



Michael G. DeGroote
INSTITUTE FOR PAIN RESEARCH AND CARE

The Michael G. DeGroote Institute for Pain Research and Care Graduate Studentships

The prestigious Michael G. DeGroote Graduate Studentships in pain research provide MSc and PhD candidates with the opportunity to pursue leading-edge research in pain.

The awards are designed for candidates who have an exemplary academic record and are interested in pain research within the Michael G. DeGroote Institute for Pain Research and Care (IPRC). This program is funded by an endowment through the generosity of Mr. Michael G. DeGroote.

These studentships aim to encourage and support pain research training and provide salary support to individuals with an exceptional background and an interest in research relating to pain. Successful candidates of these awards will have the opportunity to work with faculty who are conducting innovative research and are considered among the best in their field.

Value and Number of Scholarships

- Funding for up to three (3) graduate studentships annually is available; each with a value of \$20,000 CDN per year.
- MSc candidates may hold the studentship for up to two (2) years.
- PhD candidates may hold the studentship for up to three (3) years.
- Studentships will be held by at least one MSc and one PhD candidate in any given year.
- Any additional funding required to support the candidate financially, in keeping with program of study requirements, must be provided via the supervisor's own resources.

Eligibility Criteria

- Awards will be available to MSc and PhD graduate students undertaking research in pain who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement.
- Candidates must be registered in either an MSc or PhD program at McMaster University prior to receiving award funding.
- Proposed projects must clearly demonstrate concordance with the mission and vision of the IPRC.

- Recipients must not hold any other studentship award.
- Preference will be given to candidates whose supervisor is a faculty member of the Michael G. DeGroot Institute for Pain Research and Care.
- To retain this award the candidate must continue to be in good academic standing, as defined by the School of Graduate Studies (<http://graduate.mcmaster.ca>).

Application Process and Deadline

- Applications must be sent via email to the Scientific Director, Michael G. DeGroot Institute for Pain Research and Care at npc@mcmaster.ca. All application components must be received prior to the application deadline date.
- Applications must include:
 - Covering letter
 - Research proposal (maximum one-page outline that aligns with the vision/goals of the IPRC).
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Letter from proposed supervisor(s) confirming his/her willingness and ability to supervise the applicant for the duration of the award.
 - Two (2) letters of reference sent directly to the IPRC to support application.
- Application deadline: November 15th

Selection Process

- The Selection Committee for the award will be comprised of the IPRC Executive Committee and IPRC Scientific Advisory Board. Applications will be evaluated for merit. The two-step process will include review by the IPRC Executive Committee then ranking by the SAB.
- Application decisions will be conveyed by February 28th. All applicants will be notified of the result of their submission.
- Studentships will be awarded based primarily on the following criteria (other criteria may be introduced at the discretion of the Selection Committee) :
 - Knowledge and skills demonstrated through the originality and excellence of the proposed research project.
 - Feasibility and relevance of the proposed research project.
 - Alignment of the research with the vision/goals of the Michael G. DeGroot Institute for Pain Research and Care (see 'IPRC Terms of Reference' appendix).
 - Academic merit
 - Letters of reference
 - Confirmation of support from proposed supervisor.