

DISCLOSURE OF GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT

Microbiology & Immunology Program (Updated May 2010)

The Biochemistry Microbiology and Immunology Department at the University of Ottawa expects that all students enrolled in its graduate programs either have a stipend provided to them by the supervisor or have an external scholarship. All students are expected to seek an external scholarship.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies provides admission/excellence scholarships for MSc and PhD students with a GPA of 8 or more. Such students who hold scholarships from external agencies will have their tuition costs waived. Those students with a GPA of 8 but without external scholarships will receive an amount of \$2500 per term for M.Sc. students and \$3000 per term for Ph.D. students, from which tuition costs can be deducted.

Students who have not yet secured external scholarships must be supported by their supervisor, usually through research grants. The minimum stipends are \$16,000/year (x 2 years) at the M.Sc. level and \$17,500/year (x 4 years) at the Ph.D. level. If a student receives any award that is less than these amounts the supervisor must supplement the scholarship to bring the stipend up to the minimum.

Supervisor-held grant funds cannot be guaranteed beyond the expiry date of the grant(s). The BMI Department will attempt to seek financial support for students whose supervisors lose their research grants; however, neither the Department nor the University of Ottawa is responsible for providing financial support to any student.

The BMI Department expects that supervisors who succeed in maintaining their operating grants will support for 2 years those students enrolled in the M.Sc. Program and for 4 years those students enrolled in the Ph.D. program. Students who enrol in the M.Sc. program and advance to the Ph.D. program without writing a Master’s thesis will be supported for five years. Any further support must be negotiated between the student and the supervisor. In the event of unsatisfactory progress in the research program, the supervisor may terminate financial support according to section C5 of the Policies and Procedures.

Stipends are not considered pay for work done, but rather are provided to students to offset their living expenses during the period of study. A student may earn extra income only in accordance with departmental guidelines and with regulations published by the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. Students have the right and are expected to devote their full time activities toward the completion of their degree, regardless of the nature of the salary support.

Degree sought: M.Sc. Ph.D.

Anticipated duration: _____, 20__ to _____, 20__

Guaranteed support: _____, 20__ to _____, 20__

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Supervisor: _____

__ Students with external awards

Source: Ontario Graduate Scholarship*

CIHR Scholarship

NSERC Scholarship

Other External Scholarship (specify) _____

*Supervisors will need to supplement any scholarship that is less than our minimum stipends. Please include the amount/year from supervisor's grant(amount on B form): _____

Internal:

__ Stipends for students from supervisor-held grant

Admission Award	> 8.0+ GPA	< 8.0 GPA
	MSc	
FGPS	\$7,500/annum/2years	N/A
Stipend (supervisor's contribution: amount on B form)	_____ (min \$16,000/annum)	_____ (min \$16,000/annum)
	PhD	
FGPS	\$9,000/annum/4 years	N/A
Stipend (supervisor's contribution: amount on B form)	_____ (min \$17,500 /annum)	_____ (min \$17,500 /annum)

Specify type, amount, and expiry date of grant: _____

Students must provide proof of the duration of all scholarships to the Department upon request. Signatories to this disclosure acknowledge that any and all scholarships are held by the student, not the supervisor. The supervisor may use this space for additional comments. The section must be completed before the student affixes his or her signature. All unused lines are to be stroked out.

Student Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date