



PHIL BURCHELL MDT DIPLOMA SCHOLARSHIP

In October 2012, The Robin McKenzie Institute Canada was saddened by the loss of Phil Burchell, an extremely valued colleague and friend. Phil was a great clinician and exceptional teacher. Phil's passion, humour, dedication and generosity, drove many to further their MDT education. Phil made significant contributions to the Institute which included his involvement with the Education Committee and in his promotion of adult education, changing the way we teach our courses, putting the learning needs of our participants first. The McKenzie Institute will be forever grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with and learn from this inspirational man.

In honour of Phil's many contributions to the institute, the Robin McKenzie Institute Canada has set up a scholarship fund in his name. The scholarship will provide assistance to a qualified professional wishing to progress through the MDT Diploma Programme. Information on the scholarship is provided in the following section.

Scholarship Amount:

\$1000.00 U.S. Dollars (minimum) / \$2000.00 U.S. Dollars (maximum)

The successful candidate(s) will be awarded a minimum of \$1000.00 U.S. At the discretion of the Phil Burchell Scholarship Committee and the Robin McKenzie Institute Canada Board of Directors, there is the potential for the scholarship recipient to be awarded a maximum of \$2000.00 U.S. Dollars.

Awarded: Annually to a qualified MDT Credentialed Practitioner who has been accepted into the MII Diploma programme

Date Awarded: 90 days or more prior to MII MDT Diploma Programme deadline

Important Deadlines:

- The annual deadline for submitting applications is **31MAY**
- The successful candidate will be advised by letter by **30SEP** of the given year

Qualifying Criteria:

- ✚ The Applicant must be a MDT Credentialed Practitioner with a minimum of three (3) years experience in the field.
- ✚ The Applicant must have already been accepted into the Diploma Programme and must verify that his/her start date falls within 12 months of the application deadline.
- ✚ The Applicant must complete the application process and submit by the application deadline. Late submissions will NOT be considered.

- ✚ Applicants must be engaged in active clinical practice, and be currently licensed in a Canadian province or territory.
- ✚ The applicant must be a full-time Canadian permanent resident for a minimum of two (2) years.
- ✚ The successful applicant will be selected utilizing pre-determined areas of assessment: Academic, Professional Goals and Contributions to the Institute.
- ✚ The scholarship fund is not accumulative, only \$1000.00 - \$2000.00 U.S. dollars will be awarded per each calendar year.
- ✚ The scholarship can be awarded to the same applicant more than once, if no other candidates are eligible to apply in subsequent calendar years, and the same applicant is deemed appropriate based on successful progress in the Diploma Programme.
- ✚ The Scholarship award money will be paid directly to McKenzie International Diploma Programme, on behalf of the scholarship recipient. At no point can the scholarship money awarded be made refundable to the recipient.
- ✚ In the even that the recipient cancels his/her place in the MDT Scholarship Programme, the scholarship award will be refunded to the Robin McKenzie Institute Canada.

Application Supporting Document Requirements:

- Completed Application Form
- Proof of Canadian residency
- Copy of current resume
- Copy of professional licence
- Cover letter stating academic and professional goals
- Reference or letter of support from an employer or credentialed / diploma practitioner colleague

Cover and Reference Letter Guidelines:

- Clearly indicate your reasons for making the decision to pursue Diploma and why you think you deserve to be considered for the scholarship.
- Clearly indicate your professional aspirations and they relate to MDT
- Outline any additional information that might prove useful such as; participation in research (MDT or otherwise), participation with the institute to date (including assisting on courses), past MDT mentoring opportunities etc.,

Selection Procedure:

- The Scholarship Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Robin McKenzie Institute, will evaluate the applications and make the final decision
- The decision of the committee is final
- Reasons for the selection / decisions are strictly confidential
- The Scholarship Committee reserves the right not to award any scholarships in any given year