



CALL FOR PROPOSALS: STUDENT RESEARCH ON ETHICS

Up to \$10,000 Available | Deadline: December 31, 2025

Strong Minds Strong Kids, Psychology Canada is excited to announce the **Jean Pettifor and Dick Pettifor Fund Grant** for student research in psychology ethics. This grant, made possible by a generous donation from the Estate of Dr. Jean Pettifor, aims to support innovative research that addresses important ethical issues in the field of psychology.

Dr. Pettifor, a long-time member of the Canadian Psychological Association and a central figure in the development of the Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists, believed strongly in the importance of ethics in the practice of psychology. We are thrilled to continue her legacy by offering this funding opportunity.

Grant Purpose

This fund is designed to support research on topics related to ethics in psychology, including but not limited to:

- The professional practice of psychology
- Ethical dilemmas in psychological research
- The development and application of ethical guidelines
- The intersection of ethics with emerging areas, such as AI in psychological practices

Examples of research topics include, but are not limited to:

- Ethical decision-making processes in psychology
- The development of an ethical decision-making model for practitioners
- The ethical implications of mobile phone use in classrooms and its impact on learning
- The role of AI in psychological practices (e.g., chatbots for mental health support)
- The ethical considerations around AI use in academic work and psychological reports
- The impact of long-term AI use on intellectual development in schools
- Ethical use of technology to support students with learning disabilities

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Who Can Apply?

This grant is open to **psychology students** at all levels of study at **Canadian universities**. Applicants must also be affiliate members of the **Canadian Psychological Association** or a provincial psychological association.

Funding Amount

Up to **\$10,000** is available per award. The primary criterion for the award will be the **excellence of the research proposal**.

Proposal Requirements

To apply for the **Jean Pettifor and Dick Pettifor Fund Grant**, applicants must submit the following documents by **December 31, 2025**, in **Microsoft Word** or **PDF** format to **info@strongmindsstrongkids.org** with the subject line:

“Jean Pettifor and Dick Pettifor Fund Grant Application”

1. Cover Sheet

- Title of proposal
- Applicant’s name, contact information (address, phone number, email), student status

2. Abstract (100 words or less)

- A brief summary of the proposed research and how the funds will be used

3. Research Proposal (Maximum 5 double-spaced pages)

- Purpose, theoretical rationale, methodology, and analysis procedures
- References and figures (if applicable)

4. REB Status

- Documentation of submission to the institutional research ethics board (REB)

5. Resume

- A current resume of the applicant

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6. Statement of Support

- A statement from the applicant's department chair or research supervisor, confirming support for the application and how the funds will be administered if awarded

7. Itemized Budget

- A detailed budget including research-related travel, salary of research staff, remuneration of participants, specialized equipment and supplies.
- Please note: This program does not provide funding for travel to conventions.
- Indicate if other sources of funding have been obtained or are being sought.

Evaluation Criteria

In addition to the proposal's excellence, other factors that may influence the funding decision include:

- The amount of other financial support already secured for the project
- Feasibility of the research project and its alignment with ethical considerations

Important Dates

- **Application Deadline:** December 31, 2025
- **Funding Available By:** March 2026

Adjudication Process

Applications will be reviewed by an **Award Committee** established by the **Strong Minds Strong Kids, Psychology Canada** Board of Trustees. All applications will be considered without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, or other factors unrelated to the quality of the research proposal.

Grant Recipient Responsibilities

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Submit a **final research report** (approx. 500 words) to **Strong Minds Strong Kids, Psychology Canada** within 18 months of receiving the grant



- Acknowledge the **Jean Pettifor and Dick Pettifor Fund** and **Strong Minds Strong Kids, Psychology Canada** in any publications or presentations resulting from the research

Notification of Results

Applicants will be notified of the results via email. Successful applicants will also receive written confirmation, with a copy sent to the department chair to set up the financial account.

For more information or questions about the application process, please contact us at: info@strongmindsstrongkids.org