OVC Graduate Student Stipend Support Program

Components of the Program

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1. OVC Graduate Stipend Fund -Group 1 (students without DVM degrees)

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.

The following scholarships are available:
- PhD Scholarships
  - For excellent candidates with MSc degrees wishing to enter a PhD program. Also, for students in MSc programs who wish to transfer to a PhD program
  - $20,000 per year for 3 years

- MSc Scholarships (for thesis-based programs)
  - $18,500 per year for 2 years

2. OVC Graduate Stipend Fund –Group 2 (DVM graduates)

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.
Stipends of a minimum of $28,000 (MSc, 2 years) to $30,000 (PhD, 3 years) 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

**Competitions and application process:**

Candidates for the OVC Graduate Stipend Support should complete an application form.

The application includes a statement of interest, an identified advisor at OVC, an outline of the research proposal, transcript of university grades, two letters of recommendation and a curriculum vitae.

Student recipients or OVC Graduate Stipend Support and their faculty advisors are require to read and sign the Terms and Conditions of the stipend and note that successful candidates are required to apply for external scholarships during the course of their studies.

Details about graduate programs at the Ontario Veterinary College can be found on the college research website.

*Applications should be submitted to the following e-mail address: ovcschol@uoguelph.ca*
3. 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.

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 will be submitted to the Associate Dean, Research and Innovation on an ad hoc basis and will be reviewed by the Research Advisory Committee and funds will be allocated on case-by-case basis.