

UNIVERSITY AND EXTERNAL AWARDS

Medical Genetics Graduate Program students receive funding from many sources; not all students will receive the same amount. Graduate students receive a minimum [stipend](#) from their supervisor. Additionally, if a student wins an award, their supervisor will top up their stipend.

UNIVERSITY AWARDS (UBC)

UBC Affiliated Fellowships

- UBC Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (G+PS) offers approximately 50 [Affiliated Fellowships](#) each year. Values range from \$175 - \$30,000 with most awards in the range of \$16,000. The departmental deadline is late September.

Eligibility:

- Canadians, Permanent Residents of Canada, and international students
- Incoming and current MSc and PhD students
- Note: eligible Canadians and Permanent Residents must apply to NSERC/CIHR; top-ranked applicants will also be considered for the Affiliated Fellowships competition

Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF)

- \$18,200 plus full tuition for four years of PhD studies (years 1-4 or years 2-5)
- Average number of Medical Genetics 4YFs awarded annually is three to four awards

Eligibility:

- Canadians, Permanent Residents of Canada and international students
- Incoming PhD students accepted to the Medical Genetics Graduate Program and who have a written commitment from a research supervisor by **April 15** if they plan to start in September and by **August 1** if they plan to start in January.
- Current students who recently transferred from MSc to PhD and direct-entry PhD students.
- September-start PhD students must pass the PhD comprehensive exam no later than **April 15** (20 months into their programs).
- January-start students must pass the PhD comprehensive exam by **October 31** (22 months into their programs).
- Eligible students invited to submit their CV to the Medical Genetics Program Office in April
- Medical Genetics 4YFs awarded in May
- Students who win a doctoral NSERC, CIHR or Vanier award automatically receive a [4YF](#).

Medical Genetics Rotation Program Award

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

Eligibility:

- Medical Genetics MSc and PhD **September-start** admissions applicants
- Canadians, Permanent Residents of Canada, and international applicants
- Top-ranked MSc and PhD applicants invited to join the [Rotation Program](#) based on the merits of their admissions applications

UBC International Tuition Award (ITA)

All international graduate students registered full-time in research-oriented programs receive the [ITA](#).

EXTERNAL AWARDS

Eligible MSc and PhD students are encouraged to apply to external scholarship competitions such as the Canadian Institutes of Health Research ([CIHR](#)) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council ([NSERC](#)) Canada Graduate Scholarships. Additionally, there are smaller agencies that offer scholarships and students should be pro-active in applying to appropriate funding opportunities.

Eligibility:

- Canadians and Permanent Residents apply to CIHR or NSERC
- Canadians, Permanent Residents and international doctoral students may apply to the [Vanier](#) Canada Graduate Scholarship competition. Applicants MUST have outstanding grades, demonstrated leadership abilities, exceptional scholastic achievements and excellent references.