
Psychiatry Bursary Program

Eligibility Criteria

Policy Statement:

To attract Psychiatrists to practice in designated areas of need in Newfoundland and Labrador, the Department of Health and Community Services will provide financial incentives to eligible candidates, to assist with academic and living expenses during training.

Eligibility:

1. To be eligible, an Applicant must be:
 - a Resident in an accredited Psychiatric post-graduate program.

2. An applicant must:
 - demonstrate a commitment to practice in an area of need within the province;
 - commit to practice for one year return in service for each annual incentive received;
 - commence full-time practice in a permanent capacity no later than one month after being eligible for licensure;
 - negotiate with a board to commit to provide in-patient and institutional on-call coverage, reflective of the need of the Authority;
 - provide proof of contact with a Regional Health Authority.

Selection:

Priority will be given, but not limited to, applicants who are:

- Psychiatry Residents in their 3rd, 4th or 5th year of Residency training at Memorial University of Newfoundland, as of July 1st of the year for which they are applying;
- Psychiatry Residents completing a Fellowship in a sub-specialty area recognized as needed by the Province;
- Psychiatry Residents in their 3rd, 4th or 5th year of Residency training in programs other than at Memorial University of Newfoundland;
- Psychiatry Residents studying in their 1st or 2nd year of Residency training in the Memorial University of Newfoundland's Post Graduate Program .

Application process:

- The Department of Health and Community Services will provide an application form requesting all the necessary information.
- The application deadline is **June 30th** of each year for each subsequent year of Residency training.
- A recipient must apply each year for bursary sponsorship.

When Awarded:

- The applicant must sign an agreement with the Minister of Health and Community Services (or their designate) stating that they will work in an area designated as “in need” at the time of graduation in either a fee-for-service or salaried capacity.
- The Department will provide the recipient with a list of the “areas of need” upon request by the recipient.
- The Department will provide the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland with a copy of the Agreement, monitor the recipient’s return of service, and authorize the subsequent release of a Letter of Good Standing, if requested, once all the terms and conditions of the Agreement have been satisfied.

Default of Return in Service Awards:

- The Recipient shall repay the Department of Health and Community Services, through the Health Care Corporation of St. John’s, the amount awarded with accrued interest calculated from the date of the award at a rate of interest equivalent to the Bank of Canada Prime Rate in effect on the date of the default plus two percent (2%).
- Where the Recipient partially completes the return-in-service obligation to practice in the designated area of need, the amount to be repaid to the Department of Health and Community Services shall be prorated according to the number of months the Recipient practices in the designated area of need.