



Application Guidelines Obstetrics and Gynaecology Graduate Scholarships (OGGS) 2011

Purpose of Scholarships

The Obstetrics and Gynaecology Graduate Research Scholarships (OGGS) are intended to encourage and recognize excellence in research at the graduate level within the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at The University of Western Ontario.

Number and Value of Scholarships

There will be a **maximum of 5** scholarships awarded per year. A scholarship will be for one academic year (3 consecutive terms). Scholarship holders must re-apply on an annual basis and are eligible to apply for continued funding. The value of each scholarship will be **\$13,700.00 M.Sc and \$15,700.00 Ph.D. students** (+ \$6,300 Schulich scholarship to all students with > 80% average; total stipend \$20,000.00 M.Sc. and \$22,000.00 Ph.D.) per year paid by monthly instalments beginning in September 2011.

Eligibility

The scholarships are for students entering any year of their graduate training (ie MSc or PhD) during the typical residency period for their degree (ie 2 years MSc; 5 years Ph.D). You are eligible to apply for the scholarship if you are accepted for MSc or PhD studies in a laboratory supervised by a full time faculty member primarily appointed to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, The University of Western Ontario. You are not eligible if you already hold external competitive personnel awards during the tenure of the scholarship (for example: OGS, NSERC, CIHR, CCSRI, Genesis Foundation, Heart and Stroke, Lung Association, March of Dimes, etc). All scholarship holders must maintain a minimum of an 80% average on all course work to be eligible for the scholarship and to maintain the scholarship funding once awarded.

Conditions

If you receive an Obstetrics and Gynaecology Graduate Scholarship (OGGS), you must comply with the following conditions:

- 1) You must maintain full-time registration in your graduate program during the tenure of the scholarship. If you withdraw from the approved program, transfer to part-time, fail to complete the year or graduate during the tenure of the scholarship, the Research and Finance Committees in the Department must be notified immediately.
- 2) You are strongly encouraged to apply for external awards for which you are eligible. Should you receive an offer of an external scholarship or studentship, you are required to notify the Departmental Research and Finance Committees before taking **any** action on the offer.
- 3) An acknowledgement of funding support from this program must be included in any publications directly resulting from the candidates work during the course of the funding period.
- 4) It is the intent of this program to enrich the research activities throughout the department. It is therefore expected that more than one scholarship awarded in a single laboratory, or that scholarships being award to the same laboratory in subsequent years will be unusual occurrences. These will represent important factors affecting the review process and would only be supported due to unusual circumstances such as limited applications in a given year or due to an unusually high level of excellence displayed by the candidates or the proposed research programs. The department reserves the right to not award all 5 scholarships in any given year.

Application Procedures

To be considered for the OGGs scholarship, the application forms **provided** must be submitted to the **Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department Research Committee (Chair, Dr. Shepherd, London Regional Cancer Program, Room A4-836 on or before July 29, 2011)**. The applications must be typed and the forms will be available by contacting either Dr. Trevor Shepherd or by downloading from the department website (Word & PDF versions).

Documentation

The following documentation is required by *July 29, 2011*:

- 1) **ONE** original copy of the application form, list of publications, and one-page outline of proposed research.
- 2) Electronic copy of the completed application form, emailed to: tshephe6@uwo.ca.
- 3) Two referee reports (hard copy or electronic copy).
- 4) Official transcripts of all grades obtained at any post-secondary institution.

Please do not send documentation other than that required.



Obstetrics and Gynaecology Graduate Scholarship (OGGS) Application Form (2011)

(Complete all 19 sections)

Student Information

1. Name:
2. UWO student number (if applicable):
3. Mailing address:
4. Permanent address:
5. E-Mail address:
6. Phone number (lab):
Phone number (home):

Location of Past, Present and Proposed Training

7. Graduate Program enrolled in (MSc, PhD, or MD/PhD):
8. Date started program:
9. Department and program:
10. Name of Supervisor(s):
11. Title of research project:
12. Degree(s) obtained:

Degree	Department	University	Start Date	Date of Completion

13. List of post-secondary awards and scholarships *received*:

Name of Award	University	Date	Value
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14. List of post-secondary awards and scholarships *applied for*:

Name of Award	University	Date	Value
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Supporting Documentation

15. Provide a basic outline of proposed research including research rationale, hypothesis (objectives), experimental design and importance of expected findings (**maximum 1 page, 12 point font size and 1-inch margins**).

16. Names of individuals who have provided reports 1 and 2 of the application form:

Report #1 (Supervisor):

Report #2 (Professor familiar with research activities):

17. Provide a list of publications, which may include abstracts published or submitted, and papers published, submitted or in press. In the case that you have a paper submitted but not accepted, or submitted and in press, a letter of receipt or acceptance of the manuscript from the publisher must be provided. **Do not include manuscripts in preparation.**

18. Arrange for **ONE hard copy** of completed application and official transcripts of grades to be sent to:

Trevor Shepherd, PhD
Chair of the Research Committee, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology,
The University of Western Ontario
London Regional Cancer Program
790 Commissioners Rd, A4-836
London, Ontario
N6A 4L6 Canada
Attention: Graduate Scholarship

An **electronic copy** of the completed application form must be sent to Dr. Trevor Shepherd (tshephe6@uwo.ca).

Referee reports may be sent directly either to address above or by email (tshephe6@uwo.ca).

19. *The undersigned agree to abide by all conditions specific to this award, and certify that the information provided is true to the best of their knowledge at the date of application.*

A) **Applicant**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

B) **Supervisor**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Report #1: Obstetrics and Gynaecology Graduate Scholarship

Name of Applicant:

Name of Referee:

Sections 1 and 2 below must be completed by the applicant's **primary supervisor** and must be typed. **Submit original directly** to Dr. Trevor Shepherd, Chair of the Research Committee, LRCP Room A4-836, by *July 29, 2011*.

1. *Please attach a copy of a **mini CV module (no more than 2 pages)** listing funds for all current research projects, both applied for and received. Give agency, amount and title of projects. Also include a list of awards and publications from up to the last five years of research activities.*

Report #1: Obstetrics and Gynaecology Graduate Scholarship *(continued)*

- In the remaining space below, please assess the candidate. The following criteria are suggested: intelligence, motivation, originality, ability to communicate (oral and written), problem solving, judgment, background preparation, present ability at research, research potential and overall ability. Please comment on the role of the applicant in publications resulting from research under your supervision.*
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Report #2: Obstetrics and Gynaecology Graduate Research Scholarship

Name of Applicant:

Name of Referee:

The section below must be completed by a person **familiar with the applicant's work, but not a current supervisor**, and must be typed. **Submit original directly** to Dr. Trevor Shepherd, Chair of the Research Committee, LRCP Room A4-836, by *July 29, 2011*.

How long have you known the applicant, and in what context?

In the remaining space below, please assess the candidate. The following criteria are suggested: intelligence, motivation, originality, ability to communicate (oral and written), problem solving, judgment, background preparation, present ability at research, research potential and overall ability.
