

Institute of Medical Science Graduate Equity Enhancement Bursaries Eligibility Criteria 2022-23

Award Overview

Student Deadline:	Current Student Application Deadline: March 11, 2022 by 11:59pm Incoming Student Application Deadline: August 1, 2022 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:	May 2022 (for Current Students) September 2022 (for Incoming Students)
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 2022-23 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](#)

The **EDI IMS 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

Institute of Medical Science

Graduate Equity Enhancement Bursaries

Eligibility Criteria

2022-23

- 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

Application Process

Applicants must:

1. Submit the [application form](#) and required documents online
2. Provide a Statement of Purpose (maximum 250-word limit) that articulates the three points below. Please provide specific examples:
 - a. Why do you consider yourself to be economically-disadvantaged (e.g. low family income, need to support other members of family, recent dislocation, etc.)?
 - b. How will this bursary help you during your graduate studies (e.g. no need to take part-time jobs related to studies, etc.)?
 - c. How will your graduate studies help achieve your career goals?
 - d. Please include any additional barriers or further details that you would like to share with the awards selection committee
3. **In a single PDF**, compile and upload all other requested documents, as communicated in the online application form (i.e. Statement of Purpose, Offer Letter, Financial Need Assessment form, Academic History, Last PAC Report)
***Be sure to verify the documents that are required for each respective award.**
4. Submit the completed application by your respective 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.
- 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.