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## **Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research**

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The Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research uses critical problem-solving approaches to pursue effectiveness, equity, and excellence in global health. We are global health leaders, researchers, practitioners, and students working at the interface between research, policy, and practice to address 21st-century global health challenges.

We conduct research, teach, and form partnerships in three thematic areas:

### **Planetary Health**

A planetary health perspective views human health as a function and emergent property of the interdependent relationships between human systems and the natural systems in which we live. Our research calls urgent attention to the health of human civilization, the state of the natural systems and ecological boundaries on which our health depends, and the relationships and dynamics between these interwoven processes.

### **Global Health & Humanitarianism**

We work to improve the clinical public health effectiveness of humanitarian response with scientific research, technological innovation, an appreciation of complex adaptive systems, and critical perspectives that address the realities of contemporary humanitarian policy and practice.

### **Global Health Foresighting**

What is the global health we want? We ask this question in multiple ways and contexts, and we pursue innovative and transdisciplinary approaches to design more effective, just, and equitable solutions that address the health challenges of the global commons.

We use diverse methods to address the pressing global health challenges of our time, creating knowledge that supports policy and practice in our three thematic areas.

The Dahdaleh Institute is widely recognized for its collaborative and transdisciplinary research, its meaningful impacts, and its leadership in fostering a new generation of global health scholars and practitioners.

As a university-wide organized research unit, the Dahdaleh Institute has six founding Faculties: Faculty of Education, Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, Faculty of Health, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Lassonde School of Engineering, and Osgoode Hall Law School. The Institute also has working affiliations with the Faculty of Science and the School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design.

## **Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholarship**

The Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholarship (DGHGS) Program seeks to attract and train the leading global health researchers of tomorrow. The scholarship provides annual financial support to high-calibre York University graduate students who demonstrate excellence or promise of excellence in research. It is intended to support their scholarly and creative professional activities relevant to the Dahdaleh Institute's three research themes.

Preference will be given to those under the supervision of a Dahdaleh Institute Faculty Fellow (see <https://www.yorku.ca/dighr/people/>).

Annual scholarships are available to domestic and international students registered as full-time graduate students at York University in one of the Institute's six founding Faculties (Education; Environmental and Urban Change; Health; Lassonde School of Engineering; Liberal Arts & Professional Studies; Osgoode Hall Law School).

The DGHGS provides funding in addition to the standard York University graduate student support package. The scholarship may be granted annually for up to four years and is based on an annual application and performance review.

The DGHGS is administered by the Dahdaleh Institute in collaboration with the Office of Student Financial Services and the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

## **Award Details**

### **Description**

The Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholarship was created to attract exceptional incoming and continuing domestic and international graduate research students to the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research. These scholarships will support graduate research and related scholarly and creative activities in line with the three themes of the Institute (planetary health, global health and humanitarianism, and global health foresighting). The scholarship will be granted annually to graduate students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement in global health research.

Based on the availability of funds and the excellence and needs of applicants, annual scholarships for individual students will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 CAD. Scholarship recipients will:

- be named “Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholars” at the Dahdaleh Institute;
- attend and participate in the Dahdaleh Institute’s weekly global health graduate seminars;
- present their work once in the Fall and once in the Winter term as part of the Dahdaleh Institute Current Global Health Research at the Dahdaleh Institute Seminar Series;
- receive occasional invitations to participate in workshops and special events at the Dahdaleh Institute; and
- have access to the Dahdaleh Institute open workspace.

The scholarships will be granted to new or returning students based on research excellence or promise of excellence, and applications will be evaluated using the student’s past performance and potential in their graduate program.

The scholarships will be adjudicated by the Dahdaleh Global Health Research Scholarship Committee based on the following evaluation criteria: a) academic excellence; b) research potential; c) excellence of the research proposed; and d) existing and potential innovation, leadership, and initiative.

## **Eligibility**

The scholarship will be awarded to master's or doctoral students entering or continuing in a graduate program in the following Faculties at York University:

- School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design
- Education
- Environmental and Urban Change
- Health
- Lassonde School of Engineering
- Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
- Osgoode Hall Law School
- Schulich School of Business
- Science

To be eligible, the student will:

- have applied or be in the process of applying for full-time admission to an eligible graduate program at York University or be enrolled in an eligible graduate program with full-time\* status at York University
- plan to conduct global health research that aligns with the Dahdaleh Institute's mandate and three thematic areas

\*Part-time status is only allowed if the program automatically shifts the student into part-time status once they complete their courses. The student agrees to work on their thesis/project/dissertation on a full-time basis.

Preference will be given to applicants endorsed by an existing or anticipated Dahdaleh Institute Faculty Fellow, who would become the applicant's graduate research supervisor.

