2018-19 CanAssist Faculty Fellowship Program

CanAssist welcomes applications from qualified UVic faculty interested in participating in and contributing to the research and development of assistive technology for improved health outcomes and quality of life.

Number of awards: One 12-month fellowship or one or two 6-month fellowships commencing in January and/or June 2018.

Topics: The 2018/19 fellowships will support CanStayHome, a major CanAssist initiative. The outcomes related to this initiative include: the development and evaluation of broad-impact assistive technologies that enable vulnerable seniors – including those with dementia – to remain in their homes for as long as safely possible, while at the same time reducing stress among family and other caregivers and contributing to cost savings for the health system as a whole. Future fellowships may have other foci as funding and priorities shift at CanAssist.

Under CanStayHome, CanAssist has been developing broad-impact technologies, which include mechanical and/or electrical devices, as well as software applications. These technologies support seniors in undertaking activities of daily living or in maintaining health and safety, while living with chronic health conditions and frailty.

Eligibility: Faculty members with regular tenured or tenure track appointments at the University of Victoria are welcome to apply.

Value: CanAssist will provide 2018/19 fellowships based on two 1.5 unit-course releases for up to three units of teaching release ($15,000) and student support ($5,000). Fellows will be provided with office space at CanAssist. Fellows will also have access to CanAssist staff and expertise to support their research/project, connections to CanAssist clients for research and testing, and valuable networking connections through CanAssist for funding opportunities.

Conditions: Fellows are expected to: (a) utilize office space provided at CanAssist and be present at CanAssist on a regular basis (preferably 3 times each week or more) to conduct research, which shall be the primary activity throughout the duration of the fellowship; (b) provide a public lecture or seminar presentation on a theme in their area of research; (c) submit to the executive director a brief written report of the progress that was made; (d) acknowledge CanAssist in any published work and in any public presentation that appears as a result of the research undertaken at CanAssist; and (e) supply CanAssist with a copy of any book resulting from the research for its library collection, and/or the citation for any work published as an article or book chapter, for its records. Publications will be acknowledged in CanAssist's annual impact report and on the organization's website.

Application procedure: Applications are accepted via email. Attachments to this email must include: a completed CanAssist Faculty Fellowship application form with a signed statement of support from the applicant's Department Chair/Dean granting release time from all administrative duties as well as from teaching duties (down to no more than one course), and a current CV. Application details and the application form are available online at: http://www.canassist.ca/fellowship). Applications are reviewed by the CanAssist fellowship selection committee.

All materials should be submitted to Robin Syme, Executive Director, CanAssist, at info@canassist.ca. Candidates are responsible for ensuring their applications are complete and submitted by the competition deadlines. Late applications will not be reviewed.

Applicants are encouraged to visit CanAssist prior to submitting an application. Visits can be arranged through Marilyn Sing, Partnership Development, at msing@uvic.ca.

Please note that any research involving human subjects will require approval of the UVic Ethics Review Board.

Application deadline: Oct. 15, 2017

The application adjudication will be completed by Oct. 30 and candidates will be notified by email at the end of October regarding the status of the fellowships for 2018.

For more information about CanAssist, its mission, initiatives and programs, please visit http://www.canassist.ca.

2018/19 CanAssist Faculty Fellowship Application Form

(return completed as part of application to info@canassist.ca)

To apply for a fellowship at CanAssist:

1. Complete this fillable form
2. Have the form signed by you and your Chair and/or Dean
3. Scan the signed form into PDF format
4. Append the PDF file by attaching your CV
5. Email the attachment to info@canassist.ca with the subject line, "Fellowship program application," by Oct. 15, 2017.

Candidates are responsible for ensuring applications are complete, correct and submitted by the deadline. Late applications will not be reviewed.

If you have questions regarding the CanAssist fellowship application process, please contact Marilyn Sing: msing@uvic.ca or 250-472-5330 for more information.

Applicant information:

Applicant name:	
Date:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	
Department/Faculty:	

Preferred fellowship start date:

January or June 2018

Project title

Descriptive project title *(max. 785 characters = approximately 25 words):*

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Proposed project program description:

Brief description of the proposed project program of research and an explanation of how this fits with the CanStayHome initiative and outcomes for this competition. *(max. 3,000 characters = approximately 450 words):*

Student involvement

Brief description of how students would be involved in the project and what additional support would be available to them from the faculty supervisor. *(max. 1,500 characters = approximately 225 words):*

Chair and/or Dean's statement

As the applicant's Department Chair/Dean, I will grant release time from all administrative duties as well as from teaching duties (down to no more than one course per term), to allow the applicant to fulfill fellowship requirements at CanAssist.

Name (printed):	
Signature:	
Date:	

Applicant's statement

By submitting this application, I confirm that I am a faculty member with regular tenured or tenure track appointments at the University of Victoria, and I understand and agree to meet the conditions for the fellowship, as outlined in this application.

Name (printed):	
Signature:	
Date:	