

**The Michael G. DeGroot Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research (MDG CMCR)  
Graduate Studentships**

The prestigious Michael G. DeGroot Graduate Studentships in cannabis research provides MSc and PhD candidates with the opportunity to pursue leading-edge research in line with the Centre's arms: Pain and Addiction & Mental Health.

This program is supported by the Michael G. DeGroot Initiative for Innovation in Healthcare – with funding from Mr. Michael G. DeGroot and the Boris Family Foundation.

These studentships aim to encourage and support cannabis research training and provide salary support to individuals with an exceptional background and an interest in research relating to the Centre's mandate. Successful recipients 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**

- Each studentship has a value of \$20,000.00 per year.
- PhD studentships are provided for a 3 year term.
- MSc studentships are provided for a 2 year term.
- Any additional funding required to support the candidate, in keeping with their program requirements, must be provided via the supervisor's own resources.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Awards will be available to McMaster University MSc and PhD graduate students undertaking cannabis-related research who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement or potential.
- 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 MGD CMCR.
- Recipients must not hold any other studentship award.
- Candidates will be required to have at least one supervisor who is a faculty affiliate of the MGD CMCR.
- Studentships will be held within the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University, which includes affiliations with affiliated hospitals (St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and Hamilton Health Sciences). Students pursuing research on addiction will also have the opportunity to affiliate with the Peter Boris Centre for Addictions Research
- 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 [cmcr@mcmaster.ca](mailto:cmcr@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 CMCR).
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Letter from proposed supervisor(s) confirming his/her willingness and ability to supervise the applicant for the duration of the award.
- Application deadline: Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 PM EST

### **Selection Process**

The Selection Committee for the award will be comprised of the CMCR co-Directors and select CMCR Faculty.

- Studentships will be awarded based primarily on the following criteria (other criteria may be introduced at the discretion of the Selection Committee) :
  - Feasibility and relevance of the proposed research project.
  - Alignment of the research with the vision/goals of the CMCR.
  - Academic background (e.g., training experiences, publications, awards).
  - Confirmation of support from proposed supervisor.
- All applicants will be notified of the result of their submission.