Purpose of Scholarships
The Obstetrics and Gynaecology Graduate Research Scholarships (OGGS) are intended to encourage and recognize excellence in research at the graduate level within the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Western University.

Number and Value of Scholarships
There will be a maximum of five (5) scholarships awarded per year. A scholarship will be for one academic year (3 consecutive terms). Scholarship holders must re-apply on an annual basis and are eligible to apply for continued funding. The value of each scholarship will be $15,500 M.Sc and $16,500 Ph.D. students (+ $4,500 Western Graduate Scholarship to all students with > 80% average) per year paid by monthly instalments beginning in September 2017.

Eligibility
The scholarships are for students entering any year of their graduate training (i.e. M.Sc. or Ph.D.) during the typical residency period for their degree (i.e. 2 years M.Sc.; 5 years Ph.D.). You are eligible to apply for the scholarship if you are accepted for M.Sc. or Ph.D. studies in a laboratory supervised by a full time faculty member primarily appointed to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, The University of Western Ontario. You are not eligible if you already hold external competitive personnel awards during the tenure of the scholarship (for example: OGS, NSERC, CIHR, CCSRI, Genesis Foundation, Heart and Stroke, Lung Association, March of Dimes, etc.). All scholarship holders must maintain a minimum of an 80% average on all course work to be eligible for the scholarship and to maintain the scholarship funding once awarded.

Conditions
If you receive an Obstetrics and Gynaecology Graduate Scholarship (OGGS), you must comply with the following conditions:

1) You must maintain full-time registration in your graduate program during the tenure of the scholarship. If you withdraw from the approved program, transfer to part-time, fail to complete the year or graduate during the tenure of the scholarship, the Research and Finance Committees in the Department must be notified immediately.

2) You are strongly encouraged to apply for external awards for which you are eligible. Should you receive an offer of an external scholarship or studentship, you are required to notify the Departmental Research and Finance Committees before taking any action on the offer.

3) An acknowledgement of funding support from this program must be included in any publications directly resulting from the candidates work during the course of the funding period.

4) It is the intent of this program to enrich the research activities throughout the department. It is therefore expected that more than one scholarship awarded in a single laboratory, or that scholarships being awarded to the same laboratory in subsequent years will be unusual occurrences. These will represent important factors affecting the review process and would only be supported due to unusual circumstances such as limited applications in a given year or due to an unusually high level of excellence displayed by the candidates or the proposed research programs. The department reserves the right not to award all 5 scholarships in any given year.
Application Procedures

To be considered for the OGGS scholarship, the application forms provided must be submitted to the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department Research Committee (Co-Chairs, Dr. Queena Chou and Dr. Andrew Watson) on or before July 10, 2017. The applications will be available by downloading from the department website (Word & PDF versions).

Documentation

The following documentation is required by July 10, 2017:

1) **ONE** original copy of the application form, list of publications, and one-page outline of proposed research.
2) Electronic copy of the completed application form, emailed to: queena.chou@lhsc.on.ca and andrew.watson@schulich.uwo.ca
3) Two referee reports (hard copy or electronic copy).
4) Official transcripts of all grades obtained at any post-secondary institution.
5) Brief letter from supervisor detailing financial need of salary support for applicant.

*Please do not send documentation other than that required.*

Review Process

OGGS applications will be reviewed by the Obstetrics & Gynaecology Research Committee in early August. Up to 5 scholarships may be awarded based on ranking of all applications by the committee. Results will be communicated to all applicants (successful and unsuccessful) and their supervisors shortly thereafter. Funds will be made available to support successful graduate students for one year beginning in September 2017.
Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Graduate Scholarship (OGGS)
Application Form (2017)

(Complete all 19 sections)

**Student Information**

1. Name:

2. UWO student number (if applicable):

3. Mailing address:

4. Permanent address:

5. E-Mail address:

6. Phone number (lab):  
   Phone number (home):

**Location of Past, Present and Proposed Training**

7. Graduate Program enrolled in (MSc, PhD, or MD/PhD):

8. Date started program:

9. Department and program:

10. Name of Supervisor(s):

11. Title of research project:

12. Degree(s) obtained:

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**Supporting Documentation**

15. Provide a basic outline of proposed research including research rationale, hypothesis (objectives), experimental design and importance of expected findings (**maximum 1 page, 12 point font size and 1-inch margins**). *It is highly advisable to have your research supervisor review this research outline.*

16. Names of individuals who have provided reports 1 and 2 of the application form:

   Report #1 (Supervisor):

   Report #2 (Professor familiar with research activities):

   *NOTE: please provide brief CV of the Supervisor*

17. Provide a list of publications, which may include abstracts published or submitted, and papers published, submitted or in press. In the case that you have a paper submitted but not accepted, or submitted and in press, a letter of receipt or acceptance of the manuscript from the publisher must be provided. **Do not include manuscripts in preparation.**
18. Arrange for **ONE hard copy** of completed application and official transcripts of grades to be sent to **EACH** of:

Queena Chou  
Co-Chair of the Research Committee  
Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
Western University  
800 Commissioners Rd E  
Room B2-443  
London ON  
N6A 5W9  
Attention: Graduate Scholarship

Andrew Watson  
Co-Chair of the Research Committee  
Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
Western University  
Clinical Sciences Building, Room 2708  
1151 Richmond St  
London, ON  
N6A 3K7  
Attention: Graduate Scholarship

An **electronic copy** of the completed application form must be sent to Dr. Queena Chou (queena.chou@lhsc.on.ca) and Dr. Andrew Watson (andrew.watson@schulich.uwo.ca)

**Referee reports** may be sent directly as hard copies to the address above or electronically by email (queena.chou@lhsc.on.ca and andrew.watson@schulich.uwo.ca). Please ensure a brief CV of the supervisor accompanies the referee report or application.

**NEW**: The research supervisor must provide a brief letter explaining the financial need for the applicant to have salary support from the OGGS. This letter should be included with the referee report and brief CV.

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19. *The undersigned agree to abide by all conditions specific to this award, and certify that the information provided is true to the best of their knowledge at the date of application.*

A) **Applicant**

Signature: ______________________________________

Date: ______________________________________
B) Supervisor

Signature: ________________________________

Date: _________________________________
Name of Applicant:

Name of Referee:

Sections 1 and 2 below must be completed by the applicant’s primary supervisor and must be typed. Submit original directly to either Dr. Queena Chou or Dr. Andrew Watson by July 10, 2017. Alternatively, an electronic copy may be sent to queena.chou@lhsc.on.ca or andrew.watson@schulich.uwo.ca

1. Please attach a copy of a mini CV module (no more than 3 pages) listing funds for all current research projects, both applied for and received. Give agency, amount and title of projects. Also include a list of awards and publications from up to the last five years of research activities.
2. In the remaining space below, or on a separate page, please assess the candidate. The following criteria are suggested: intelligence, motivation, originality, ability to communicate (oral and written), problem solving, judgment, background preparation, present ability at research, research potential and overall ability. Please comment on the role of the applicant in publications resulting from research under your supervision.
Name of Applicant:

Name of Referee:

The section below must be completed by a person familiar with the applicant’s work, but not a current supervisor, and must be typed. Submit original directly to either Dr. Queena Chou or Dr. Andrew Watson by July 10, 2017. Alternatively, an electronic copy may be sent to queena.chou@lhsc.on.ca or andrew.watson@schulich.uwo.ca

How long have you known the applicant, and in what context?

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