



The Toronto Rehabilitation Institute Scholarship in Rehabilitation-Related Research for Graduate Students with Disabilities

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Goal

The Toronto Rehabilitation Institute has established the *Scholarship in Rehabilitation-Related Research for Graduate Students with Disabilities* with the support of the TD Bank Financial Group to further the active involvement of people with disabilities in rehabilitation-related research. As researchers, we embrace the concept of consumer participation; we believe that people with disabilities should be active participants in planning and conducting research. This scholarship will help train people with disabilities to be researchers in rehabilitation science. It is our expectation that recipients will pursue careers as rehabilitation researchers.

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Eligibility

Toronto Rehab's *Scholarship in Rehabilitation-Related Research for Graduate Students with Disabilities* will be awarded to student(s) in good standing to support their education and training.

Applicants must have a disability.

Candidates must plan to be enrolled in an appropriate graduate program leading to a master's or doctoral degree at the University of Toronto. Candidates may apply for this

award prior to being accepted into graduate studies provided they have applied to a relevant graduate program at the University of Toronto. Postgraduate medical trainees must be registered in a graduate program to be eligible.

Fields of study must relate to rehabilitation but are not limited to any particular discipline and, for example, may include but are not limited to rehabilitation sciences, health administration, and engineering.

Scholarship offers will be made subject to the applicant's acceptance and enrolment into an appropriate program of study at the University of Toronto.

Staff of Toronto Rehab and the TD Bank Financial Group are eligible.

All applicants must be proficient in both written and spoken English. Applicants whose primary language is not English and who graduated from a non-Canadian university where the language of instruction and examination was not English must meet the English Facility requirements of their department at the University of Toronto.

Supervision

Recipients must be supervised either by

1) a Toronto Rehab Scientist who is appointed to the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto,

OR

2) a Professor at the University of Toronto who has an appointment in the School of Graduate Studies and is eligible for an adjunct appointment at Toronto Rehab.

Selection

The scholarships will be awarded on the basis:

- research and academic achievements
- letters of recommendation
- quality of the proposed research
- evidence of ambition to pursue a career in rehabilitation-related research.

To ensure a fair and objective review process, it is the policy of Toronto Rehab not to comment on the deliberation of the Selection Committee. Thus, Toronto Rehab is unable to provide written or oral evaluations to applicants after the decisions are made. No provisions exist for reconsideration of awards after scholarships are announced.

Documentation

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all necessary documentation, (including transcripts), is received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time May 1st, 2006 by:

Lois Ward
Research Administration
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute
550 University Avenue
Toronto ON M5G 2A2
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Incomplete applications will not be considered. Letters of recommendation are confidential, and should be provided in a sealed envelope and signed by the referee. All applications and supporting materials become the property of Toronto Rehab and, as such, will not be returned.

Award Amount

Each scholarship will be for \$20,000. In addition, an individual supplement will be provided to help meet special costs of attending graduate school that are incurred as a result of disability. The scholarship will be renewable for an additional year depending on satisfactory performance and in the case of a PhD candidate, may be renewable for up to three future terms if funds are available.

Number of Individual Awards

The number of awards will depend on the quality of the individual applications and the funds available.

Payment of Awards

Funds will be awarded through the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute Foundation to selected applicants. Payment will not be made until the applicant has provided documentation from the University of Toronto confirming acceptance. Students will receive their contributions on a monthly basis. A transcript of the first term marks indicating continuing attendance at University is required.

The payment schedule for education-related disability expenses will be determined on an individual basis.

Scholarship Year

The scholarship will be for the period from September 2006 to August 2007.

Concurrent Funding

Students are encouraged to also apply to other organizations that provide academic and disability-related funding. Students who receive support from other sources will be eligible to apply for supplementary financial support from this scholarship. Scholarship recipients are required to promptly disclose financial assistance from other sources to the Vice President, Research at Toronto Rehab.

Publicity

Recipients agree to participate in promotional activities as required, including the publication of their name, picture and career goals upon receipt of a Scholarship.

Request for Deferment

Request for deferment will be considered only in unusual circumstances and the decision will be made by the Selection Committee. In the event that the student does not complete the academic term, he/she must submit to the Selection Committee a medical report stating his/her inability to complete the full course load in order to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship. An adjustment in the scholarship payment may be required.

Right of Withdrawal

The Selection Committee reserves the right to cancel any award before payment has been made or to take recovery action on contributions already made where the candidate has failed to meet the conditions of the award.

Conditions of Award

Students who are eligible for these scholarships shall comply with all the conditions and requirements contained herein before any payment will be made.

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