



AGE-WELL Training Program for Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP)

AGE-WELL is committed to training and mentoring students and new professionals—known as Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP)—to become the next generation of leaders in the field of technology and aging.

AGE-WELL's HQP training program is designed to build and elevate the technology and aging sector in Canada. It also seeks to encourage collaboration among social and applied health scientists, while maintaining crucial lines of communication with the people who matter most: older adults and their caregivers.

AGE-WELL is supporting emerging researchers and new professionals through the following initiatives:

- **Core Research Program:** AGE-WELL currently funds 25 large-scale projects across Canada, which includes funding for more than 130 HQP. AGE-WELL's Core Research Projects are listed here: <http://www.agewell-nce.ca/age-well-core-research-projects>
- **Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Awards in Technology and Aging:** In the summer of 2015, AGE-WELL launched a nationwide competition to fund emerging researchers. The response was overwhelming, with 160 applications received. AGE-WELL selected 29 award recipients from 10 institutions across Canada.
- **Partnerships:** Additional HQP are funded through AGE-WELL partners. Most recently, the Alzheimer Society of Canada and Philips HealthTech launched competitions with AGE-WELL to fund new postdoctoral positions. Other partners including Le centre de recherche de Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal (CRIUGM), VHA Home Health and Mircom have committed funds to AGE-WELL trainees to work directly with their organizations.

All AGE-WELL HQP are automatically enrolled in AGE-WELL's *EPIC* program – *Early Professionals, Inspired Careers*: <http://www.agewell-nce.ca/epic-program>. It exposes them to multi-disciplinary research environments as well as industry and community partners. Through a variety of learning environments, EPIC emphasizes the development of essential skills, teamwork and relationship building—all forming the basis for a successful career.

AGE-WELL will soon launch its membership-based HQP Affiliates program that will make the EPIC program available to qualified trainees across Canada, regardless of whether they receive funding directly from the Network.

The **AGE-WELL NCE** (Aging Gracefully across Environments Using Technology to Ensure Well-being, Engagement and Long Life) is a federally-funded Network of Centres of Excellence to support Canadian research and innovation in the area of technology and aging. Its aim is to improve the quality of life of older adults and caregivers and produce economic and social impact for the benefit of Canadians and the global community.

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