



# Member Profile

## Dr. Ketan Shankardass, Affiliated Member

Dr. Ketan Shankardass, affiliated member of the MS2Discovery Research Institute, advances research within one priority research theme at the Institute: Life Sciences, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics (Tecton 2)

Dr. Shankardass joined the Institute in 2014. In 2011 he came to Wilfrid Laurier University where he is now an Assistant Professor for the Department of Psychology and the Health Sciences Program. Prior to joining Laurier, he worked as a Research Associate for the Centre for Research on Inner City Health at St. Michael's Hospital where he is now an Associate Scientist. He is currently also a Deemed Employee for Statistics Canada for the Research Data Centres. He received his PhD in epidemiology at the University of Southern California and his MHSc from the University of Toronto for Community Health and Epidemiology. He has received the Peterborough K.M. Hunter Foundation Post - Doctoral Fellowship in 2009 as well as the Doctoral Research Award from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research in 2004.

Dr. Shankardass's research interests are in health equity, social epidemiology, chronic stress and environmental health. He uses his expertise in epidemiology, public health, biology and geography to examine population health inequity. He uses research to support innovative solutions for more equitable health systems. Currently, he is studying the role of chronic stress and neighbourhood environments as catalysts for chronic disease comorbidity. Dr. Shankardass's research is funded through a Canadian Institutes of Health Research Operating grant and a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Partnership Development grant.

Dr. Shankardass has potential opportunities for research assistantships for both undergraduate and graduate students interested in health policy research and epidemiology. He is willing to supervise undergraduate theses or directed studies in the health sciences program or graduate students on topics relevant to health or social equity.

