

Catalyzing the Talent Pipeline Scholarship

2020 Application Checklist

Required:

- **Complete the information on page 1** including your name, address, e-mail, student number, highest degree awarded, date of entry into the program, and the names of the labs in which you rotated. If you have formally joined a lab (January 2020 admits and direct-entry students) you can simply indicate which lab you joined. This information is used to avoid conflicts of interest during the adjudication process. You can also provide optional demographic information.
- **Complete the brief statement on your goals for your education and future (page 2).**
- **Complete the brief statement on your relevant past experience (page 3).**
 - *Think of this as a very short CV. You can choose a narrative style (paragraph form) or simply put your various achievements in a bullet point form. Or a bit of both!*
- **An abstract of your MSc thesis if you completed a thesis-based MSc degree prior to joining the program.**

NOTE: Letters of recommendation are NOT required for this application. Please do not provide any. The committee will not see the earlier recommendation letters you have on file.

Optional attachments (as pdf):

- **Copies of prior publications (no supplementary data please!)**
- **Submitted manuscripts under review (cover and abstract page only, you can add annotations regarding to when it was submitted, to which journal and its current status.)**
- **Conference abstracts**
- **Award and recognition certificates**
- **News articles in which you have been featured (if relevant to leadership, scholarship, or science)**
- **Additional documentation or statements that could be relevant to your application. This could include a statement to explain a long absence, maternity/paternity leaves, etc.**
- **NOTE: Please be judicious and avoid including information that is not likely to be relevant to this application.**

Completed applications must be sent, attached as a .pdf file by e-mail, to Kwame Diko in the student services office (mgy.info@utoronto.ca) by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 27th, 2020.

After submission, the Department will also amend your application - providing the adjudication committee with information we have on file from the cover pages of your graduate school application - including the attendance dates, programs, and transcripts from post-secondary institutions you attended prior to joining the Molecular Genetics Graduate Program.

- *When you enrolled in the program, we required formal verification of your prior degree and a final transcript so our offices should have your current information. You can ask our graduate office to verify what version of your transcripts we currently have on file. You can update this information if needed. If you need to update a transcript, we can accept a temporary printout when you apply, but you will need to provide an official version before we can award funding.*

The David Dime Family Catalyst Fund in Molecular Genetics

Catalyzing the Talent Pipeline Scholarship

2020 Application Form

Deadline for submission: Friday, November 27th at 5:00 pm

Please submit your complete application in PDF format electronically to mgy.info@utoronto.ca by the deadline.

Applicant Information
Full Name:
Student Number:
E-mail Address:
Current Mailing Address:
Date of Entry (January or September 2020):
Highest Academic Degree Earned (BSc, MSc, or professional degree):
Current Degree Track (MSc or PhD):
Please list labs in which you did rotation projects. January 2020 admits and/or September students who joined labs directly can simply provide the name of the lab they joined: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.

Self-identification / demographic information:

The **Catalyzing the Talent Pipeline Scholarship** has made a priority of funding talented students from demographic groups that are under-represented in basic biomedical/biomolecular research including, but not exclusive to, those that identify as black or indigenous. Aside from basic information about age and gender, the Department of Molecular Genetics does not gather demographic information on its student body.

For the purposes of this application you may describe, in your own words, how you identify with respect to race/ethnicity, gender identity, or disability status in the box below. You can also choose not to provide this information by leaving the box blank. Information you give here will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

Personal Career Statement

In the space below please describe your current research interests, your goals for your education, and the careers you might pursue after completing your graduate degree in Molecular Genetics.

Your Path Prior to Joining Molecular Genetics

Tell us about (or simply list) anything you feel is relevant about your prior experiences including research, work, volunteer work, mentorship/outreach, honours, awards, scholarships, conference presentations, and publications.

The information I have provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The David Dime Family Catalyst Fund in Molecular Genetics – Catalyzing the Talent Pipeline Scholarship

The Department of Molecular Genetics is pleased to announce the first call for applications for the **David Dime Family Catalyst Fund - Catalyzing the Talent Pipeline Scholarship**.

This newly established scholarship is generously supported by the family of the late Dr. David Dime. David had a rich history at the University of Toronto, with a PhD from the Department of Chemistry, followed by a job in industry in Switzerland, and then postdoctoral research in the Department of Molecular Genetics. David was the founder of Toronto Research Chemicals, which he started in 1983 in a small space on the 4th floor of Medical Sciences Building. Together with his wife, Elisa Nuyten, and his children, Julian, Sophia, and Camille Dime, he established this Catalyst Fund to support innovative and exploratory research and training in the Department of Molecular Genetics.

The objective of the **Catalyzing the Talent Pipeline Scholarship** is to engage and support young, brilliant scientists to enable them to pursue careers in fundamental and basic research. *These scholarships specifically aim to support young graduate students in the Department of Molecular Genetics who come from backgrounds that are underrepresented in basic biomolecular research.*

Award

The inaugural round in 2020 will award two (2) scholarships to eligible first year MSc or PhD-track students, each providing \$30,000 of tuition/stipend support for a period of one year. Funding will commence January 1, 2021.

Eligibility

The Department of Molecular Genetics in the Temerty Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto, shall receive and evaluate applications. Eligibility for this scholarship is outlined below:

1. Applicants must be graduate students in the Department of Molecular Genetics in their first year of study. This includes all MSc or PhD-track students who entered the program in January or September of 2020.
2. Applicants must have demonstrated academic excellence during their prior undergraduate or MSc studies, and have continued to show potential for success during their short time in the graduate program to date.
3. The award is specifically targeted to first-year graduate students who identify with a demographic group currently under-represented in basic biomedical/biomolecular research, including and especially Indigenous and Black researchers. Students who identify with other under-represented groups are also encouraged to apply.
4. Applicants holding other awards (OGS, NSERC, CIHR, etc.), will likely be unable to hold both scholarships simultaneously. Please contact the Department if you have funding from other sources to determine if you are eligible for this award.

Applying for the Scholarship (Deadline: Friday, November 27th, 2020 at 5:00 pm)

- The application for the **Catalyzing the Talent Pipeline Scholarship** is amended to this announcement (and is also available on the Molecular Genetics Website). This template must be used for the application.
- Completed applications must be sent, attached as a .pdf file by e-mail, to Kwame Diko in the student services office (mgy.info@utoronto.ca) by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 27th, 2020.
- The student applicant is responsible for ensuring completeness of the application and late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please consult the checklist carefully.
- We aim to announce the awardees in December 2020. Funding will commence January 2021.

Conditions of the Scholarship

- Funds from the scholarship are to be used to cover the costs of tuition and stipend. They will be administered as per the policies outlined in the current Harmonized Base Funding Agreement.
- Applicants, if successful, agree to have their application shared in confidence with the Donor for internal documentation and auditing purposes.
- Awardees must provide a written one-page final report within a month after the end of the funding period (by February 1, 2022) summarizing their research progress, to the Department Chair's office.
- All publications/presentations that result from a project supported by this scholarship should carry the following acknowledgement: "{Student name} was supported by a Catalyzing the Talent Pipeline Scholarship from the David Dime Family Catalyst Initiative in Molecular Genetics at the University of Toronto."
- Awardees must remain in good academic standing throughout the period of the award.
- Administration of funds during temporary leaves of absence will follow the policies and procedures as outlined by the School of Graduate Studies.
- Awardees who terminate their enrollment in the program while funded by this award will receive funds proportional to the time during the award period that they were enrolled in the program.
- Students who have joined or have done a recent rotation project in labs of adjudication committee members are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Faculty will not evaluate the applications of students who have joined, or who could join, their lab.