



## **Interdisciplinary Opportunities in Rural Aging Research for M.A. Students at Trent University and Brandon University**

**Project:** Dr. Mark Skinner (Trent University, Ontario, Canada) and Dr. Rachel Herron (Brandon University, Manitoba, Canada) are leading a new national study of the potential of arts-based interventions to improve social inclusion of older people in rural Canada. The four-year project is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Alzheimer Society of Canada. In partnership with Canada's National Ballet School, the project will explore the experiences, effectiveness and expansion of an innovative, multi-modal dance program (in-person and live-streamed) in terms of meaningfully engaging people living with dementia and their carers in rural regions.

**Opportunity:** Currently, we are recruiting a first cohort of qualified applicants for two Masters students to work closely with us on this project. Funding is available for one M.A. student in Trent University's new Collaborative Specialization in Aging Studies graduate program ([www.trentu.ca/aging/education-and-training/graduate](http://www.trentu.ca/aging/education-and-training/graduate)) and one M.R.D. student in Brandon University's Master in Rural Development graduate program ([www.brandonu.ca/rural-development/program-information/](http://www.brandonu.ca/rural-development/program-information/)). Students accepted to work on this project will receive competitive funding and stipends, plus research-related travel expenses. This is an excellent opportunity for students with backgrounds in social sciences and/or health studies to acquire advanced research training in interdisciplinary, community-based rural aging research.

**Qualifications:** Along with a competitive GPA (80% or higher), potential applicants must have experience in qualitative research methods and an interest in working with older people in rural communities.

**Locations:** Trent University or Brandon University

**Starting date:** September 1, 2017

**Application deadline:** Open until position filled.

**How to Apply:** Anyone potentially interested in these positions should contact Dr. Mark Skinner ([markskinner@trentu.ca](mailto:markskinner@trentu.ca)) or Dr. Rachel Herron ([herronr@brandonu.ca](mailto:herronr@brandonu.ca)) directly. Successful applicants will be required to submit a formal application for graduate studies at Trent University or Brandon University and meet all the institutional and departmental requirements for admission (click on the following links for more graduate program details):

Trent: <https://www.trentu.ca/aging/education-and-training/graduate>

Brandon: <https://www.brandonu.ca/rural-development/program-information/>