

Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry Awards Terms of Reference

Purpose

This document provides a comprehensive overview of the eligibility criteria and award conditions for students applying for Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry (FoMD) Awards. It aims to ensure clarity, fairness, and transparency in the administration of these awards.

Award Criteria

1. Full-Time Enrollment and Academic Standing

- 1.1 Students must be registered in a full-time thesis-based MSc or a PhD program within the FoMD at the University of Alberta.
- 1.2 Students must be in good academic standing within their programs. This includes maintaining a B average (3.00/4.00) with no grade lower than B- in any graduate course, along with other program requirements. They must also demonstrate satisfactory research engagement and progress, as indicated by the Annual Progress Report.

2. Award Holding Limitations

- 2.1 Students may hold an FoMD Award and any other UofA or external award, provided the total does not exceed the base funding amount as specified in section 4.1 of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry Funding Policy Framework.
- 2.2 If the cumulative amount exceeds the base funding amount, the FoMD Award will be reduced by that amount. The top-up amount then comes from the supervisor, as specified in section 5.1 of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry Funding Policy Framework.

3. Concurrent Funding Restrictions

- 3.1 Recipients of FoMD Awards may not concurrently hold any other funding from the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.
- 3.2 Recipients cannot hold the same award twice, with the exception of the MSGP Scholarship.

4. Stipend and FoMD Awards Eligibility

- 4.1 Students with stipend awards (UofA awards and/or external awards) equal to or greater than the minimum base funding for the 12-month pay period of the FoMD Award are not eligible for FoMD Awards.
- 4.2 Students with stipend awards that expire before the end of the 12-month pay period of the FoMD Award retain eligibility. Payments will be made for the balance of the eligibility period at the monthly rate associated with the specific award, up to a maximum of the current GRAF agreement monthly salary for PhD or MSc.

5. Program Year Limitations

- 5.1 MSc applicants are eligible to hold FoMD Awards during the first three years of their program. The latest an MSc student can apply for an FoMD Award is in their second year, allowing them to be funded in their third year.
- 5.2 PhD applicants are eligible to hold FoMD Awards during the first five years of their program. The latest a PhD student can apply for an FoMD Award is in their fourth year, allowing them to be funded in their fifth year.

6. MD/PhD Students

6.1 MD/PhD students registered full-time (consecutive Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer terms) in their graduate program are eligible to apply for FoMD Awards. They must continue to hold full-time graduate registration in their graduate portion during the term of payment of the award.

7. Additional Eligibility Requirements

7.1 Specific FoMD Awards may have additional eligibility requirements. Students should consult the respective FoMD Awards pages for detailed criteria.