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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 at the time of DGHGS application (see DI members here: <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 participating Faculties (Education; Environmental and Urban Change; Health; Lassonde School of Engineering; Liberal Arts & Professional Studies; Osgoode Hall Law School; School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design; Science).

The DGHGS provides funding in addition to the standard York University graduate student support package. The scholarship may be granted annually for up to two (Masters) or four (Doctoral) 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.

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. Based on the availability of funds and the excellence and needs of applicants, annual scholarships for individual students will range from \$5,000 to \$30,000 CAD. 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.

Expectations of scholarship recipients

- maintain full-time student status;
- be named as a Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholar at the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research;
- have access to the Dahdaleh Institute open workspace for graduate students;
- attend and participate in the Dahdaleh Institute's weekly Global Health seminars;
- present your graduate work at least once per year, preferably at the Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholars Symposium, or at other suitable venues;
- will not accept more than a 0.5 teaching assistantship (TA) or graduate assistantship (GA) assignment within an academic year;
- apply for external funding (e.g., CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, OGS);
- report all funding you receive from within and outside the University upon notification of any additional funding;
- submit a profile for internal and external announcement;
- submit an annual progress report and the appropriate documentation if applying for an annual renewal (see Renewability, below);
- write a thank you letter to the Dahdaleh Foundation.

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
- Science

To be eligible, the student will be seeking or in full-time* studies:

- Be applying for 1-year masters program, up to one year funding; or
- Be applying for 2-year masters program, or enrolled in Masters 1 (1st year Masters), up to two years of funding; or
- Be applying for a doctoral program, or enrolled in PhD 1, 2 or 3 (1st-3rd year PhD), up to four years funding; PhD students in fourth year and beyond are not eligible;
- And plan to conduct global health research that aligns with the Dahdaleh Institute's mandate and three thematic areas

*Considerations related to part-time status are made on a case-by-case basis.

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, the number of recipients selected, the year of study of the application, and other factors.

Range: \$5,000 to \$30,000 CAD (renewable*)

The maximum value of the individual annual DGHGS is limited based on degree program and study status:

	Domestic	International
Masters	Up to \$15,000	Up to \$25,000
Doctoral	Up to \$20,000	Up to \$30,000

The DGHGS award will be adjusted based on the value of other high-value non-standard competitive awards (e.g., Tri-agency's Canada Graduate Research Scholarship, Ontario Graduate Scholarship, and Elia Scholars Program, etc.) held by the recipient.

The minimum award value will be \$5,000, in recognition of the recipient's excellence.

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 (.pdf files only):

1. Please attach a STATEMENT OF PURPOSE to the DGHGS Committee describing how or why your graduate research is relevant to one of the three research themes of the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research. This statement should be a maximum of two single spaced pages; and it should introduce yourself and describe your proposed masters or doctoral research plan and indicate how your graduate research is relevant to one of the three research themes of the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research.
Please note that students who are applying to more than one graduate program at York should submit only one application to the DGHGS and clearly indicate the different programs in the statement.
2. Please attach your updated certified TRANSCRIPTS that cover your last 24 months of academic work, including all current and previous degree program(s).
3. Please attach your up-to-date academic CV.
4. Please attach a LETTER OF SUPPORT (not a letter of reference) from the York faculty member who is supervising your research or who has agreed to supervise your research if you are admitted to York University. Important, the supervisor must also declare their DI Faculty Fellow membership status in the letter.
Note: the supervisor may send the letter of support directly to dighr@yorku.ca, with the same deadline applying.
5. Please attach a LETTER (not a letter of reference) from your (proposed or current) York graduate program director which confirms:
 - a. your application status; or
 - b. your admissions offer with all sources of funding from the graduate program listed; or
 - c. that your admissions offer is conditional upon secured funding (which may include a Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholarship); or
 - d. that confirms your ongoing continuing graduate student status, in good standing e.g., full-time and active registration.
6. Please attach an itemized FINANCIAL BUDGET ([using this template](#)) 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, etc.). You may find the Faculty of Graduate Studies cost-of-living list to be helpful, here: <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/cost-of-living/>

Please review the application requirements carefully, we are unable to consider incomplete applications.

Deadline(s)

The application deadline for domestic and international applicants is noon ET on the **second Friday in January**.

Evaluation Criteria

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

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

Renewability

The DGHGS is granted annually; renewals are based on an annual renewal application and performance review. The same eligibility and award value criteria apply to renewal applicants as those applied to first-time applicants.

Renewal applications are due by noon ET on the last **Friday in April**, and must be submitted using the “Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholarship Renewal Application Form” Machform here: <http://go.yorku.ca/renew-di-scholarship>.

Applications for DGHGS renewal must include the following attachments (.pdf files only):

1. Please attach your official annual progress report, approved/signed for this past academic year;
2. Please attach a letter of support from your graduate research supervisor;
3. Please attach your most recent York academic transcript;
4. Please attach an itemized FINANCIAL BUDGET (using this template) 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, etc.);
5. Please attach a letter to the DGHGS Committee describing how you engaged with the Dahdaleh Institute this past academic year and how you plan to contribute in the upcoming academic year.

Evaluation Criteria

Scholarship renewal applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria and weighting. Failure to meet these criteria, or to maintain professional and collegial behaviour, may lead to the review and revocation of the scholarship.

Evaluation Criteria	Weight
Academic Excellence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain high academic performance• Timely progress towards completing program’s academic milestones (e.g. coursework)	40%
Research Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress towards original goals and objectives of the research described in the Proposal• Timely progress towards completing program’s research milestones (e.g. qualifying examinations)	40%
Engagement with the Dahdaleh Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in the Dahdaleh Institute’s weekly global health seminars• Present graduate work at least once per year at a suitable venue• Participate in workshops and special events at the Dahdaleh Institute	20%

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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