



## **OVC Graduate Stipend Support Program**

### **Components of the OVC Graduate Stipend Support Program**

1. Group 1 – OVC Scholarships (Students without DVM degrees)
2. Group 2 – OVC Fellowships (Students with a DVM degree)
3. Group 3 – OVC Entrance Awards (Students with or without DVM degrees)
4. Group 4 - Incentive Stipend Fund

### **Source of Funds**

The provincial government has invested considerable funding for graduate student positions at Ontario universities. These funds are transferred annually to universities based on the level of graduate student enrolment. To further support our graduate teaching and increase our research productivity we are using these funds strategically to provide stipends for graduate training and recruitment. This program will build on, rather than replace, existing funding sources for graduate training (e.g. funds from research grants, external scholarship programs etc.) in order to promote graduate student growth at OVC. Available scholarships, fellowships, and awards will be announced on the [OVC Research Graduate Stipend Support website](#).

### **Competition Schedule**

Competitions for available scholarships, fellowships, and awards will be announced each year. The general call for applications (provided funding is available) will be as follows:

- Applications for Groups 1 and 2 will be invited early in the Winter semester, for those students planning to begin studies in the upcoming Spring, Fall or Winter semesters.
- Applications for Group 3 will be invited early in the Spring semester, for those students planning to begin studies in the upcoming Fall or Winter semesters.
- Applications for Group 4 are considered on an ad-hoc basis.

### **Application Process**

#### ***Groups 1 -3***

Indicate your interest to be considered for OVC scholarships, fellowships, and awards by emailing [ovcschol@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ovcschol@uoguelph.ca). In your email please confirm that you meet the eligibility requirements as listed in the competition announcement, and list the name of your advisor and your Colleague ID. Your application to the University of Guelph will be reviewed – this includes your statement of interest, transcript of university grades, two letters of recommendation, and your curriculum vitae.

Recipients of OVC Graduate Stipend Support and their faculty advisors are required to read and sign the OVC Graduate Stipend Support Terms and Conditions, which may be found on the [OVC Research Graduate Stipend Support website](#).

Recipients of OVC Graduate Stipend Support are also required to apply for additional funding for the duration of their studies, and must submit a Declaration of Additional Funding Form prior to the start of each semester. The Declaration of Additional Funding Form may also be found on the [OVC Research Graduate Stipend Support website](#).

Details about graduate programs at the Ontario Veterinary College may be found on the [OVC Research website](#).

#### **Group 4**

Indicate your interest to be considered for the incentive stipend fund by emailing Dr. Gord Kirby, Associate Dean, Research and Innovation ([ovcschol@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ovcschol@uoguelph.ca)). Applications to the Incentive Stipend Fund will consist of a maximum of two pages that will include information regarding qualifications of the candidate, source of existing graduate student stipend, amount of incentive stipend requested and appropriate justification. Applications may be submitted on an ad hoc basis, will be reviewed by the Research Advisory Committee, and funds will be allocated on case-by-case basis.

### **Scholarships, Fellowships, and Entrance Award Details**

#### **Group 1 – Scholarships**

##### PhD Scholarships

- \$20,000 per year for 3 years
- Competitively available for well-qualified candidates with MSc degrees wishing to enter a PhD program. Also, for students in MSc programs who wish to transfer to a PhD program.

##### MSc Scholarships

- \$18,500 per year for 2 years
- Competitively available for well-qualified candidates entering thesis-based Masters programs

#### **Group 2 – Fellowships**

##### PhD Fellowships

- \$30,000 per year for 3 years

##### MSc Fellowships

- \$28,000 per year for 2 years

To address the extraordinary national opportunities for veterinarians, the Ontario Veterinary College has developed an on-going program of MSc/PhD research training positions for veterinarians who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents. These fellowships are competitively available for well-qualified DVM graduates with excellent academic records in any of the broad fields of graduate studies listed below:

- Biomedical Toxicology and Pharmacology
- Reproductive Biology
- Developmental, Cell and Tissue Morphology
- Immunology
- Epidemiology
- Pathology
- Food Safety
- Comparative Pathology
- Veterinary Infectious Disease
- Laboratory Animal Science

### **Group 3 – Entrance Awards**

#### PhD Entrance Awards

- \$12,000 plus benefits per annum for up to 3 years matched with a [Graduate Tuition Scholarship](#) award of \$8000 per annum for up to 4 years

#### MSc Entrance Awards

- \$10,500 plus benefits per annum for up to 2 years per year matched with a [Graduate Tuition Scholarship](#) award of \$8,000 per annum for up to 2 years

### **Group 4 – Incentive Stipend Fund**

Incentive funds are available to be used to supplement existing stipends to recruit and retain exceptional MSc and PhD candidates who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents in thesis-based graduate programs. These funds cannot be used to top up OVC Graduate Stipend Support awards or DVSc stipends but are intended to supplement student stipends that have already been secured. These funds are targeted for recruitment of students who haven't yet started their graduate programs. However, funds may also be used as stipend support for students who wish to transfer from MSc to PhD programs.