



The University of British Columbia

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology Julia Levy Fellowship

Award Overview and Scope

The Department of Microbiology & Immunology (M&I) Julia Levy Fellowship is a one-year fellowship for \$10,000 for a PhD student in the department. One fellowship will be awarded per year for the next three years.

The award is named after Dr. Julia Levy, the first woman faculty member in our department, who had an exceptional career and made important contributions to training the next generation of scientists. With her passion always focused on science and discovery, she made pioneering and foundational contributions to the Canadian biotech industry, and to this day remains instrumental in guiding companies forward. Dr. Levy founded one of UBC and British Columbia's first successful large biotech companies, QLT, based on a photodynamic therapy that her lab helped develop. For those curious to learn more, please read her autobiography "In Sight".

Eligibility

The M&I Julia Levy Fellowship is available to all M&I registered PhD students that **do not** already hold a major award. Each recipient is eligible to receive the award once.

Fellowship Selection Criteria and Process

The selection of the Fellowship's recipient will be made by the Graduate Scholarship Awards Committee. The applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their:

- Research Proposal (25%)
- Leadership Potential – demonstrating their commitment to addressing a major science problem and contributing to society. (25%)
- Academic and Research excellence. (50%)

Submission Deadline and Post-Competition Notification of Results

Compile all components of the application into a single PDF, and submit to Darlene Birkenhead Darmb@mail.ubc.ca by **3 pm June 30th** of each year.

The recipient of this year's Fellowship will be announced in August, 2021 for a September start.



Application Components

Section I: Research Proposal

Maximum one page (1" margins, 12-pt Times font, single spaced) to be prepared solely by the applicant, and one additional page for the list of citations.

Describe your proposed research project for the period during which you would hold the fellowship. As part of this, please provide the following information:

- The Goal of your PhD work.
- Background information to position your proposed research within the context of the current knowledge in the field (citing literature pertinent to the proposal),
- The central research question(s) and supporting hypothesis
- The near and long-term objectives
- The experimental approach to be taken, as well as key methods and procedures to be used
- The anticipated contribution of the project to the advancement of society.

In preparing your research proposal, please employ the citation style common to your field of research. Do not use more than one citation style. Footnotes or endnotes should be employed for citation purposes only, and should not elaborate on the information contained in the 1-page research proposal. The list of citations for your research proposal must not exceed one page.

Section II: Leadership (Potential and Demonstrated Ability)

Maximum one page (1" margins, 12-pt Times font, single spaced) to be prepared solely by the applicant.

Describe how you have gone above and beyond the expected norms in order to contribute positively to society, overcome obstacles, mentor others, spearhead change, or otherwise demonstrate Leadership. Your description should touch on 1) personal achievements, impactful involvement in academic life, volunteerism and community outreach, and setting and achievement of major goals that have served to benefit others. Any and all indications of leadership and personal achievements should be articulated.

Section III: Academic and Research Excellence

All applicants should prepare a maximum 5-page curriculum vitae (1" margins, 12-pt Times font, single spaced) that records **all academic achievements, research achievements (including publications and presentations)** to date, and evidence of contributions to society.



Section IV: Biographical Information

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| Last name: | First name: |
| If applicable, list any other names on your education records: | |
| Graduate program enrolled: | Enrolled degree: PhD candidate PhD program applicant |
| Supervising Faculty member: | Student number: |
| Email: | |

Questions?

If you have questions or require further assistance in preparing your application, please contact Darlene Birkenhead at darmb@mail.ubc.ca

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you also apply for the MSL-M&I Zymeworks fellowship, you can apply to this fellowship as well, using your Zymeworks application. To be eligible for this award, make sure you notify and send a copy of your application to Darlene Birkenhead darmb@mail.ubc.ca by the stated deadline.