Call for Applications
Wayne Riggs Interdisciplinary Doctoral Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Background
The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of British Columbia (UBC) established the Wayne Riggs Interdisciplinary Doctoral Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2015 to celebrate the retirement of Dr. Riggs and to honor his more than 26 years of service as a dedicated researcher, outstanding teacher and mentor, and respected leader in the Faculty. The intent of this scholarship is to foster the career development of the next generation of outstanding leaders in interdisciplinary research in pharmaceutical sciences.

Deadline for Application
The deadline for both the Wayne Riggs Interdisciplinary Doctoral Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Sciences and PhD program applications is February 15. If the application deadline falls on a Saturday or Sunday, complete applications for the award and PhD program admission must be submitted on the Friday prior to the deadline.

Student Eligibility
The applicant will have completed a master’s or 4-year bachelor’s (honours) degree in a relevant discipline and must:
1. Be applying to enter the first year of a full time PhD program in the UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the time of this application. Note that a full application to the UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences PhD Program must accompany this scholarship application.
2. Have a minimum A or equivalent average in each of the last two years of full time study and must meet all the requirements for admission to the UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences PhD Program.
3. At the time of application, have secured two supervisors who have agreed to supervise the applicant in an interdisciplinary doctoral thesis project. The supervisors must have complementary research expertise; one must be from the UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the other one in a different research discipline in another faculty.
4. Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.

Supervisor Eligibility
Prospective research supervisors must be eligible to supervise PhD students at UBC, be able to provide exceptional training and mentoring, have operating funds available to support the thesis project, and have an outstanding record of graduate student supervision and mentoring.

Scholarship
The award is $35,000 CDN each year for 2 years.

Expectations
The award recipient will be an exemplary scholar and citizen, an outstanding leader in graduate student affairs, and a dedicated ambassador for the UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

How to Apply
1. Submit an application through the UBC Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (link to https://www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students/application-admission) by the February 15 deadline, and specify the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences PhD program as the program to which you are applying.
2. Submit the following to the UBC Pharmacy Graduate Program by the February 15 deadline:
   a. A curriculum vitae, a description (250 words) of the proposed doctoral thesis project, and a cover letter from the applicant identifying the prospective supervisor(s) and describing the applicant’s career goals, academic and research accomplishments, extra-curricular activities and community service, reason(s) for applying for this award, and how this award will contribute to the applicant’s career aspirations.
   b. A curriculum vitae and statement from the applicant’s potential new supervisor(s) detailing history of graduate student supervision/mentoring, source of operating funds to support the thesis project, and the proposed training and mentoring program for the applicant.