors with mental health challenges/illnesses.

The RPNF McCormick/Henry Scholarship may be awarded to a Registered Psychiatric Nurse in Canada who is engaged in further studies in seniors' mental health at the graduate level (masters or doctoral) or through an accredited certificate program. Minimum value \$1000.

RPNF 2022 – 2023 GRANTS

RPNF Marlene Fitzsimmons Grant

Dr. Marlene Fitzsimmons was a long time leader in clinical practice at the Brandon Mental Health Centre and in the community psycho-social rehabilitation program. She was the founder and first president of the RPNF. Dr. Fitzsimmons was the first registered psychiatric nurse to receive an honorary doctoral degree from a Canadian University (Brandon University).

This grant may be awarded to an RPN registered in Canada who is enrolled in a relevant certificate course, or who has been accepted as a presenter at a conference that requires them to travel. Minimum value \$500.





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RPNF Indigenous Studies Grant

As part of its commitment to do its part in fulfilling [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#), the RPNF has created a new grant.

This RPNF-funded grant may be offered to an RPN licensed to practice psychiatric nursing in Canada, and demonstrates proof of enrollment in a recognized Indigenous Cultural Safety training program. This grant will be awarded to individuals not able to access the cost of such a program through their employer/regional health authority. Minimum amount \$300.00.

TRC Calls to Action, # 24:

"We call upon medical and nursing schools in Canada to require all students to take a course dealing with Aboriginal health issues, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal Rights, and Indigenous teachings and practices. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism."

The RPNF would like to sincerely thank its generous donors for supporting RPNF scholarships and grants.

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Call for Abstracts now open for
May 1-3, 2023 Virtual Conference

- In June 1923, the first graduates of a psychiatric nursing programme in western Canada received their diplomas
- Since that time, thousands of psychiatric nurses have graduated in the four western provinces of Canada
- Over the past 100 years Psychiatric Nurses have developed and honed their skills based on research and new knowledge
- This conference will celebrate 100 years of the distinct profession of psychiatric nursing in Canada

Papers are invited that illustrate and celebrate unique, creative and diverse areas of practice in the past, present and future

Virtual Conference will feature pre-recorded presentations no longer than 30 minutes each.
Stay tuned for more information

Please submit a one page 250 word abstract and a one page CV to RPsychN100@gmail.com by December 1, 2022. All who have submitted abstracts will be notified by Jan 15

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING EDUCATION IN CANADA

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A sincere thank-you to our Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Donors who make these Scholarships and Awards possible. Go to <https://www.rpnf.ca/support-the-foundation/donations> to learn how you can support the RPNF.

