Institute of Medical Science
EDI Continuing Bursary for Black and Indigenous Students
Eligibility Criteria
2023-24

Award Overview

Student Deadline: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 by 11:59pm
Award Value: The current award is up to $5,000. The value of the award is subject to change without notice.
Level of Study: Doctoral (Masters and PhD)
Required Legal Status: Domestic
Results: January 2024
Application: You must submit the application form and required documents online.

Purpose

As part of the Institute of Medical Science’s mandate to support initiatives related to equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and be a more proactive participant in fostering a diverse and inclusive academic environment, we will annually award up to 5 EDI bursaries (per bursary type) each year. The purpose is to financially support students from underrepresented groups, specifically those who are Black or Indigenous and economically disadvantaged.

Eligibility to Apply

The IMS EDI Continuing Bursary for Black and Indigenous Students is available to full time domestic IMS doctoral stream (MSc and PhD) students who:

- Are currently enrolled in an IMS graduate program (research stream)
- Are a domestic student in a research-based MSc or PhD program
- Self-identify as Black (including Black African, Black Caribbean, Black North American, multi-racial students who have and identify with their Black ancestry, etc.) or Indigenous (including First Nations, Inuit, and Métis, etc.) as reflected in their submitted statement of purpose
- Have an A- average in their current graduate program. Applicants must have completed at least one graded graduate course to be eligible.
- Have completed a PAC meeting indicating satisfactory progress within the 6-8 month period prior to the deadline
- Identify as economically disadvantaged, demonstrating financial need, as reflected in a completed Financial Need Assessment form

Note: This award is open to students in the funded cohort (first 2 years for MSc students; first 5 years for PhD students or first 6 years for PhD Direct Entry and MSc to PhD transfer students).

- Students outside of the funded cohort may be eligible if their academic progress has been significantly impeded due to COVID-19 related disruptions
Restrictions

This award is not available to:

- Clinician-scientists enrolled in a postgraduate medical education program
- MDs enrolled in a clinical department as Research or Clinical fellows who are supported at a clinical salary level or equivalent
- Students who have entered their graduate program under the “Professional Earnings” category
- Students registered in an IMS Professional Program

Application Process

Applicants must:

1. Complete the online application form (which will include a Statement of Purpose) and upload the following required documents in a single PDF:
   a. SGS Financial Need Assessment form
   b. Last PAC Report (indicating satisfactory progress within the 6-8 month period prior to the deadline)
   c. ACORN Academic History
2. Submit the completed application by the deadline as noted in the Award Overview section.

Ranking

- The EDI Continuing Bursary is based primarily on self-identification, financial need and academic achievement, as evidenced by grades and progress towards degree completion.

This award is considered as in addition to the student’s annual stipend.

Payments

Awards are distributed via direct deposit to the bank account on ACORN. If this method is not setup or the information is incorrect, a cheque will be mailed to the address listed on the account. Please review your information on ACORN for accuracy. Award recipients may have outstanding tuition fees deducted at source from the award.