



Call for Women in Coaching Research Proposal

The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) is seeking applications to undertake a full review of its current Women in Coaching programs. The CAC has offered Women in Coaching programs for over 20 years. A review of the impact of our programs is integral to continuing to provide quality opportunities for women in coaching. The impact on the coaches as well as the sponsoring sport organizations and the mentors will be the focus of the research.

Programs in the review include:

- Canada Games Apprenticeship Program (2011-2019)
- University Mentorship (2015-2019)
- National Team Apprenticeship Program (2010-2016)
- National Sport Organization Grant Program (2010-2019)
- Canadian Journal for Women in Coaching (2000-2019)
- Game Plan Grants (2018-2019)
- Coaching Enhancement Program (2017-2019)

Statement of work

CAC Women in Coaching programs – Participant satisfaction and perceived impact
Research Grant amount: \$10,000

General research goal: Describe the current impact of our Women in Coaching programs and provide recommendations for the future.

Process:

1. Review of the results from previous program evaluations
2. Refine research questions and develop the research protocol in collaboration with the CAC to gather feedback from organizations, coaches, mentors and athletes
3. Data collection and analysis
4. Production of a final report with recommendations

CAC will provide support to identify female coaches and mentors (population: approximately 150 people) and sport organizations (population: approximately 50 organizations) that have been involved in the CAC Women in Coaching Program from 2010 to present.

The report should:

- Focus on the current CAC Women in Coaching programs only
- Summarize all relevant information
- Describe the main results, conclusions and recommendations for improvement to the CAC Women in Coaching Program
- Include sections on:
 - Overall impact – to the coach, to the athlete, to the mentor (if applicable); to the sport organization
 - Barriers and/or deterrents, and motivators to continuing to coach

Timelines

1. Deadline for applications: July 31, 2019
2. Selection of Grant Recipient: September 1, 2019
3. Signed agreement and 1st payment: October 2019
4. Preliminary report: February 28, 2020
5. End of project, submission of final report and final payment: March 31st 2020

The research, review and the summary may be made publically available, in full or in part, by the CAC, and will be used for future decision-making and research. The authors may also utilise the report and its findings to support their own research.

Terms of agreement

The first payment of 50% of the awarded grant will be made upon the signed agreement, followed by another payment of 50% upon receipt of the final report and final results of the research (March 31, 2020) The CAC project team will provide feedback within two weeks of receipt of the preliminary report. No extensions will be granted to the end of project deadline of March 31, 2020.

How to apply

Applications are open to individuals or groups who have previously published research in Coach Education, Leadership, Mentorship, Women in Coaching, and/or Gender studies.

If you are interested in applying for the WiC research grant, please email research@coach.ca by July 31, 2019 with “*Application: Call for Research Proposals – Women in Coaching*” as the subject line. Your proposal should include:

- Individuals involved and their responsibilities
- Experience, affiliation and research CV of the lead;
- Research plan outlining the methods to be included;
- Budget description: Up to \$10,000

Priority will be granted to applications demonstrating:

- A strong research methodology proposal
- Opportunities to involve Canadian coaching researchers’ students
- Affiliation with an internationally recognized university or recognized research firms

The successful applicants will be advised of the final decision by September 1, 2019.

About the Coaching Association of Canada

The Coaching Association of Canada unites stakeholders and partners in its commitment to raising the skills and stature of coaches, and ultimately expanding their reach and influence. Through its programs, the CAC empowers coaches with knowledge and skills, promotes ethics, fosters positive attitudes, builds competence, and increases the credibility and recognition of coaches.

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