



RMTBC MASTER'S STUDIES SCHOLARSHIPS (RMTBC MSS)

We will provide two scholarships of \$14,000 each, yearly. Qualified master's students may apply for one of two awards.

Purpose

The Registered Massage Therapists' Association of BC (RMTBC) aims to advance knowledge and understanding of massage therapy by offering funding for master's students in programs with significant research components. The RMTBC recognizes the need to develop the research capabilities within the massage therapy profession. These scholarships will contribute to the profession by advancing knowledge through the candidates' research, and by helping financially support developing scholars in the field.

The scholarship is intended to fund the most highly qualified master's students who wish to pursue research in an academic setting, through research degrees.

Eligibility

Each candidate must have been formally accepted as a student (full or part time) in an accredited Canadian master's program. The degree program and proposed course of study, including the research component, must have a clear relationship to massage therapy. Those undertaking studies at a British Columbia university will be given priority.

Students may competitively re-apply for support each year of their master's studies. Approval will depend on the local / national needs for academic trained personnel.

An eligible graduate program must have a significant research component. Master's programs with a significant research (thesis based) component, or a thesis requirement, will be given preference over programs that are primarily course based. Programs that are clinically-oriented, without requiring a significant contribution to the research literature, are not accepted, nor are programs of study resulting in professional designation.

The RMTBC supports only those intervention studies in which the interventions are provided by Canadian RMTs.

Priority will be given to students who have demonstrated significant interest and/or commitment to careers as researchers.

Each candidate must have been a Registered Massage Therapists' Association of British Columbia (RMTBC) member in good standing for at least two years before commencement of funding. Student and associate members are excluded.

Funds may be used for any type of expense reasonably and logically associated with the successful completion of the master's program.

Note: this is an opportunity for funding, and the RMTBC may not award all its available funding each year, if it so chooses.

Procedures

Application Procedures

To apply for the RMTBC MSS, applicants must complete and submit the application form provided and all supporting documents (Application 2016). The application and supporting documents must be submitted electronically in PDF format. RMTBC may request original documents for verification.

Deadlines and notifications

All applicants will receive notification and feedback via electronic mail.

- Application deadline — Midnight (PST), December 1, 2017
- Notification of Results — January 30, 2018
- Acceptance and declines of offers - Applicants will have 21 days from the date of award to accept or decline.

Awards are not intended to be portable between institutions; however, exceptions may be made in extenuating circumstances, at the discretion of the RMTBC.

Taxation

Recipients are responsible for the determination and payment of potential tax on the scholarship award. RMTBC will provide all required CRA forms.

Submissions

Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

Please send your submissions to grants@rmtbc.ca,

Subject: RMTBC MSS – name (applicant's name).





Selection Criteria

A recommendation for funding will be based on the extent to which the application meets the purpose and goals of the RMTBC MSS funding opportunity. Selection will be based on the following criteria, further to the eligibility criteria.

Applicant

A summary of the applicant's professional background, publications and presentations will be considered. This should be submitted in a CV format.

Does the applicant demonstrate a commitment to research and teaching in the field of massage therapy?

Does the applicant have the potential to develop as an independent and productive researcher?

What are the applicant's future goals?

Objectives and Plan of Study

Is the plan of study appropriate considering the stage of the degree program in which the applicant is currently studying?

Does the program and proposed plan of study have the potential to serve as a sound foundation that will lead the applicant to become an independent and productive researcher?

Resources

Will the applicant have access to adequate facilities for the proposed research project or thesis?

Is there evidence that mentors or advisors, in line with the needs of the research project or thesis, are available?

Additional Considerations

Reviewers may address other considerations such as format, cohesiveness, and completeness of applications

By accepting the RMTBC MSS, recipients agree to the following requirements:

- (1) Maintain student status during the year in which the scholarship proceeds will be used, and
- (2) Participate in any evaluation, outcome studies or surveys related to the scholarship program sponsored by the RMTBC.
- (3) Recipients shall provide a Final Report, via email, to the RMTBC within 30 days of completion of their funded scholarship program. The report should include a summary of the recipient's program and work completed.

Failure to comply with these obligations could make the recipient NOT in GOOD STANDING with the association and could make the recipient ineligible to apply for any other RMTBC funding mechanism.