



**BRANDON
UNIVERSITY**

Centre for Critical Studies for
Rural Mental Health
Membership Information & Application

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Brandon University approved the Centre for Critical Studies of Rural Mental Health in 2019. The Centre's purpose is to accelerate the number of studies on rural and remote mental health and wellness, link research results to people who can use them, and support education and community engagement in relation to mental health.

The Centre, housed in the Faculty of Health Studies, serves as a point of contact and network for academics, researchers, students, community members, professionals, educators and the broad range of people who live with, and support people living with, mental health problems.

Benefits of membership: Membership includes access to, and participation in, the extended network of the Centre as well as direct and in-kind administrative, communications and support for research, education, and community engagement initiatives and activities.

Expectation of members: All members are expected to actively participate in Centre activities on a regular basis. These may include such activities as contributing to committee work, presenting at seminars, and attending Centre events. Members are responsible for submitting notification of their research and community activities in relation to rural mental health, which will be included in Annual Report for the Centre.

How to become a member: All membership in the Centre is by invitation or application. The categories for membership include academic, students, and community/professional affiliates. The terms of reference of membership are listed in the following chart. Following the chart is the application form.

CCSRMH Membership Terms of Reference and Process

Academic Membership				
Category	Criteria	Term	Responsibilities	Process
Research Affiliate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time, part-time or Emeritus faculty members at Brandon University or another University who are engaged in productive scholarly research on rural mental health. • Research Affiliates will normally hold a doctoral degree but may also possess a Master’s degree and have several years of research experience. • There is no salary or stipend associated with this appointment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership for faculty Research Affiliates is by invitation or application for a three-year (renewable) term. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Affiliates will be expected to contribute to the intellectual and community life of the Centre. • Members are expected to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share seminars in relation to rural mental health and create a means of access for others to attend the seminar. ○ Contribute to committees or interest groups affiliated with the CCSRMH. ○ Submit notification of any new research funding, honors, awards, distinctions, publications, presentations and innovative knowledge products which will be incorporated in the CCSRMH annual report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit application along with CV and letter from employer (Letter exempt for BU faculty members) • Application will be reviewed by the Executive Committee • Applicant will be notified re: success of application within 1 month
Postdoctoral Fellows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include recent PhD graduates who are engaged in productive scholarly research on rural mental health and wellness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD graduates can apply to be associated with the Centre for a temporary, limited and non-renewable term (normally 1 or 2 years), to be determined by the Executive Committee and availability of funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postdoctoral Fellows are expected to participate in the intellectual and community life of the Centre and may be asked to offer a lecture(s), seminar(s) or workshop(s) at the Centre about their work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit application along with CV and letter from employer • Application will be reviewed by the Executive Committee • Applicant will be notified re: success of application within 1 month

Student Membership				
Category	Criteria	Term	Responsibilities	Process
Graduate Student Affiliates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include graduate students at Brandon University who are formally enrolled in a graduate program and doing research related to rural mental health. • There is no salary or stipend associated with this appointment, however, Graduate Student Affiliates may be employed as Research Assistants by Centre members or for Centre projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership is by invitation or application for a two-year term. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be asked to sit on ad hoc committees as required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit application along with CV and letter from advisor • Application will be reviewed by the Executive Committee • Applicant will be notified re: success of application within 1 month
Undergraduate Student Affiliates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes undergraduate students at Brandon University who are interested in scholarly research on rural mental health and wellness. • There is no salary or stipend associated with this appointment, however, Undergraduate Student Affiliates may be employed as Research Assistants by Centre members or for Centre projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership is by application for a one-year term (renewable until their status as student ends). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be asked to sit on ad hoc committees as required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit application along with CV and letter from professor • Application will be reviewed by the Executive Committee • Applicant will be notified re: success of application within 1 month

Community Membership				
Category	Criteria	Term	Responsibilities	Process
Community/ Professional Affiliate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes community members, including health care professionals, advocates, public officials, artists, care workers, educators and retirees, whose activities, work and/or interests are related obviously and substantially to the research of the Centre. • There is no salary or stipend associated with this appointment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership is by invitation or application for a two-year (renewable) term. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be asked to sit on ad hoc committees as required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit application • Application will be reviewed by the Executive Committee • Applicant will be notified re: success of application within 1 month

Membership Application

Please complete the following application and email to: CCSRMH@brandonu.ca

Please note: To process your application, we must have

- Research Affiliate – Application, CV
- Post Doctoral Fellows –Application, CV, Letter from employer/advisor
- Graduate Students – Application, CV and letter from advisor
- Undergraduate Students – Application, CV and letter from professor
- Community/Professional Affiliates – Application

You will be notified of the status of your application within 1 month.

Name	
Affiliation	
Address	
Email address	
Phone number	

Membership Category	Research Affiliate Post-Doctoral Fellows Graduate Students Undergraduate Students Community Affiliates
Briefly summarize your interest in joining the Centre for Critical Studies of Rural Mental Health and any relevant experience:	