



## **Faculty of Nursing-International Visiting Scholar Program**

### **Objective:**

The Visiting Scholar Program aims to build new and strengthen existing research partnerships between nursing faculty members at the University of Alberta and those in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The program seeks to develop capacity for international research collaborations and to support knowledge exchange amongst nursing scholars. The award provides financial support for nursing faculty members from LMIC to be immersed for one to three months in a Canadian academic setting and work closely with a Canadian researcher on an area of mutual interest and benefit.

### **Eligibility to Apply:**

All continuing paid faculty members in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta are eligible to apply to sponsor an international applicant. A maximum of one award per applicant per year will be approved.

#### **Applicant must:**

- Be a Registered Nurse (active registration status)
- Be a resident of a LMIC
- Have an academic appointment at a University in a LMIC
- Be invited by a faculty member in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta

#### **Award selection criteria will include:**

- Quality of research plan including:
  1. Originality, novelty and significance of the research activities
  2. Feasibility of the proposed research activities, including timely completion and available resources
- Relevance to institutional/community needs in LMICs
- Fit between sponsoring faculty member's research expertise and applicant's research interests
- Evidence of Applicant's commitment to visit Canada for 1-3 months duration before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025, (funds will not be held for scholars whose visit is delayed beyond this timeframe).

### **Deadline:**

Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis and awarded based on merit up to a maximum of three awards for the 2024-2025 year.



## **Award Amount:**

A maximum award amount of **\$15,000** is available per application to cover the following potential expenses:

- Travel (including airfare-most direct and economical route, airport taxes, medical insurance, immunization and ground transportation)
- Canadian visa
- Monthly living expenses (accommodations, local transportation, meals)
- Research expenses (\$5,000 maximum allowed per application)

**Note:** Research expenses, if any are requested in the budget, are to be held by the sponsoring faculty member at the University of Alberta. The sponsoring faculty member will be responsible for dispensing funds according to the proposed budget.

## **Application Process:**

**Candidate application package includes:**

- A letter of intent, written jointly by the applicant and the sponsoring faculty member, that includes: A brief outline of the applicant's relevant experience; a summary of the proposed research project/activity, description of the fit between the sponsoring faculty member's expertise and the anticipated outcomes of the applicant's visit, and the impact of the visit on the applicant's career goals (two pages maximum)
- A budget with justification (one page maximum)
- Curriculum vitae of the applicant
- A letter of support provided by the applicant's academic institution that confirms the applicant's academic appointment, outlines the benefits of the visit to the applicant and their institution; and, outlines any institutional support that might be provided to support the visit.
- Evidence of registration in a local nursing association

All applications should be free of typographical and budgeting errors, and use an easy to read font, size 12 point, single-space, with no condensed font or spacing.

Applications are to be submitted as a single PDF file with the subject line "**FON-UAlberta Visiting Scholar Program (Insert Year)**" to the following email address: [nuglobal@ualberta.ca](mailto:nuglobal@ualberta.ca)

**\*Applications must be jointly submitted by the sponsoring faculty member and the applicant.**