OVC Graduate Stipend Support, Terms & Conditions – 2018 - 2019

Purpose, Eligibility and Requirements
OVC Graduate Stipend support is funded by the government of Ontario to support new graduate growth for Canadian citizens and permanent residents. To receive OVC Graduate Stipend Support students must:

- Be accepted into an OVC Graduate Program
- Be an incoming OVC graduate student who has not yet started their program of study
- Be supervised by a faculty advisor with sufficient research operating funds to support the student’s research activities for the duration of the graduate program
- Not hold full-time employment while receiving an OVC Graduate Stipend

Please note, within these terms and conditions, “additional funding”, refers to any scholarship, bursary or award external to the OVC that is greater than $8,000 annual; this also includes combinations of individual awards over $8,000 annual. Faculty and departmental top-ups may be provided and will not effect the OVC Graduate Stipend Support. Please review the OVC Graduate Stipend Program Description at: ovc.uoguelph.ca/research/en/researchtrainingopportunities/Scholarships-and-Fellowships.asp

Commitments
1. Apply for additional funding while holding an OVC Graduate Stipend. MSc students must do this in year one, and PhD students must do this in year one, and if unsuccessful, also in year two. Students must notify their advisor and graduate program assistant of additional funding received (or applied for) and may be asked to provide supporting documentation; if a student is unable to produce this, the OVC Graduate Stipend may be reduced or withheld - retroactively if applicable.
   - Students who receive additional funding retain a portion of the OVC Graduate Stipend (subject to the rules and requirements of the additional funding) and the remainder will be remitted to OVC to support another student. The decrease will be equivalent to 50% of the lesser stipend, scholarship, bursary or award amount(s). The decrease to the OVC Stipend Support will apply for the period of time the student is receiving the additional funding. Please see examples below:
     Example A: Initially awarded a $20,000 OVC PhD Scholarship
       - Later receive an annual award of $30,000
       - OVC PhD Scholarship would be adjusted to $10,000 annual
     Example B: Initially awarded a $20,000 OVC PhD Scholarship
       - Later receive an annual award of $8,000
       - OVC PhD Scholarship would be adjusted to $16,000
     Example C: Initially awarded a $20,000 OVC PhD Scholarship
       - Later receive an annual award of $8,000, and an annual award of $10,000 (total of $18,000 annual)
       - OVC PhD Scholarship would be adjusted to $11,000 annual
   - Students who do not receive additional funding retain the full amount of the OVC Graduate Stipend for the agreed upon duration.

2. Maintain satisfactory progress - the Research Advisory Committee reviews student progress annually, and if progress is unsatisfactory, the OVC Graduate Stipend will be cancelled.

3. Communicate research findings - All students must communicate their research findings and participate in college research activities such as the Graduate Student Research Symposium.

Sign below to indicate you reviewed the OVC Graduate Stipend Program Description and agree to the above terms and conditions. Submit this form (signed by you and your advisor) to ovcschol@uoguelph.ca; you may also send any questions you may have about your OVC Graduate Student Stipend to this email.

Awardee Name: ___________________________ Awardee Signature: ___________________________ yyyy/mm/dd
Advisor Name: ___________________________ Advisor Signature: ___________________________ yyyy/mm/dd