# **Pharmacology Graduate Student Bursary**

The Pharmacology Graduate Student Bursary (PGSB) provides financial assistance for a highly qualified student undertaking graduate training in the Department of Pharmacology. It is intended to enhance the research capacity of the Department of Pharmacology by facilitating the recruitment and ongoing training of graduate students.

## **Eligibility**

- Incoming or continuing graduate students in the Department of Pharmacology
- Incoming students must have a minimum 3.7 GPA. Students with a lower GPA will be considered provided there is evidence of prior research experience and/or accomplishments
- A demonstrated financial need (e.g. end of grant, limited funding, other circumstances) at the discretion of the Pharmacology Awards Committee and the Head of the Department
- The student must be eligible for inclusion in the Department of Pharmacology Collective Funding (i.e. "X" system)
- The supervisor cannot have more than a single student receiving a PGSB at any time
- While the bursary is not renewable, the supervisor and/or student remain eligible for application to subsequent annual competitions

#### Value

• The PGSB will cover the supervisor "X" contribution for three consecutive academic terms.

### **Application Deadline**

May 1

### **Application Requirements**

- Harmonized Scholarship Long Form Application
- Supervisor letter indicating lab financial need and willingness to accept student
- Application and reference letter should be submitted to <a href="mailto:Lori.Lawson@dal.ca">Lori.Lawson@dal.ca</a>
- Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered

### **Review Criteria**

- Financial need of research lab (to be addressed in Supervisor letter)
- Quality of the student (academic/research accomplishments and potential)
- Quality of the research proposal (clarity and scientific merit)

### **Review Process**

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Department of Pharmacology
Awards Committee with a final decision by the Department Head. If an applicant of
sufficient quality is not identified and/or there is not a clear financial barrier to
recruitment/retention for any particular competition, the PGSB will not be
conferred.

## **Student Responsibilities**

• Students are required to seek out and apply for external funding after being awarded a PGSB. If a student is awarded external funding, then the PGSB will continue to fund the "half X" contribution, assuming financial need by the supervisor is still required.