

Graduate Studentship/Postdoctoral Fellowship 2024 Application Guide

Description: The DMNB (Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick) Graduate Studentship/ Postdoctoral Fellowship is intended to support trainees pursuing a master's, PhD, or postdoctoral program at Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick.

Eligibility:

- Applicants applying for or registered in graduate studies at Dalhousie University and who have at least one year left in their program from the funding start date are eligible to apply. Students are also eligible if they have less than one year in their MSc program but transfer immediately into a PhD program after completing their MSc studies.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship applicants must have completed their PhD no more than four years prior to the application deadline and must be employed as postdoctoral fellow at Dalhousie University at the time of the fellowship start date.
- Students may hold this award once during their MSc program and twice during their PhD program. After receiving a maximum of two DMNB studentships during their graduate program, students are no longer eligible to apply. Postdoctoral Fellows can hold this award once during their tenure at DMNB.
- Applicants must conduct their research primarily at the Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick (DMNB) research facility. The primary supervisor must hold a primary faculty appointment at Dalhousie University, be a member of the faculty of graduate studies (FGS) Dalhousie University and be based at DMNB. Co-supervisors must hold primary appointments either at Dalhousie University-DMNB or at another NB-based institution.
- An effort must be made to apply for other sources of studentship/fellowship support.

Terms of Award:

- A maximum of two studentships/postdoctoral fellowships will be awarded per year. Each award will be worth \$17,500.
- The DMNB Graduate Studentship/Postdoctoral Fellowship may be used to top up studentships/fellowships from other funding sources with a cap at \$35k for total student stipends and \$55k for total postdoctoral salaries. It is the responsibility of the applicant to inform the DMNB Research office immediately if they receive scholarship funding from other sources to exceed the funding maximum.
- A deferral of the full or a portion of the DMNB studentship/fellowship is possible for one year.
- If the successful applicant is on a leave of absence (as approved by the home Department and Faculty of Graduate Studies) during the funding start period, then funding will be released upon the applicant's return to graduate/postdoctoral studies.
- Successful award recipients must do a short (3-minute) presentation at the annual DMNB Research Celebration on April 16, 2024.

- Successful applicants must submit a final report form, due on August 31 of the year after the start of funding. Award recipients will receive a report template to be completed by the trainee (i.e., not their supervisor) and submitted as a pdf document to: dmnb.research@dal.ca

Application Due: March 15, 2024

Review Process: Applications will be reviewed by a committee which typically consists of the Assistant Dean Research DMNB (Chair) or designate and 2 university faculty members with a track record of graduate and postdoctoral trainee supervision and membership at Dalhousie University FGS. Priority will be given to graduate studentship applicants. Postdoctoral Fellowships may be awarded if available Studentships are not filled and if funds permit.

Application Checklist:

A completed application consists of a single PDF containing the following required documents (in order):

1. Application
2. One page research proposal plus references (1" margins, 12pt font, Times New Roman, single spaced). *Potential or direct relevance to human health must be demonstrated in the application.*
3. Applicant's CV (maximum 5 pages, including headings for degrees, awards, research experience, work experience, publications, presentations, extracurriculars). (1" margins, 12pt font, Times New Roman, single spaced)
4. Supervisor's CV (maximum 5 pages, outlining relevant experience funding, trainee supervision, publications, presentations, and work interruptions over the past 7 years. (1" margins, 12pt font, Times New Roman, single spaced)
5. Copy of undergraduate and graduate transcripts
6. Supervisor(s) shall send a letter of support directly to dmnb.research@dal.ca. The letter should include the following information: source and duration of operation funding, training environment including support by additional personnel that will contribute to the successful completion of the project proposed, and applicant's role in research project. Please use the following subject line in your email: *"2024 DMNB Studentship/Fellowship Application – StudentFirstname StudentLastname"*

Submission Procedure:

Please submit completed applications as a **single PDF document** to dmnb.research@dal.ca using the following labelling instructions:

- PDF File Name: *"Lastname_Firstname_2024 Studentship/Fellowship Application"*
- Email Subject Line: *"2024 DMNB Studentship/Fellowship Application – Firstname Lastname"*

Please contact dmnb.research@dal.ca if you have any questions regarding the application requirements or submission procedure.

Your completed application package is to be emailed to dmnb.research@dal.ca by 5:00 AST on April 1, 2024. Incomplete applications or applications delivered after this date/time will not be considered.