

## AVC Graduate Student Stipend Support Fund (AVC GSSSF) (2022)

**Application Deadline: 27 July 2022 (4:00 pm)**

**Eligible Applicants: AVC faculty (see details)**

**Maximum Grant: \$30,000**

**Total Available: \$120,000**

### Rationale for internal graduate student funding

Research-based graduate students (GS) are recognized as the engine of a robust research environment. By investing in GS stipends and increasing GS numbers, more faculty will have incentive to initiate and obtain research funding, which will then demonstrate a track record for research that improves their competitiveness for further external research funding. Increasing faculty research funding will increase GS numbers and research outputs further leading to sustained growth of AVC research. A key component of overall research success is access to top quality GS. Therefore, the rationale for this fund is to invest in a primary driver of sustained research growth, new graduate students, supervised by faculty who have secured sufficient funding to carry out the research projects.

### Statement of Goals and Priorities

The goals of the internally funded AVC Graduate Student stipends are:

- (a) to support a component of the graduate student stipend that acts as leverage for external research funding proposals pursued by faculty as part of their larger research programs

The priorities of this award are:

- (a) to support early career tenure-track faculty (i.e. pre-tenure and tenured Assistant Professors) as Principal Investigators who are preparing proposals to agencies, foundations, government departments, or industry
- (b) to support proposals with a clear collaboration between research-intensive and service-intensive faculty
- (c) to support proposals that are sufficiently developed that they have a high probability of submission to the sponsoring agency within one year of the award date and for which the AVC funds are expected to improve the probability of success.

### Eligibility

The following tenure-track AVC faculty members are eligible to be the Principal Investigator on a proposal:

- (a) primary appointment must be within the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
- (b) at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor as of 1 Sep 2022

The Dean and Associate Dean (AVC-GSR) are ineligible to be investigators named in the proposal. Full Professors may be a co-investigator only.

## AVC Graduate Student Stipend Support Fund (AVC GSSSF) (2022)

### Grant Details

Total funds available - \$120,000.

Grants up to a maximum of \$30,000 will be awarded.

### Application Process

The submission to this AVC Graduate Student Stipend Support Fund (AVC GSSSF) must include the full penultimate draft proposal planned for a new submission to an external sponsor prior to December 31, 2022. Partially completed proposals may be considered but will not be given priority. A brief description of how the proposal addresses each of the previously outlined priorities must be included in the submission (max 2 pages).

**Eligible External Project Sponsors:** The external funding sponsor can be an agency or foundation and includes any level of government. SJDAWC or any internal research funds, including start up or overhead accounts, are not considered eligible as an external sponsor. The submission must include details of the funding opportunity (with specific description of criteria for any sponsor other than Tri-Agency submissions). Previously secured external funding is only eligible for students who have not yet started their program and there is justification that previously secured funds are insufficient to allow a graduate student to otherwise be part of the project. Renewal of external funds may be considered eligible if there is justification that this award will increase the probability of success in the renewal process. Involvement of internal funding sources in an external sponsor proposal is encouraged but will not be considered as matching funds for this scholarship.

**Eligible AVC-GSSSF expenses:** The AVC-GSSSF can only be used to fund a portion of the graduate student stipend but can be allocated to either of the first 2 years of MSc or the first 4 years of PhD stipend. The matching funds for the full minimum stipend (as calculated by the AVC-GSR Office) must be secured before these funds will be made available.

The AVC-GSSSF award is only available for the submitted funding proposal. It cannot be transferred to another proposal. If the external sponsor's award is declined or the proposal not submitted in the next available cycle for that sponsor, it will be considered expired and returned to use in a further competition.

A complete budget must be submitted with details of the proposed involvement of the AVC-GSSSF and how these internal funds will contribute to the probability of success.

Normally grants will be awarded to support activities carried out over the duration of the proposed project but if justified, they can be applied toward a year in which the external sponsor has lower funds (e.g. to extend a year of the GS stipend not available from the external

## AVC Graduate Student Stipend Support Fund (AVC GSSSF) (2022)

sponsor). In some situations, the external sponsor funding of graduate students will necessitate this fund to be used to cover other research costs and not the stipend directly. This will only be considered when the project involves new graduate student stipend funding. Funds will be disbursed annually contingent upon documented satisfactory progress and continued external funding. No extensions will be possible, and all residual funds must be returned to AVC Research Fund. A PI can only have one active AVC-GSSSF in the same fiscal year.

Recipients will be required to submit a brief (maximum 1 page) report outlining the results of the project within 3 months of the end date of funding (or as a progress report if funded for more than 1 year). This report must include a description of the AVC-GSSSF funds and how they leveraged external sponsor funding. Failure to submit a report may result in the Principal Investigator being declared ineligible for subsequent internal competitions and not receiving subsequent installments.

Please submit 1 electronic copy (pdf or word) including signatures (note: submissions copied to department chairs and co-investigators will be deemed to be approved by them) of your **complete application to Rosemary at [mciver@upei.ca](mailto:mciver@upei.ca) by 4:00 pm, July 27, 2022**. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Incomplete applications or additional material submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Funds not allocated in this round will carry forward to a future competition that will occur prior to the end of 2022.