

# Announcing the 7th Annual SANSAR/Burgundy Young Investigator Award in South Asian Health!

SANSAR is a charitable organization whose mission is to promote the health of South Asians through community awareness, education and research. The SANSAR/Burgundy Young Investigator Award provides recognition and financial support to an outstanding young researcher whose research activities are focused on the health of South Asians. All areas of medical research, including COVID-19, involving the South Asian population, are eligible.



**The Young Investigator Award**

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## Eligibility

Those eligible to apply will be aligned with an appropriate mentor and will be one of the following: Resident or Fellow (MD), Masters student or PhD candidate. The research must be conducted in Canada. Please note that researchers investigating any area of South Asian health are eligible.

## Application Deadline

March 26, 2021 by 11:59PM

## Submission Components

- 3 pages (maximum), single spaced (including any figures and tables) with the following information:
  - Overall research objectives
  - Background
  - Methods/Approach and timelines for completion
  - Potential impact of research
  - Relevance to SANSAR's mission to improve the health of South Asians in Canada
- CV and publication list
- List of resources and funding sources
- Letter of support from mentor\*\* - mentor to send letter directly to [admin@sansar.org](mailto:admin@sansar.org)

## Award

The Applications will be peer-reviewed by a panel of 3 experts. Shortlisted applicants will be notified and will be asked to present a summary of their research proposals during a live virtual meeting to be held in May, 2021. Proposals will be judged by an expert panel and the winner announced during that event. The winner will receive a prize of \$7,500.

The winner must submit a written report on the progress of the research study by the first anniversary of the award, and a final report upon completion of the research project. Any or all abstracts presented at scientific congresses, or peer-reviewed manuscripts arising from the winning project must be submitted to SANSAR and must recognize funding in part from SANSAR.

Applications are due no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, March 26, 2021 and should be submitted to [admin@sansar.org](mailto:admin@sansar.org). Questions about the award can also be directed to [admin@sansar.org](mailto:admin@sansar.org).

More information about SANSAR is available at [www.sansar.org](http://www.sansar.org)



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## About SANSAR:

Individuals of South Asian origin (from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Pakistan) face a higher burden of heart disease and diabetes compared to other ethnic groups:

- South Asians have twice the risk for developing coronary artery disease (CAD) compared to Caucasians.
- They also face 40% higher mortality due to CAD than white Caucasians.
- 50% of all heart attacks in Indian men occur under 50 years of age, and 25% of all heart attacks happen under 40 years of age. This is 10-15 years earlier than people from other parts of the world.
- India accounts for approximately 60% of the world's heart disease burden, even though it holds less than 20% of the world's population.

This is where SANSAR, the South Asian Network Supporting Awareness and Research, comes in. SANSAR has been working with the South Asian community since 2009 to promote cardiovascular health through education, community awareness and research. This award provides recognition and support to an outstanding young researcher whose research activities are focused on the health of South Asians in Canada.

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## Evaluation Criteria:

- ***Applicant background***  
Academic/professional standing, background in research, and passion and commitment to research project.
  - ***Background and context of research***  
Understanding of issues related to health in the South Asian community, as well as current gaps in research.
  - ***Innovation***  
Novelty, originality and/or creativity in the research project.
  - ***Study design***  
Sound statistical and analytical methods and techniques.
  - ***Relevance to SANSAR's mission and potential impact***  
Importance and relevance of the research question, and potential impact of research on the South Asian community.
  - ***Resources***  
Secured methods of funding, resources, support and research environment.
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