2025 PhD/Postdoctoral-Level
Fred & Mary Walsh Award

Value: $7,500

Process of selection
Members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia will review all submissions that meet the criteria stated below. Applications will be judged alongside applications from students or trainees at similar points in their research studies, and against what would normally be expected for student/trainees at that point in their career. Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision and the awards will be officially presented at the Society's Annual General Meeting in 2025.

The Committee reserves the right to adjust the distribution of awards. If no suitable applications are received for a particular award, funds may be reallocated to qualified applicants from other levels of study. In some cases, fewer or no awards may be granted in a given year.

Criteria
Student/trainees will be granted a maximum of one award. Please address any questions about eligibility to marco.redden@asns.ca.

- Open to any student/trainee currently enrolled in and attending PhD or postdoctoral level program of study at an accredited Nova Scotia University and undertaking a major research project or supervised independent study as a component of their coursework or certification.
- The research or independent study is focused on dementia (Alzheimer's disease or other).
- No particular discipline or type of research favoured (e.g. biomedical science, clinical research, psychosocial, policy, or quality of life)

The primary evaluation criteria are:
- Quality and clarity of the complete application package.
- Quality and content of the cover letter.
- Academic excellence and relevancy of the project to dementia.
- Clarity of the lay summary in communicating the project and its relevance to the general public.
- Merit of the student/trainee as indicated by reference/supervisor letters.

Application Process

A student/trainee applying for one of the awards must submit an application by email to marco.redden@asns.ca as a document/attachment using 12 pt. Times New Roman, single-spaced. The student/trainee's full name should be in the file name.

Applications must include the following:

1. A cover letter with a statement of career intent and personal narrative regarding working in the field of dementia research (2 pages maximum)
2. Summary of research and proposal (include hypotheses, thesis proposal, or a brief summary of the research to date and proposal, method (type and number of subjects, study design), and analysis of data (how the data will be analyzed)) (2 pages maximum)
3. Implications of the study (1/2 page maximum)
4. Lay summary of the project – an explanation of the project and why it matters, written in a way that could be understood by people who do not have prior knowledge about the subject (1/2 page maximum)
5. A statement on ethical issues, including, where applicable: mechanisms to preserve confidentiality; any risks/discomforts/benefits to the participants as a result of the study or participation in the study, and any other ethical implications (1/2 page maximum).
6. A copy of the ethics approval from the institute's research committee.
7. Two letters of support (can be sent separately to the address below). Letters should be from the faculty advisor/professor and someone else who is familiar with the applicant's work.
8. A current CV that includes a list of any other academic or financial awards.

Award recipients will be asked to provide the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia with a copy of their final paper or equivalent, which includes a summary of their findings. Recipients may be invited to share their work at an Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia event, such as the Annual Provincial Conference, and/or through the Society's social media/website.

All applications must be submitted via email by 11:59 p.m. on **March 16, 2025** to marco.redden@asns.ca, subject: Fred & Mary Walsh Award 2025.