

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

Award Overview

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| Student Deadline: | Tuesday, August 1, 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: | September 2023 |
| 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 **EDI IMS Entrance Bursary for Black and Indigenous Students** is available to full time domestic IMS doctoral stream (MSc and PhD) students who:

- Are entering an IMS graduate program (research stream) during the 2023-24 academic year (must provide an offer letter of admission)
- 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
- 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).

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

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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. IMS Offer Letter

2. Submit the completed application by the deadline as noted in the Award Overview section.

Ranking

- The EDI Entrance Bursary is based primarily on self-identification, offer of admission and financial need.

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.