# **Faculty of Medicine Studentships**

These studentships are intended to build research capacity within the Faculty of Medicine. Applicants are expected to have strong potential for future research achievement. All reviews and decisions will be grounded in research excellence. This competition will distribute several studentships specific to Faculty of Medicine strategic research areas, which include cancer, cardiovascular, healthy aging, neuroscience, I3V, and genomics in medicine.

## **Application Submission Deadline:**

• All applications must be received by 11:59 PM AST on Friday, February 2<sup>nd.</sup>

## **Eligibility**:

- At the time of award commencement, candidates must be a full-time registered student in one of the following graduate programs affiliated with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine: Community Health and Epidemiology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Physiology and Biophysics, Microbiology and Immunology, Pharmacology, Pathology, Psychiatry, Medical Neuroscience, Biomedical Engineering, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, or Medical Physics.
- The primary supervisor must be primarily associated with the Faculty of Medicine and have active FGS membership permitting graduate student supervision.
- Applicants cannot hold concurrent FoM Graduate Studentships.

## Terms of Award:

- Awards are valued at \$15,000/year for up to two years and may be used to top-up student's scholarship support from non-FoM sources to a maximum of \$35,000.
- Students must maintain registration and good standing in their graduate program for the second year of funding to be released.
- The funding start date will be September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year when the award is accepted.
- Awards must be accepted within 5 working days from the date of offer, or the award will be offered to the next fundable applicant.
- Successful applicants must have applied to and have accepted any awarded FGS and Scotia Scholar scholarships before accepting FoM Scholarships.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to inform the Medical Research Development Office immediately if they receive scholarship funding from other sources to exceed the funding maximum of \$35,000 per year.

<u>Criteria for evaluation</u>: Applications will be screened by the Faculty of Medicine Scholarship Committee for:

- Academic excellence (e.g., references, transcripts, awards, academic leadership)
- Candidate's abilities (e.g., skills, contributions to research, etc.)
- Quality of the proposed research (e.g., scope, clarity, and feasibility of the proposal)
- Quality of the research environment (e.g., supervisor's productivity, availability of research funding, technical support, potential for collaborations)

# **Application Checklist:**

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

- □ Application cover form (attached below)
- □ 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.*
- Applicant's CV (maximum 5 pages, including headings for degrees, awards, research experience, work experience, publications, presentations, extracurriculars). (1<sup>margins</sup>, 12pt font, Times New Roman, single spaced)
- □ 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)
- □ Copy of undergraduate and graduate transcripts

One letter of reference (e-mailed separately by referee to <u>MRDO(a)dal.ca</u>).

## Submission Procedure:

Please submit completed applications as a **single PDF document** (with the exception of the letter of reference) to <u>MRDO@dal.ca</u> using the following labelling instructions:

- PDF File Name: "Lastname\_Firstname\_2024 FoM Studentship Application"
- Email Subject Line: "2024 FoM Studentship Application Firstname Lastname"

# One (1) <u>letter of reference</u> should be <u>e-mailed directly to MRDO</u> by the referee by the application deadline.

Please contact <u>MRDO@dal.ca</u> if you have any questions regarding the studentship application requirements or submission procedure.

# Faculty of Medicine Studentships – Application Cover Form

| 1. Personal Data                                       |          |    |
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| Name of student:                                       | Banner I | D: |
| E-mail address:  |          |    |
| Do you identify as an Indigenous/Aboriginal person?    | Yes      | No |
| Do you identify as an African Canadian Citizen or      | Yes      | No |
| Permanent Resident?                                    |          |    |
| Have you applied for any other external awards? (Such  | Yes      | No |
| as Tri-council Canada, FGS Harmonized, Scotia          |          |    |
| Scholar, IWK, etc.)                                    |          |    |
| If 'YES', please list the awards you have applied for: |          |    |
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| 2. Program Information          |             |
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| Department/school:              |             |
| Masters (Thesis-Based): PhD:    | Start Date: |
| Primary supervisor:             |             |
| Primary supervisor affiliation: |             |
| Primary supervisor e-mail:      |             |

| 3. Strategic Research Areas – This competition will distribute several studentships specific to     |  |
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| Faculty of Medicine strategic research areas. Please select up to two relevant strategic areas from |  |
| the drop-down menus below and describe how your research is related. If you select "General",       |  |
| please describe your research project's potential or direct relevance to human health.              |  |

Primary research area:

Secondary research area:

**4. Candidate's Statement** – Describe your motivation for completing your degree, career interruptions, barriers that you have overcome, and non-traditional contributions or achievements that are not captured elsewhere in this application.

5. Lay Summary – Describe your research using language suitable for dissemination to the public

**6.** Supports available to the applicant – Describe the training environment, as well as financial and infrastructural supports available to the applicant *(To be completed by the supervisor)* 

Please ensure that the application cover form appears first in order of required application documents.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.