



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

**Funding Organization:** AMS Healthcare  
**Program Name:** Postdoctoral Fellowship Award  
**Partner:** Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit  
**Program Launch Date:** Monday January 8, 2025

## KEY DATES

	<b>Full application</b>
<b>Submission deadline:</b>	Wednesday April 2, 2025
<b>Notification date:</b>	June, 2025
<b>Funding start:</b>	September, 2025

## PARTNERS

With a vision of *Compassionate, quality healthcare for all Canadians, in a system advanced by technology, innovation, and a rich understanding of our healthcare history*, **AMS Healthcare** strives to improve care for all Canadians. We advance a compassionate healthcare system by investing in leaders, convening stakeholders, supporting research and funding innovative projects. Our work supports and learns from our rich history of healthcare.

Click [here](#) to learn more about AMS Healthcare’s work in this area. Click [here](#) to view AMS Healthcare’s Strategic Plan.

In the 1970's, the history of healthcare was an understudied discipline in Canada.<sup>1</sup> AMS Healthcare recognized the importance of this area of research as a source of lessons that could positively shape Canadian healthcare and, with the help of many partners, began strategic funding investments to elevate its standing in the academic community and beyond. Today, the study of the history of healthcare is thriving across our country. AMS Healthcare is Canada's main source of support for the history of healthcare.

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<sup>1</sup> AMS defines the history of healthcare broadly as the study of past practices and epistemologies related to human health, healthcare and disease using a variety of historical and critical methodologies.

The **Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit** is the catalyst for patient-oriented research in Ontario. OSSU provides supports such as expertise, infrastructure, training and resources to people conducting patient-oriented research. OSSU also funds projects that demonstrate the value of patient-oriented research and how it can leverage OSSU supports to achieve greater impacts. These awards support translational patient-oriented research that are Innovative, Measurable, Patient-oriented, Appropriate, Collaborative and Transformative – IMPACT Awards.

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

In 2015, AMS Healthcare launched funding for work on the history of healthcare. We provide it directly, through partnerships, or via organizations that administer the application process. Our goal is to raise interest in the topic, broaden the scope of research, and shape how the subject is taught. Funding is available to researchers, healthcare professionals, and students.

The AMS Postdoctoral Fellowship provides support to promising researchers at a pivotal time in their careers. Candidates should be embarking on a period of full-time post-PhD degree studies and wish to add to their experience by engaging in research in Canada or abroad. The fellowships are intended for emerging scholars to complete work already started on projects featuring the study, analysis, and interpretation of past practices, philosophies, and/or epistemologies related to human health, health care, and/or disease or the education of health professionals, or to begin a new project in the field.

## **FUNDS AVAILABLE**

AMS Healthcare's financial contributions for this initiative are subject to availability of funds. Should AMS Healthcare funding levels not be available or are decreased due to unforeseen circumstances, AMS Healthcare reserves the right to reduce, defer or suspend financial contributions to awards received as a result of this funding opportunity.

AMS Healthcare will support up to two (2) AMS Postdoctoral Fellowship awards per year of up to \$70,000 per award. The duration of the award is one year.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

To apply for an AMS Postdoctoral Fellowship Award, the applicant must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- Commit at least 75% of your time in the research fellowship role proposed in this application;
- Have confirmed a primary supervisor located at the university where the applicant will be based during the fellowship;
- At the time of application, hold a PhD or expect to complete all requirements of the degree by the end of December of the application year; and
- Have completed all requirements for the PhD within three (3) years prior to the Submission Deadline of this award (The date of completion is the date on which all requirements of the degree have been met, including successful defense and submission of the corrected copy of the dissertation).

Special Eligibility Considerations

- If a prospective applicant has experienced a serious interruption or delay in pursuing their career since completion of the PhD that would make them ineligible for this fellowship, exemptions to the degree completion date requirement will be considered on an individual basis on the provision of relevant information. Contact OSSU for more information.

**GUIDELINES**

The AMS Postdoctoral Fellowship award may not be combined with or supplemented by another fellowship award. Funding may be used to cover reasonable expenses related to the Fellowship (i.e. salary replacement, travel and registration expenses, etc. Award funding cannot be used to support organizational administrative or infrastructure expenses. Questions regarding the eligibility of expenses can be directed to OSSU.

Applications to the AMS Postdoctoral Fellowship Award must include:

- The applicant’s and Supervisor’s CV (5 page maximum each);
- Proposal (including objectives, outline of the proposed research and work plan);
- Signature Page;
- Up to three (3) reference letters, one of which must be from the applicant’s supervisor;
- Attachments - up to three (3) additional pages containing information related to the project; and
- Bibliography (10 pages of references cited in the application).

Detailed instructions can be found in the AMS Postdoctoral Fellowship Award Submission Guide.

**REVIEW PROCESS and EVALUATION**

Following administrative review (for completeness and eligibility), applications will be assessed by a panel of experts in the field of the history of healthcare.

**Criteria for The Postdoctoral Fellowship Award**

The following criteria will be used by the peer review committee to assess AMS Postdoctoral Fellowship Award applications:

**Eligibility** (yes/no)

- Applications deemed ineligible will not receive any further assessment.

**Challenge** - the aim and importance of the endeavour (20%)

- Originality and potential significance of the proposed program of work.

**Feasibility** - the plan to achieve excellence (30%)

- Feasibility of the proposed program of work;
- Appropriateness of the intended place of tenure;

- Effectiveness of the overall support provided by the host institution for research training and career development;
- Appropriateness of the supervisor identified;
- Relevance of the proposed work to contemporary health services and/or patients/clients if applicable.

**Capability** - the expertise to succeed (50%)

- Fellowships, scholarships or other awards obtained;
- Previous research experience and/or publications;
- Timely completion of doctoral studies, taking into account the nature of the program and any related personal circumstances that may have delayed the applicant's academic career.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications for this funding opportunity will undergo a single-stage peer review process. Application guidelines for the program can be found at [www.ossu.ca/resources/ams-healthcare](http://www.ossu.ca/resources/ams-healthcare).

### Submission

Applicants are required to submit a complete Application (Calibri, 11pt, single spaced) to OSSU, at [ossu@ossu.ca](mailto:ossu@ossu.ca), by **5:00 pm (eastern time), Wednesday April 2, 2025**. You will receive an acknowledgement of your email application within 36 hours after April 2, 2025.

Following administrative review (for completeness and eligibility), applications will be assessed by a panel of experts in the history of healthcare.

The result of the review process will be determined by the AMS Board's Review Committee. All applicants will be notified of the results in **June 2025**.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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This program is offered as a partnership between the [AMS Healthcare](#) and the [Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit](#).

