

## INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AWARDS

Students in the Medical Genetics Graduate Program (the “Program”) receive funding that derives from many sources; not all students will receive the same amount. Each student will normally receive a minimum stipend and will also receive a “top-up” from their supervisor if they win a scholarship (either internal or external award). For details on stipends and top-ups, please consult the document on *Stipends for Medical Genetics Graduate Students*.

### A. COMPETITIVE INTERNAL AWARDS - UBC

#### UBC Affiliated Fellowships

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (G+PS) offers approximately 50 Affiliated Fellowships each year to meritorious [Master's students](#) and [Doctoral students](#) for full-time study and/or research leading to a graduate degree.

##### *Award Amounts:*

- Fellowship values range from \$175 to \$30,000, but most are in the range of \$16,000.

##### *Eligibility and Application Procedure:*

- Canadians, Permanent Residents of Canada, and international MSc and PhD students.
- Canadians and Permanent Residents who meet the competition requirements apply to NSERC or CIHR and are automatically eligible (do not need to submit a separate application) for the UBC Affiliated Fellowships competition.
- International students submit the Affiliated Fellowships application to their graduate program.
- Applicants must have a first class standing in **each** of the last two years of full time study.
- Students will be advised of the application procedure well in advance of the departmental deadline in late September (doctoral students) and mid-November (Master's students).

#### University Doctoral Fellowship (UDF)

##### *Award Amount:*

- \$30,000 stipend plus tuition for four years and a minimum \$18,000 funding package (from the recipient's supervisor/department/Faculty, comprising awards, teaching assistantships and/or research assistantships) for the fifth year.
- Approximately 35 new fellowships will be awarded each year.

##### *Eligibility and Application Procedure:*

- The [University Doctoral Fellowship](#) program supports **international** students who are starting UBC doctoral programs. Fellowship recipients will be selected through a cross-campus competition from amongst nominations of top-ranked applicants submitted by graduate programs to G+PS in January.

### B. COMPETITIVE INTERNAL AWARDS - MEDICAL GENETICS

#### Rotation Program Awards for Incoming Students

##### *Award Amount:*

- \$26,000 for one-year, non-renewable.

##### *Eligibility and Application Procedure:*

- Canadians, Permanent Residents of Canada and international MSc and PhD applicants who meet all of the Medical Genetics Graduate Program admissions requirements.
- See the admission requirements for [domestic](#) and [international](#) applicants.
- Successful applicants will have a first-class academic standing in their previous degree, excellent references and relevant research experience.
- Applications for admission to the Medical Genetics Graduate Program will be reviewed and ranked by the Medical Genetics Admissions Committee.
- Four top-ranking applicants will be invited to join the [Rotation Program](#) and offered Rotation Program Awards.

### Medical Genetics Four Year Doctoral Fellowships (4YF)

#### *Award Amount:*

- \$18,200 plus tuition for up to four years of doctoral studies (years 1-4 or years 2-5).
- The Program recommends that supervisors top-up their student's award by \$4,700. For further details, consult the separate document on *Stipends for Medical Genetics Graduate Students*.
- The number of 4YFs awarded by the Medical Genetics Graduate Program varies yearly (generally 1 – 2 awards).

#### *Eligibility and Application Procedure:*

- Canadians, Permanent Residents of Canada and international students.
- Incoming PhD students accepted into the Program and who have a written commitment from a research supervisor by **April 15<sup>th</sup>** if they plan to start in September and by **August 1<sup>st</sup>** if they plan to start in January.
- Students who recently transferred from the MSc to the PhD program. To be eligible for the 4YF, transferring students who started graduate work in September must have passed their PhD comprehensive exam no later than **April 15<sup>th</sup>** (20 months into their program). For students who start in January, the PhD comprehensive exam must have been completed by **October 31<sup>st</sup>** (22 months into their program).
- Eligible Medical Genetics students are automatically considered for this award and will be asked to provide their current CV in April.
- Candidates are ranked based on academic performance and related achievements.
- Students who win an external doctoral NSERC, CIHR or Vanier award automatically become [4YF recipients](#). Such students may be eligible for 4YF tuition coverage and will receive the 4YF stipend and tuition support once their external scholarship funding finishes, to the end of their 4YF eligibility.

### C. NON-COMPETITIVE INTERNAL AWARD - UBC

#### International Tuition Award (ITA)

#### *Award Amount:*

- Up to \$3,200 / year. The [International Tuition Award](#) reduces tuition close to the same amount paid by domestic students.

#### *Eligibility and Application Procedure:*

- Incoming and current international MSc and PhD students registered full-time in research-oriented programs.
- International graduate students automatically receive this award unless they are supported by an international funding agency.

## D. COMPETITIVE EXTERNAL AWARDS

Eligible MSc and PhD students are encouraged to apply to external scholarship competitions such as the federally-funded agencies, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). In addition, there are other smaller agencies that offer scholarships and students should be pro-active in applying to suitable funding opportunities.

### *Eligibility:*

- Canadians and Permanent Residents of Canada with a first class standing in each of the last two years of fulltime study may apply to the CIHR, NSERC and Vanier [competitions](#).
- International students with a first class standing may apply to the Vanier Scholarship competition (and are automatically considered for the UBC Affiliated Fellowships competition), but are not eligible to apply to CIHR-CGS or NSERC-PGS/CGS competitions.
- Vanier Scholarships are extremely competitive. Applicants must have stellar grades in addition to demonstrated leadership abilities and exceptional scholastic achievements.

### *Application Procedures:*

- Doctoral 4YF recipients who are Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada are required to apply each year to CIHR or NSERC, if eligible.
- All eligible Medical Genetics graduate students are encouraged to apply to either CIHR or NSERC. Students cannot apply to both competitions in the same year; however they can apply to one of these national agencies as well as the Vanier Scholarship, if eligible.
- Master's CIHR, NSERC and Affiliated applicants; and doctoral NSERC and Affiliated applicants submit their application documents to the Medical Genetics Graduate Program by their deadlines in the fall each year. Master's CIHR and NSERC and doctoral NSERC applicants will automatically be included in the UBC Affiliated Fellowships competitions.
- Doctoral CIHR applicants submit their applications directly to CIHR; and may submit an Affiliated Fellowships application by the Program deadline in September.

## E. SUMMARY OF AWARD OPPORTUNITIES:

\*Eligible Canadians and Permanent Residents of Canada may apply to the following scholarship competitions:

- CIHR or NSERC
- UBC Affiliated Fellowships
- Vanier Scholarships
- Organizations such as BC Children's Hospital Research Institute, etc.
- Four Year Doctoral Fellowships

\*Eligible International students may apply to the following scholarship competitions:

- University Doctoral Fellowships
- UBC Affiliated Fellowships
- Vanier Scholarships
- Four Year Doctoral Fellowships
- Organizations such as BC Children's Hospital Research Institute, etc.

\*Check the eligibility and selection criteria for each award competition (i.e. time in program, GPA requirement, etc.) to determine if you qualify to apply.