

Call for Research Proposals: Time Adequacy and Wellbeing

About the Opportunity:

Engage Nova Scotia (Engage) and Research Nova Scotia (RNS) have partnered to coordinate a funding opportunity. The opportunity will support graduate students / trainees (including master's and doctoral students) and post-doctoral fellows to undertake research about time adequacy and wellbeing.

Funding amount: \$7500 per student; two students will be funded.

Financial support is available as fellowship-style funding that will be paid directly to the student in one lump sum at the onset of the project.

The funding will support students to undertake projects involving analyses of the 2019 Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey results related to time adequacy and wellbeing. We are particularly interested in time adequacy and wellbeing, and 1) their relationship to mental health; 2) the experiences of single parents; 3) the experiences of youth, and; 4) the experiences of those who face housing insecurity.

We are seeking exploratory and pattern-identification data analysis strategies that focus on highlighting and visualizing themes, rather than testing specific hypotheses. Preference will be given to applicants with experience and skills suiting the nested, population-weighted nature of the data.

The project period is three months, beginning July 2022 and ending October 2022.

Important Dates:

Deadline for applications: June 24th, 2022

Notification of decisions: July 11th, 2022

Objectives:

The objectives of this research opportunity are to:

- Support research that seeks to better understand and improve the wellbeing of Nova Scotians across the province;
- Translate survey results about time adequacy and wellbeing, so we can better understand their relationship;
- Share findings with decision makers and community leaders to better inform policies and programs; and,
- Point to areas where further research is needed.

Eligibility:

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited Canadian university or be a post-doctoral fellow.
- Have an academic background in statistical analysis and quantitative survey-based research.

Deliverables:

A brief report for a public audience that summarizes research findings by the end of the project period.

How to Apply:

Submit a 2-3 page proposal addressing the areas below, along with your CV and 1-2 examples of past projects or papers, to: Engage's SDG Program Director, Blair Crawford, bcrawford@engagenovascotia.ca, and Cc: Engage's Research Coordinator & Data Analyst, Taylor Hill, research@engagenovascotia.ca.

The research proposal should include:

- Project title
- Project description and rationale
- Research methodology and methods
- Career goals
- Overview of skillset, experience, and quantitative/statistical analysis skills
- Name and position of an academic supervisor (doesn't have to be primary advisor) and description of how they can support you if needed (e.g., research interests and skills)

Evaluation Criteria:

Research Ability and Potential (70%):

- Quality of research proposal:
 - Clear description of proposed project.
 - Clearly described ability to carry out project.
- Quality of academic contributions to date and extent to which they advance the field of research.

Relevant Experience and Achievements (30%):

- Scholarships, awards, and distinctions.
- Strength of academic CV.

Questions / Inquiries:

If you have general questions about this research opportunity, please contact:

- Taylor Hill, Research Coordinator & Data Analyst, Engage Nova Scotia:
research@engagenovascotia.ca

For all inquiries related to the application and selection process, please contact:

- Blair Crawford, SDG Program Director, Engage Nova Scotia:
bcrawford@engagenovascotia.ca

About Engage Nova Scotia:

Engage Nova Scotia is an independent non-profit organization whose vision is a more vibrant, inclusive, and resilient province. They have been driving the NS Quality of Life Initiative since 2017 and are coordinating a [three-year project](#) to advance the [UN Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) in Nova Scotia.

About Research Nova Scotia:

RNS is an independent, not-for-profit corporation with the mandate to support, organize, and coordinate the funding of research in Nova Scotia. RNS was established to enhance research capacity, as well as align research funding with provincial priorities, and promote a mission-oriented research ecosystem to help solve Nova Scotia's biggest challenges.

About the NS Quality of Life Initiative:

The purpose of the NS Quality of Life Initiative is to prompt fresh perspectives and new action - by all of us - that better balance our social, environmental, cultural, and economic priorities. In collaboration with Engage's primary research partner, the Canadian Index of Wellbeing, they released Nova Scotia's first Quality of Life Index in 2018 and coordinated the NS Quality of Life Survey the next year. The 230-question survey was completed by 12,826 people across Nova Scotia. After releasing the survey summary results in 2020, Engage has been striving to get them into the hands of as many people as possible - to help make sense of them, give them meaning, and bring data points to life through stories, ideas, and actions.