

COVID-19 and Aging in Canada Special Issue

Letter of Intent Deadline: March 21, 2021
Manuscript Submission Deadline: April 1, 2021

We invite the submission of original research manuscripts to a special issue of the Canadian Journal on Aging (CJA) entitled “*COVID-19 and Aging in Canada*”.

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent state of public emergency have dramatically altered daily life for older adults in Canada and worldwide. Although we are all impacted by COVID-19, arguably, older adults are affected the most by the pandemic. Situational vulnerabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic have shed a light on previously acknowledged and unacknowledged challenges facing this portion of the population. It is therefore imperative that innovative responses from the research community be efficient and effective.

Submission Details and Timelines

Building off of our recent publication, [Interdisciplinary and Collaborative Approaches Needed to Determine Impact of COVID-19 on Older Adults and Aging: CAG/ACG and CJA/RCV Joint Statement](#), we take this next step to support the dissemination of research pertaining to COVID-19, older adults, and aging. This special issue on “*COVID-19 and Aging in Canada*” is designed to respond to the complex ways that COVID-19 is affecting older adults, from individual to population levels - from SARS-CoV-2 as a biological infectious agent to the societal and historical contexts of the pandemic. The collection of papers will feature original research publications of different research perspectives, areas of expertise, and methods of evaluation related to the COVID-19 response. We look forward to a comprehensive collection with strong connections between and across disciplines. Many important issues and opportunities exist pertaining to COVID-19 in gerontology. We invite you to explore and build off of the examples included in the joint statement. Original research studies that offer important interdisciplinary insights into COVID-19 aging perspectives and/or gerontological response in the Canadian context are particularly welcomed.

The publication of this issue involves very short timelines at each step. Please consider the dates presented below to ensure you are able to meet all deadlines prior to submitting your manuscript for consideration. All dates are firm, without extensions. We will be conducting an expedited review process, which will involve short turnaround deadlines for manuscripts returned to authors for minor or major revisions.

Date	Action
August, 2020	Release of the “COVID-19 and Aging in Canada” call
March 1, 2021	Deadline for Letter of Intent
April 1, 2021	Deadline for manuscript submission
Varying dates	Online publication of manuscripts upon completion of the editorial process by the publisher and author(s)
December 2021	“COVID-19 and Aging in Canada” print publication

Letter of Intent (LOI)

On, or before March 1, 2021, email LOIs to Ms Alison Kernoghan (alison.kernoghan@uwaterloo.ca) with the following subject line, “CJA/RCV Special Issue COVID19”.

The LOI should be no more than 1 page in length (\approx 600 words) and should include a preliminary title and list of authors and affiliations, and summarize the main questions/purpose of the paper and the key results. Relevance to the special issue theme and scientific impact should also be discussed.

Manuscript

On or before April 1, 2020, submit manuscripts through Scholar One site with all instructions for preparation and submission located at: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/canadian-journal-on-aging-la-revue-canadienne-du-vieillissement/information/instructions-contributors>
All manuscripts will be subjected to peer review following the established criteria of the CJA.

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