

Michael G. DeGroote Doctoral Scholarship of Excellence



PURPOSE

The Michael G. DeGroote Doctoral Scholarship of Excellence is for incoming doctoral students **who have outstanding academic records and excellent research promise** and will be working in the Faculty of Health Sciences or, in the case of FHS-affiliated interdisciplinary programs, with Faculty of Health Science supervisors. This scholarship will provide competitive funding to doctoral students with the highest level of scholarly achievement.

ELIGIBILITY

- Canadian citizens or permanent residents at the time of application
- Students enrolling for the first time in an FHS-affiliated PhD program, either after completing or transferring from a Master's degree, or as a direct entry into PhD at McMaster
- A first-class average (minimum "A-" standing) in each of the last two years of completed study (full-time equivalent)
- Registered full-time throughout the duration of the scholarship

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PROCESS

The initial scholarship is awarded for **two years with the possibility of renewal** for up to two additional years, dependent on the following conditions. To retain the scholarship in year 2, the student will be required to:

- Apply each year for Tri-Agency and OGS funding, while eligible
- Obtain a minimum grade of A- in all required graduate level courses for their degree
- Maintain a satisfactory standing in the program.

In addition to the conditions outlined above, to retain the scholarship beyond year 2, the student will be expected to be successful in obtaining an external award (e.g. CIHR, NSERC, OGS, etc.) in year 2 (which will be held in year 3), and must have publications related to their graduate work. The same conditions will apply to retaining the scholarship in year 4.

FUNDING BREAKDOWN

In addition to the minimum graduate funding guaranteed to a full-time doctoral student as specified by the program funding model, each doctoral student awarded the scholarship will receive up to \$10,000 annually, depending on the value of external awards held. If the student's graduate funding package reaches \$45,000 annually from all external sources, the student's achievements will be recognized by providing the Michael G. DeGroot Doctoral Scholarship of Excellence in name only. The table below provides a breakdown of the value of the DMDF depending on the value of the external awards held.

For more information about the Michael G. DeGroot Doctoral Scholarship of Excellence, please contact the program to which you are applying.

Value of annual external awards* (e.g. CIHR, NSERC, OGS, etc.)

DMDF Scholarship

\$0 – \$15,000	\$10,000
\$15,001 – \$34,999	\$7,000
\$35,000 – \$44,999	\$3,000
\$45,000 and up	in name only

** includes research and/or travel allowance if applicable*