The BRIC NS Student Research Award is intended to provide financial support for the completion of a health-related research project that meets the priorities of the Building Research for Integrated Primary Healthcare (BRIC NS), Nova Scotia’s SPOR Network in Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations. The aim is to introduce and encourage potential health researchers to consider primary and integrated health care research as part of their career path.

Eligibility
To be considered for this award, applicants must:
- Meet all eligibility requirements of the Scotia Scholars Award (Master’s and PhD levels)
- Be engaged in research in BRIC NS’s priority areas (www.bricns.com)

Application Requirements
To be considered for this award, applicants must:
- Submit a complete application for the Scotia Scholars Award (Master’s or PhD level) competition
- Indicate in their Scotia Scholars Award application that they are applying for the BRIC NS Student Research Award
- Provide an additional two-page description addressing the following required sections:
  a. Relevance to the goals and research priorities of BRIC NS
  b. The relationship of your project to primary and integrated health care
  c. Proposed patient engagement plan
  d. Proposed knowledge translation plan

An application will be considered incomplete if a section has not been addressed. Please contact us if you have any questions bricns@dal.ca.

Assessment Criteria
Applications are assessed by the BRIC NS Student Research Award Review Committee using the following criteria and marking rubric:
- Relevance and potential impact of the research project on BRIC NS’s goals and research priorities (20%)
- Quality and feasibility of the proposed research project (20%)
- The relationship of the work to primary health care (15%)
- Quality and feasibility of the patient engagement plan (15%)
- Quality and feasibility of the knowledge translation plan (15%)
- Quality, relevance and potential impact of academic abilities, research training and past experiences (15%)

Funding Details
The BRIC NS Student Research Award is offered annually to a minimum of two recipients. In addition to receiving this prestigious recognition, BRIC NS will contribute an award of $1,500 (non-renewable) to assist the recipient in furthering his/her research. The monetary value of the BRIC NS Student Research Award is exempt from the funding cap set by the NSHRF for Scotia Scholars Award recipients, thus will not be factored in when calculating total funding from all sources. Award recipients will be expected to present their research project at a BRIC NS event within 12 months of receiving the award. Questions about the award may be sent to bricns@dal.ca.