



**Feeding Kids, Nourishing Minds School-based Nutrition Research Initiative**

**School-based Nutrition Graduate Awards**

**Application Form**

**Date: August 22, 2022**

The *Feeding Kids, Nourishing Minds (FKNM) School-based Nutrition Research Initiative* is a four-year research project that aims to provide a comprehensive overview of school food programs in Canada and identify best practices in relation to the design, delivery, and measurement of school food programs. The **School-based Nutrition Graduate Awards** are available to support Masters - level and PhD student stipends.

The Joannah & Brian Lawson Centre for Child Nutrition, which is co-led by the University of Toronto’s Departments of Nutritional Sciences, Family and Community Medicine and Paediatrics, connects scholars, health practitioners, patients, and knowledge users to improve the nutrition of children in Canada and globally.

**Eligibility and Requirements:**

Graduate students can come from any University of Toronto department, including UTSC and UTM and the primary supervisor does not need to be a member of the Feeding Kids, Nourishing Minds steering committee. However, a recommendation from a steering committee member is required.

Due to the primary focus of the Feeding Kids, Nourishing Minds project, it is anticipated that graduate students will be primarily from the Department of Nutritional Sciences. However, supervisors with graduate students in other departments are eligible to apply. A recommendation from a steering committee member is required to ensure that the supervisor’s and student’s expertise aligns well with the project. For a full list of steering committee members please, email [child.nutrition@utoronto.ca](mailto:child.nutrition@utoronto.ca). Additional eligibility requirements pertaining to graduate students are identified below.

<b>PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>Name:</b> <i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>	<b>Title:</b> <i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>
<b>Department/Division:</b> <i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>	<b>Status:</b> <i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>
<b>Email:</b> <i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>	<b>Phone Number:</b> <i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>
<b>Are you a FKNM Steering Committee member?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If no, indicate which steering committee member (s) recommended?</i> <i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>	

**Proposed on-the-job supervision and Support to Student:**

*It is expected that the student will communicate and be guided by the FKNM core research team (Dr. Dan Sellen, Dr. Mavra Ahmed, and Chelsea McPherson) and members of the steering committee.*

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**STUDENT INFORMATION:**

*Please indicate the student you wish to nominate.*

**Student Name:**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Student ID:**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Program of Study:**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Degree/Credential Level:**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Domestic/International**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Degree Start Date:**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Degree End Date:**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Research Project Start Date:**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Research Project End Date:**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Hours per week:**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**FUNDING STRUCTURE:**

**Financial Support from FKNM (CAD):**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Period of Support:**

- 4 months
- 6 months
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 2+ years

**Budget:**

*Indicate how the funds will be used (i.e., student stipends, publication fees etc.) and justify.*

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

If applicable, list other funding support:

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

## PROPOSED PROJECT

(Max 2 pages)

*The FKNM nutrition research initiative is designed as four tracks. We are currently inviting proposed project ideas that align with tracks 3 and 4. The tracks are briefly described below.*

**Track 3:** The FKNM nutrition research initiative aims to identify high quality measurement tools and related gaps to assess school food environments in Canada. The goal is to assess the school food environment with validated high-quality measurement tools and design and pilot test a national school feeding strategy. This will include tools to assess the physical (e.g., nutritional quality, availability of food items), economic (e.g., food procurement, prices), socio-cultural (e.g., food service providers, management, nutrition education/knowledge) and policy (e.g., guidelines, regulations) environment. **We are inviting proposed project ideas that will pilot test, assess and validate measurement tools in a school setting, including assessment of dietary intakes and evaluation of school food programs and environments.**

**Track 4:** The FKNM nutrition research initiative aims to develop, design and pilot test a school feeding strategy, considering equity indicators, in a select sample of school in Ontario and nationally, on student's dietary intakes, school achievement and health outcomes. The goal is pilot test a school feeding strategy in a minimum of 5 schools. **We are inviting proposals for a project that will evaluate various aspects of and modes of school feeding strategies in Canada as it relates to dietary intakes, health outcomes and school achievement.**

**Please describe the proposed project. Describe in detail the alignment of the project with one or more of the FKNM tracks, the methodology and the relevant expertise of the research team. Indicate how you are or intend to enter into schools. Please refer to the accompanying Call for Proposal document for more information on how the proposal will be evaluated.**

*Click or tap here to enter text.*

**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2022

**Application Procedure:**

Please fill out the application form and submit via email to: [child.nutrition@utoronto.ca](mailto:child.nutrition@utoronto.ca)

**Application documents required:**

- FKNM School-based Nutrition Graduate Awards Feeding Kids, Nourishing Minds Application Form
- Nominated student resume and transcript

**Eligibility Guidelines:**

1. Principal Applicant must be a University of Toronto faculty and hold a SGS Graduate Faculty Membership: <https://facultyandstaff.sgs.utoronto.ca/gfm/faculty-members-a-z/>
2. Students must have successfully completed an undergraduate program or a Master's program.
3. Students must have an average of B+ (3.3 GPA) or higher from their degree.
4. University of Toronto students, including domestic and international students, may be nominated.
5. Students must be supervised by a Department's faculty member and an assigned steering committee member.
6. Principal Applicant can submit multiple applications and supervise more than one FKNM graduate student.
7. Steering committee supervisors can be named as primary supervisor for multiple applications of this Program.
8. Graduate students must adhere to criteria set by their program and other granting agencies. As per Department of Nutritional Sciences guidelines, students are to spend no more than 10 hours per week in employment outside their degree program. For more information: [https://nutrisci.med.utoronto.ca/sites/default/files/GuidelinesonEmploymentOutsideDegreeProgram\\_2010.pdf](https://nutrisci.med.utoronto.ca/sites/default/files/GuidelinesonEmploymentOutsideDegreeProgram_2010.pdf)

*The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.*

Please direct any questions to [child.nutrition@utoronto.ca](mailto:child.nutrition@utoronto.ca).