

MEDICINE RESEARCH & GRADUATE STUDIES (RGS) WINTER 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

Deadline: Wednesday, January 24th, 2024

Please use the RGS [Faculty of Medicine – Scholarship Application Form](#) to avoid submitting duplicate components for each of the following scholarships/awards. You can complete the application form, check the awards you wish to apply for, and include one (1):

- cover letter
- CV with a list of appropriate publications and/or presentations
- transcript(s) – unofficial is acceptable
- a research statement with progress to date (or anticipated research goals if just starting your research)
- supervisor (or main advisor) reference letter

Should a scholarship/award require an extra component, it will be listed below under **Application Process** and should be clearly identified as a component of that particular application (for example: *reference letter #2 for Dr. Noreen Golfman Graduate Award*).

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Dr. Thomas Michalak Award in Medicine

Deadline: Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 (apply to rgs@mun.ca)

This graduate student award was established through gifts from family, friends, laboratory alumni, and co-workers for Dr. Thomas Michalak. Dr. Michalak (MD, PhD) is one of the world's foremost experts in the field of viral hepatitis and liver disease. His ground breaking discoveries have changed the fundamental concepts about the nature of hepatitis B and C virus infections. His work has had a direct impact on the safety of blood supply, organ transplantation, and our understanding of the silent persistence of these viruses. He has been recognized with the Canada Research Chair (Tier I) in Viral Hepatitis/Immunology, which was the first senior Canada Research Chair at Memorial University, and with Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions in the fight against liver disease.

Professor Michalak was inducted as a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences for his outstanding advancements to health research and elected to the fellowship of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases for significant contributions to the science and practice of hepatobiliary diseases. Dr. Michalak considers thoughtful, fundamental research that advances our understanding, diagnosis and treatment of life-threatening diseases, as well as the education of committed young scientists who are advancing translational medical research, as the responsibility and privilege given to medical scientists by society.

Eligibility:

Awarded annually to a **doctoral student in Biomedical Science graduate program during the final year of their PhD program**. The award recognizes **leadership in biomedical research**, combined with a **desire to continue in their research beyond graduate school**. The doctoral student must have **successfully passed their written and oral comprehensive exam**, is **researching an original idea** that will have a positive impact on the community, and has demonstrated innovative, high quality biomedical research that will improve human health and quality of life.

Consideration will be given to the student's course work, research, and other related accomplishments.

Application Process:

Students must submit a [Faculty of Medicine – Scholarship Application Form](#) to the Research & Graduate Studies (RGS) Office, Faculty of Medicine (rgs@mun.ca).

Value: \$1,366