

# Faculty of Medicine

## Dean's Fellowship Award

### **Description & Criteria:**

- The number of Dean's Fellowships awarded is dependent upon the quality of candidates as well as the availability of funds. Awards are available in the amount of \$18,000 per annum for two years for candidates entering a thesis-based MSc program or a thesis-based MHE program, and \$20,000 per annum for four years for those entering a thesis-based PhD program. The length of time one may hold the award will be less for current students; one year for current MSc/MHE students and up to a maximum of 3 years for current PhD students.
- Students who transfer from the MSc to the PhD will receive their Master's-level funding support as per the original award term; however, students must re-apply and compete for the Dean's Fellowship at the PhD level, given there are fewer PhD fellowships supported by the award budget. If successful, fellowship funding will not be carried beyond year 5 of the initial start of the program.
- The Dean's Fellowship supports excellent trainees in research-intensive graduate programs in Medicine. It is expected that Dean's Fellowship winners will delay the start of other professional programs of study (such as medical school) until the second year of the full-time Master's program is completed, or the fourth year of the full-time PhD program\* is completed.
- A student awarded a Dean's Fellowship is expected to apply for an external award at least once during their program of study. Dean's Fellowship winners are expected to leverage their award fully and apply for external scholarships to build their award portfolio. When excellent trainees transition their stipend support to external sources outside of Medicine, they generally receive a higher level of financial support, and help to conserve the fellowship budget for other deserving graduate students in Medicine. Examples of external funding agencies include CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, or disease-specific organizations (MS Society, Heart & Stroke, Arthritis Society, etc.). Continuation of the Dean's Fellowship is contingent upon verification of an application for external funds.
- Canadian and International students are ranked equally based on grades converted using the World Education Services (WES) International Grade Conversion Guide for Higher Education criteria.

*\*PhD students interested in concurrent Doctoral and Undergraduate Medical Education may wish to consider the MD-PhD joint program at Memorial University*

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### **Eligibility:**

1. Entering students must have a complete file in the Research and Graduate Studies Office - a “complete file” is defined as: 1) a completed graduate web application for admission to graduate studies; 2) letter(s) of appraisal; and 3) transcript(s). Faculty members who are aware of individuals that are interested in graduate studies but have not yet applied should advise them to submit their application **immediately**.
2. A student may apply for the Dean’s Fellowship only once unless transferring from the MSc to the PhD program. Recipients of the Dean’s Fellowship who transfer from an MSc to a PhD program must re-apply upon successful transfer.
3. The Dean’s Fellowship is primarily based on academic excellence in the student’s last 20 courses (or one-semester equivalents). If all other things are equal, then other accomplishments will be considered (i.e. publications, presentations, and scholarships). New MSc and MHE (thesis-based) applicants will be ranked based on undergraduate grades; ranking for current MSc, MHE (thesis-based) and PhD applicants will include a combination of the last 20 graduate and undergraduate grades (or one-semester equivalents).
4. First-class standing (an ‘A’ average; 80% or better) is required.
5. In order receive or retain the Dean’s Fellowship award, a student must: register as a full-time student in an MSc, MHE (thesis-based), or PhD program in the Faculty of Medicine at the time of receiving the award; maintain full-time status; be in good standing in the program; maintain an 80% average in course work; and have satisfactory supervisory committee reports throughout his or her program (filed annually in the Office of Research & Graduate Studies).