

STIPEND SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL GENETICS GRADUATE STUDENTS

Stipend Amount and Duration:

The recommended minimum yearly stipend for a full time Medical Genetics (MEDG) graduate student is **\$22,000**. The student is expected to pay tuition from their stipend. This stipend may come from an independent studentship award and/or from the Research Supervisor's research grant. Admission to the Medical Genetics Graduate Program normally includes a commitment from the Supervisor to ensure that each student is supported to the recommended funding level. Exceptions to this policy may be granted under unusual circumstances.

The duration of the annual stipend is normally two years for a MSc student and four years for a PhD student. After the two-year MSc and four-year PhD point, continued funding is at the discretion of the Supervisor. The Supervisor should inform their student in writing (with a copy to the Medical Genetics Graduate Program office) at least six months prior to the end-date of the student's stipend.

Funding depends both on satisfactory academic and research progress, as determined by the Student's Advisory Committee, and on the Research Supervisor's continued grant support. Termination of funding for other justifiable reasons must be approved by a majority of the Medical Genetics Graduate Advisory Committee.

Stipends for Award Winners:

If a student wins a Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF), Graduate Student Initiative Award (GSI), or external award valued over \$14,000 and under \$27,000 (and no other top-up is received), the Program recommends that the Supervisor top-up the award by at least \$4,000 over the minimum stipend (\$22,000) to a maximum stipend of \$27,000/year.

Examples of Recommended MEDG Student Stipends for Award Winners:

- i. Student wins 4YF (\$18,000). Tuition of \$4,300 is provided by the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FoGS) so the Supervisor tops-up the stipend by \$4,700. The total student stipend (including tuition) is **\$27,000**.
- ii. Student wins a one-year GSI of \$16,000. Supervisor tops up by \$6,000 (to bring to minimum level of \$22,000) plus \$4,000 for a total top-up of \$10,000. Total student stipend is **\$26,000**.
- iii. Student wins a one-year MSc award of \$17,500 from CIHR or NSERC. Supervisor tops-up by \$4,500 (to bring to a minimum stipend of \$22,000) and then a further \$4,000 for a total top-up of \$8,500. Total student stipend is **\$26,000**.
- iv. Student wins a doctoral NSERC award of \$21,000. The student becomes a 4YF holder and FoGS pays tuition. This brings the student stipend to \$25,300. Then the recommended top-up from the Supervisor would be \$1,700. Total student stipend is **\$27,000**.
- v. Student wins a \$30,000 or \$35,000 CGS doctoral award from NSERC or CIHR or a \$50,000 Vanier award. No top-up from the Supervisor.
- vi. Student wins any award below \$14,000. Supervisor brings salary up to the minimum stipend of **\$22,000** and tops up the stipend by \$2,000.

Other Funding:

The Medical Genetics Graduate Program offers six part-time Teaching Assistant (TA) positions that are posted in the Spring each year. The Program encourages every student to TA once during their graduate career and thus encourages the Research Supervisor to not reduce the student's stipend the first time their student TA's. Whether funding from subsequent TA positions is considered "part of" or "in addition to" a student's stipend is at the discretion of the individual Supervisor and should be discussed between the student and the Supervisor before the student accepts a TA position (in Medical Genetics or another department). Any student who is funded by CIHR, NSERC, UBC Affiliated Fellowships or their Supervisor's research grant must not spend more than 12 hours per week in employment at or outside of UBC that does not relate to their thesis research.

Teaching Assistant (TA) Positions in Medical Genetics: MEDG 419, 420, 421, 505, 520 and 530

Salary: These TA positions are for one term only and are part-time teaching assistantship positions with a salary of \$1,106.39 / month (GTA I); and \$1,064.63 / month (GTA II). The TA's in these positions can expect to work **nine** hours per week over the 16 weeks of the term (144 hours total).

PhD students – GTA I; MSc students – GTA II

See Faculty of Graduate Studies Handbook of Graduate Supervision: [Graduate Teaching Assistants](#)