

## **Department Graduate Student Research Excellence Scholarship (DGRES)**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

**Competition 1 Nov 1, 20XX – 1:00 pm**

**Competition 2 May 1, 20XX – 1:00 pm**

#### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

1. The purpose of this DGRES scholarship is to recognize the research potential and excellence demonstrated by any graduate student at MSc or PhD levels within the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine.
2. Each award will be in the amount of \$5,000.
3. The chart string for this award is 20-10176-75798.
4. A maximum of two awards will be granted by the selection committee per competition.
5. Awarded funds may be used against conference travel expenses and/or any other research-related expenses (ie: personal laptop, etc). Note that itemized receipts must be submitted for all purchases/expenses made on these award funds.
6. The spending year for Competition 1 awards will be January to December. The spending Year for Competition 2 will be July to June. All funds remaining unspent by the awardee after the deadline will transfer back to the competition account.
7. Applications will be evaluated by the selection committee that consists of at least four department faculty members.
8. Chief selection criteria are:
  - Demonstrated research potential and excellence of the applicant
  - Strengths identified by primary supervisor (optional)
9. Each laboratory/supervisor may not hold more than two DGRES awards per 12 month period.
10. Consideration will only be given to applicants who have never been awarded DGRES.

#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

All required information must be presented within the application form. Late, incomplete or over-sized applications will not be considered. A publication list that was not prepared according to the format guidelines will cause a reduced score for the application.

The application form must be completed electronically and submitted by e-mail to Debra Vanderaar ([dvander@mcmaster.ca](mailto:dvander@mcmaster.ca)) by the appropriate competition deadline.