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A. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS OF MD/PHD PROGRAM

MD/PhD Student's Responsibilities

1. The student is to attend the MD/PhD Seminars until clerkship. If you are unable to attend a seminar, you must notify the Program Manager.

2. The student is expected to participate in the annual Medical Student Research Day.

3. The student is expected to participate in the annual Toronto CIP/CITAC Symposium.

4. The student must clearly communicate their PhD plans with both the Director and Program Manager of the MD/PhD Program prior to applying to a graduate program.

5. The student must promptly inform the Director of the MD/PhD Program of any changes to their student status, such as program completion, leaves or interruptions to their training.

6. Students returning into the MD program from their PhD must either have successfully defended, or submit a PhD Completion Report, signed by their PhD supervisor, to the MD/PhD Program office. This form confirms that a complete draft of their thesis has been submitted to the supervisor. The completed form is due August 1 of the year of their return to the MD Program. If a student does not qualify to return to the MD Program by these standards, they must receive permission from the Director of the MD/PhD Program in order to return to the MD Program.

7. Students are expected to have completed their PhD prior to entering 4th year of the MD Program. Those who have not yet defended their PhD must receive permission from the Director of the MD/PhD Program to enter 4th year. They must have their PhD defense approved and scheduled with the School of Graduate Studies prior to commencing 4th year of the MD Program.

8. Students must inform the MD/PhD Program Manager of any additional funding of $2,500 or more received through scholarships and awards, including from the MD Program.

B. FUNDING

For students admitted in 2019, the annual stipend for the MD/PhD Program is tuition plus incidentals, plus $18,000.
Please note that MD/PhD students in graduate programs in the Faculty of Medicine are excluded from the Harmonized Base Funding Agreement (HBFA). The MD/PhD tuition includes fees for the MD Program, which their graduate unit is not responsible to support.

Commencement of MD/PhD Stipend
The MD/PhD stipend begins in January of the student’s first year in the MD Program. For current MD students admitted into the program, it begins in September of their first year in the program. It continues until graduation from the MD Program, as long as the student is in good standing.

MD/PhD Stipend Payment
In order to be eligible for the program stipend, MD/PhD students must be in good standing in their MD and/or PhD program. They must be enrolled as a full-time student in either the MD or PhD program.

During PhD training, the student supervisor contributes $18,000 per year to this stipend.

In fourth year, MD clerkship pay is considered part of the MD/PhD stipend package.

The MD/PhD Program portion of the stipend is paid as a scholarship on a monthly basis through ACORN. It is the student’s responsibility to check that this stipend is correct.

Additional Awards
All MD/PhD students must report any awards of $2,500 or more received outside of their regular stipend to the MD/PhD office. This includes awards from the MD Program and OGS awards.

Typically, the total MD/PhD stipend paid to the student will be reduced by the amount of the award. If the award exceeds the amount equivalent to the MD/PhD Stipend and top-up, the student will not be eligible to receive the top-up.

In some cases, students receiving additional external awards may be eligible for a stipend bonus, or top-up. The MD/PhD stipend top-ups follow the guidelines and rules outlined annually in the Harmonized Base Funding Agreement (HBFA). This is posted at https://md.utoronto.ca/mdphd-stipends.

Failure to report an award could result in the loss of your stipend.

Bursaries do not need to be reported.

**C. SIGNATURES**

I have read the above Statement of Agreement, and I agree to abide by its terms and provisions.

Printed Name of Student

Signature of Student

Date: ____________________________