The scholarship does not support coursework-only master's programs. Please do not apply for the DGHGS if your master's graduate program does not require a research proposal or statement of research interest as part of the application.

## **Value**

The value and number of award(s) in any given year will depend on the availability of funding and the number of recipients selected.

- Range: \$5,000 to \$25,000 CAD (renewable\*)

\*Renewed funding is limited to the expected program completion period (one or two years for a master's degree and up to four years for a doctoral program, to a maximum of 48 months including any previous DGHGS Master's Awards).

## **Application Process**

Please submit completed applications with all attachments using the “Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholarship Application Form” Machform here: <http://go.yorku.ca/di-scholarship>

Application packages must include:

1. a cover letter to the DGHGS Committee stating why or how your graduate research is relevant to one of the three research themes of the Institute
2. a copy of your “Research Proposal” or “Statement of Interest” from your graduate research program admissions application or an “update on your ongoing research”
3. your updated certified transcripts
4. your up-to-date academic CV
5. a letter of support from the York faculty member who is supervising your or who has agreed to supervise you if admitted to York University
6. a letter from the graduate program director of the York University graduate program to which you have applied stating that either a) your admission or ongoing graduate student status is confirmed with all sources of funding from the graduate program listed or b) your admissions offer is conditional upon secured funding (which may include a Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholarship)
7. an itemized financial summary detailing all your anticipated income and expenses for next year (including all financial support from external sources, the University, your Faculty and Department, income related to teaching, and fee waivers)

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

## **Deadline(s)**

Applications must be submitted by the deadline(s) outlined below:

- The application deadline for domestic and international applicants is 23:59 ET on the second Friday in January.
- Exceptional candidates may be considered throughout the year on a case-by-case basis at the request of a Dahdaleh Institute Faculty Fellow if there are unallocated scholarship funds.

Applicants will be informed of the DGHGS Committee’s decision by the end of the first week of February.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Scholarship applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria and weighting:

Evaluation Criteria	Weight
<p><b>Existing and Potential Academic Excellence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters of support - regarding academic skills, knowledge, and/or professional experience</li> <li>• Likelihood of completing degree in expected minimum time (3 or 6 terms for master’s programs [1 or 2 academic years]; 12 terms [4 academic years] for PhD programs)</li> <li>• Prior and other current scholarships</li> </ul>	25%
<p><b>Actual and Potential Experience in Research, Policy, or Practice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills and experience in research, policy, or practice</li> <li>• Quality of research and analytical skills</li> <li>• Communication and knowledge mobilization skills relevant to proposed research</li> <li>• Is the applicant well-placed to conduct the research?</li> <li>• Is the applicant well-placed to mobilize the research to target audiences?</li> </ul>	25%
<p><b>Excellence and Feasibility of the Research Proposal Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment with one of the three themes of the Dahdaleh Institute</li> <li>• Is the Research Proposal Plan appropriately contextualized?</li> <li>• Plan provides evidence of research gaps</li> <li>• Sound and feasible methodology and knowledge translation plan</li> </ul>	25%
<p><b>Existing and Potential Innovation, Leadership, and Initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level and range of professional or academic experience</li> <li>• Leadership record and potential</li> <li>• Initiative</li> </ul>	25%



## **Expectations of Scholarship Recipients**

Successful applicants will:

- be named as a Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholar at the Dahdaleh Institute;
- have access to the Dahdaleh Institute open workspace for graduate students;
- attend and participate in the Dahdaleh Institute's weekly Global Health seminars;
- present and lead one seminar in the Fall term and another in the Winter term at the Current Dahdaleh Institute Global Health Research in Progress Seminar Series;
- apply for external funding (e.g., Vanier, CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, OGS);
- submit an annual progress report and the appropriate documentation if applying for an annual renewal (see Renewability, below); and
- write a thank you letter to the Dahdaleh Foundation.

## **Renewability**

The DGHGS may be granted annually for up to the expected minimum graduate program completion period (3 or 6 terms [1 or 2 academic years] for master's programs; 12 academic terms [4 academic years] for PhD programs) to a maximum of 48 months, including any previous DGHGS Master's Awards.

Renewals are based on an annual renewal application and performance review.

Renewal applications are due by 23:59 EST on the first Friday in February, and must be submitted using the "Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholarship Renewal Application Form" Machform.

Renewal Applications must include the following attachments:

- a letter from the student to the DGHGS Committee describing their progress in their graduate program and why they are eligible for renewal;
- a letter of support from the applicant's graduate research supervisor;
- the student's most recent York academic transcript;
- a statement from the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) Office detailing all financial or scholarship support, income related to teaching, and/or fee waivers;
- a letter of support from the applicant's graduate program director.

## **Contact Details**

If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Dinh, the Institute coordinator at the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research.

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