

Doctoral Bursaries Available
Programme interuniversitaire de formation en recherche en santé mondiale (PIFRSM)
Global Health Research Capacity Strengthening Program (GHR-CAPS)

What is the GHR-CAPS?

The Global Health Research Capacity Strengthening Program (GHR-CAPS) is an initiative of four universities (Université de Montréal, Université du Québec à Montréal, McGill University and Université Laval) that is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and by the Réseau de recherche en santé des populations du Québec (RRSPQ). This program, the first of its kind in Canada, builds upon the partners' combined strengths in global health development. The aim of the program is to contribute to the national and international development of global health research by recruiting and training researchers who will work in a high-calibre interdisciplinary environment and whose research will influence policy.

The GHR-CAPS brings together: (i) a group of prominent researchers who will serve as mentors and who represent a broad variety of global health research fields; (ii) unique research environments situated in the four major universities and providing, especially through their Teasdale-Corti research teams and their partners in the South, exceptional settings for supporting emerging researchers and for integrating good research practices and knowledge transfer; (iii) a unique provincial network of researcher who are mobilized and supported by the Réseau de recherche en santé des populations du Québec (RRSPQ).

The GHR-CAPS will provide an inter-university platform for teaching and training in global health that will include courses, seminars, short-term internships, and an annual summer school. The program will also encourage the development of partnerships among researchers.

What is global health?

Global health is a field of study, research and practice that is focused on improving health and achieving equity in health for all peoples of the world (Koplan et al. 2009 – The Lancet). Thus, global health naturally covers a broad spectrum of themes that are transnational in scope.

For whom is this bursary intended?

This bursary is open to doctoral candidates; its purpose is to promote the acquisition of essential transversal competencies in the field of global health. Priority will be given to students at the beginning of their studies.

The doctoral bursaries are set in accordance with CIHR rates; the stipend is \$17,850 for one year. A matching grant of at least 25% of the total bursary is required. The research supervisor must therefore contribute at least \$4,462.50. The remainder will be provided by the GHR-CAPS. The bursary is non-renewable.

What are the conditions for eligibility?

To be eligible for the bursary, you must:

- be accepted in a doctoral program in one of the four universities participating in the program (see list of mentors and GHR-CAPS partners);
- carry out a doctoral research project on a global health theme;
- commit to full-time doctoral studies under one or more supervisors, at least one of whom must be on the GHR-CAPS mentor list;

- commit to applying, in the next 12 months, for a doctoral grant from a recognized funding agency (FRSQ, CIHR, IDRC, etc.);
- commit to attending the summer school when it is offered;
- have an excellent academic record;
- provide confirmation of your research supervisor's support and commitment to contribute to the bursary.

What documents must be submitted?

- a letter of introduction describing the planned activities related to global health;
- a complete Canadian Common CV including scholarships and awards, publications, communications and research experience;
- transcripts of grades from bachelor's, master's and doctoral studies, as applicable.
- a description of the research project (two pages) including the issue, the objectives, the methodology and the relevance of the project, with particular attention to where it fits within the field of global health;
- a complete Canadian Common CV of your thesis supervisor, including appendices;
- three letters of reference, one of which must be from your thesis supervisor describing how you will be integrated into a team and confirming your supervisor's commitment to provide a matching grant equivalent to 25% of the total bursary amount.

What is the deadline for receipt of applications? January 4, 2010, at 4 p.m.

Applications must be sent in paper format to the address provided at the end of this announcement.

Decisions will be announced on January 22, 2010.

To whom you must send your application?

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Université de Montréal : <http://www.vesa-tc.umontreal.ca/acces.htm>

Université du Québec à Montréal : <http://www.pluph.uqam.ca/>

Université McGill : <http://www.mcgill.ca/trauma-globalhealth/>

Université Laval : http://www.bi.ulaval.ca/empreinte_durable/fr/cirque_scientifique.php