

EXPERIENCES OF SINGLE-PARENT VETERAN FAMILIES COMPETITION NUMBER: ATLAS-2425-01

GUIDELINES

Please refer to the [Atlas Institute research funding guidelines](#), which provide further information on eligibility, submission expectations, adjudication process, funding process, Sex- and Gender-Based Analysis Plus (SGBA Plus) requirements and requirements for engaging with persons with lived and living expertise.

IMPORTANT DATES

The following dates pertain to the full *Application for funding* submission:

Application open: October 28, 2024

Application close: December 9, 2024 at 12 p.m., Eastern time

Anticipated notice of decision: January 2025

DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC AREA

Among Canadian Regular Force Veterans with children, 14% are a single parent/co-parent living in a single-parent household – a group that has been largely overlooked in existing research^{1,2}. Single parents face unique challenges, including financial, physical and mental health stressors, which can significantly impact their resilience, transitions and overall quality of life. Investigating this specific population could provide valuable insights into the resources and supports needed to facilitate their successful reintegration into post-service life. As part of its mission to improve the well-being of Veterans and their Families, the Atlas Institute recognizes the need to better understand how single parenthood/co-parenting in a single-parent household affects resilience, well-being and mental health, ensuring more tailored and effective support systems.

OBJECTIVES AND ELIGIBLE RESEARCH AREAS

This research funding opportunity will support a two-year project that aims to understand and address the experience of single parents in the Canadian Armed Forces Veteran and Family community. Research projects may focus on the experiences of single-parent Veterans or individuals with a Veteran co-parent, as well as the impacts and associations on their mental health and well-being, within the Canadian context. The population of interest is those who are single-parent Veterans, or who are co-parenting in separate, single-parent homes, where the parent or co-parent is a Veteran.

FUNDING AMOUNT

The total funding available for this opportunity is up to \$75,000 CAD.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

- The Principal Applicant must be an independent researcher affiliated with a Canadian post-secondary institution whose appointment continues until the conclusion of the funding period;
- **OR** an individual affiliated with an Indigenous non-governmental organization in Canada with a research or knowledge mobilization mandate;
- **OR** an individual affiliated with a Veteran/Veteran Family non-governmental organization in Canada with a research or knowledge mobilization mandate.
- The Principal Applicant must have completed an SGBA Plus course with proof of certification from a Canadian institution.

HOW TO APPLY

The Atlas Institute uses an email application process. A complete application includes the full *Application for funding*, a completed *Conflict of interest* form and an up-to-date CV, submitted as a single PDF to atlasresearch@theroyal.ca, referencing the competition number in the subject line of the email.

Checklist:

- Completed *Application for funding*
- [Conflict of interest form](#)
- CV of Principal Applicant

ADJUDICATION

Applicants have six weeks to submit the *Application for funding*. All applications for funding are adjudicated by an external Scientific Review Committee, based on standardized scoring criteria.

REFERENCES

1. Manser L. Profile of military families in Canada: 2017 Regular Force demographics. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services; 2018.
2. Skomorovsky A, Norris D, Bullock A, Smith Evans K. The impact of military life on the well-being of children in single-parent military families. *Journal of Military, Veteran and Family Health*. 2016;2(2):29-36.