

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 mid-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
- Current students who recently transferred from MSc to PhD and direct-entry PhD students.
- Direct entry PhD students considered for the 4YF in their first year are not required to have taken the comprehensive exam. When such students are considered for this award in their second year, they must have passed the comprehensive exam.
- 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.