

## Competition : DMRF MacDonald Graduate Studentships

### Description

Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation's **MacDonald Graduate Studentships** are intended to provide support to students who are pursuing a Master's Degree or a PhD in the *areas of cardiovascular research and diabetes research* at Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine. These candidates are expected to have an exceptionally high potential for future research achievement and productivity.

### Submission Deadline

A current competition schedule can be obtained by visiting the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation Website ~ [www.dmrf.ca](http://www.dmrf.ca) or by contacting the DMRF office at 494-3502. All applications are to be submitted to the DMRF Office by 4:00pm.

### Funds Available

A maximum trainee stipend of \$10,000 per year will be available for the studentship for a two-year period. This stipend may be used as a top-up to other stipend support to a maximum of \$25K at the MSc level and \$30K at the PhD level, from all sources of funding.

### Eligibility

1. Within six months of the application deadline, the applicant must be:
  - a. A research trainee in the area of cardiovascular research or diabetes research,
  - b. A full-time registered student at Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine as either a Masters student or a PhD student,
  - c. Have a faculty supervisor (normally at Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine but other situations will be considered).
2. Applicants seeking financial support to pursue their first Master's or PhD degree will be favoured.
3. This award must be accepted within 15 working days of the date of offer or the award will be offered to the next fundable applicant.
4. This award is available to start as of September 1<sup>st</sup> following the application deadline. In special circumstances the start date can be extended to as late as January 1<sup>st</sup> following the award offer.

## **Review Process and Evaluation**

Awards will be made on a competitive basis. Applications will be peer-reviewed and ranked by the Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine Research Advisory Committee on DMRF's behalf. Applications that receive a rating below 3.5 will not be funded.

The Faculty of Medicine Research Advisory Committee evaluates each application with reference to the goal of enabling talented students to have maximum involvement in research that will be conducted in a productive and supportive environment. Criteria for evaluation will include:

- Quality of the proposed research (scope of the research experience and its intellectual components)
- Potential contributions of the student to the research
- Quality of the research environment (e.g. research and supervisory track record of the proposed supervisor, availability of research funding)
- Quality of the student (research experience, skills)

## **How to Apply**

Please note that all information requested must be completed with the required signatures and submitted on time or the application will not be considered.

## **Contact Information**

For any questions please contact:

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**Application : DMRF MacDonald Graduate Studentship**

Each application must be single-sided, single-spaced, using a font of 12 point and with margins of one inch.

Each application must contain the following items in order to be considered complete. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for review.

**Application Checklist**

- Application Information Form (template attached)
- Research Area Interest
- Copy of unofficial academic transcripts
- Research Proposal (general directions attached)
- Lay Summary (general directions attached)
- Letter of Support from Proposed Supervisor (must come in a sealed envelope)
- Student CV (maximum 2 pages)
- Supervisor CIHR Common CV

One original signed application is to be submitted to:

Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation  
5743 University Ave., Suite 98 (Chapter House)  
Halifax, NS B3H 4R2

One completed application (except for supervisor letter) to be submitted electronically as a pdf to: [dmrf@dal.ca](mailto:dmrf@dal.ca).

**Applications must be received by 4:00pm on submission deadline.**



**DMRF MacDonald Graduate Studentship  
Application Information Form**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Banner #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate Program:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(in which you will be enrolled during studentship)*

**Student Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Department/Division:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location where research will be conducted:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Supervisor Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

On another page, in 150 words or less, briefly outline your interest in this research area (to be completed by the student)

## **DMRF MacDonald Graduate Studentship Application Research Information**

### **Research Proposal**

Maximum 3 pages with a scientific description of the current state of knowledge relating to the research work to be done by the student, including:

- Title of area of research work
- Hypothesis to be tested or series of questions to be tested
- Rationale
- Experimental design or methods
- Role of the student in the research work

Area of research must be in either ***cardiovascular research or diabetes research***.

Please note that attachments such as charts, tables, illustrations, reference information etc. can be added as additional pages over and above the 3-page description.

### **Lay Summary**

Maximum 200 words summarizing in non-scientific terms the area of research and a description of why the work is important to furthering knowledge in the area.

This summary needs to be understandable to the lay person and may be used by Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation and the Faculty of Medicine in promotional materials and communications such as on websites. Such information is of significant interest to donors and provides them with a background on the research activities which their financial contributions are supporting or can support in the future.