Dean's Doctoral Award

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Summary

The Dean's Doctoral Award is highly competitive and is awarded to a limited number of prospective full-time PhD students. Candidates are nominated by their academic unit at the time of admission. Selection is based on the criteria outlined below.

Funding level

$5,000 per annum, renewable for up to four years

Criteria

- **Academic excellence**, as demonstrated by past academic record, awards and distinctions. A minimum average of 85% (MUN equivalent) is required as calculated using the applicant's last 20 credit courses. A combination of masters and undergraduate marks will be used in the calculation.

- **Student commitment to research,** as demonstrated through application, throughout the student's term of eligibility, to a Tri-Council Agency (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR) for doctoral funding support. In the context of this award, this application would be regardless of the department commitment for a minimal level of financial support.

- **Departmental commitment,** as demonstrated through a minimal level of financial support provided by either the supervisor, the supervisor's external funding source or internal operating funds. Expected levels of support would be those levels normally provided in funding offers for graduate students within the applicable department.

- **Research potential**, as outlined in the applicant's research history, proposed research program, and contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field, potential benefit to the province of Newfoundland & Labrador, and any anticipated outcomes. In the context of this award, research refers to peer-reviewed, adjudicated or equivalent research or creative work.

- **Personal achievements**, as related to activities which include, but are not limited to, teaching/supervisory experience; involvement in committees, teams or projects; roles in professional societies or conferences; community involvement in charity or not-for-profit organizations or other community work; scholarships and awards.

To Nominate

Academic units will supply a one-page (maximum) summary outlining how the student meets the above criteria. This document should be attached to the *Program of Study* form at the time of admission. In addition, indicate "**DDA**" under "**Other**" on the *Program of Study* form. If awarded, indicate "**DDA**" in the comments section of the *Graduate Student Payroll* form when setting the student up for payroll.