



Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Thomas Michalak Graduate Award in Medicine

This graduate student award was established through gifts from family, friends, laboratory alumni, and co-workers for Dr. Thomas Michalak. Dr. Michalak (MD, PhD) is one of the world's foremost experts in the field of viral hepatitis and liver disease. His ground breaking discoveries have changed the fundamental concepts about the nature of hepatitis B and C virus infections. His work has had a direct impact on the safety of blood supply, organ transplantation, and our understanding of the silent persistence of these viruses. He has been recognized with the Canada Research Chair (Tier I) in Viral Hepatitis/Immunology, which was the first senior Canada Research Chair at Memorial University, and with Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions in the fight against liver disease.

Professor Michalak was inducted as a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences for his outstanding advancements to health research and elected to the fellowship of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases for significant contributions to the science and practice of hepatobiliary diseases. Dr. Michalak considers thoughtful, fundamental research that advances our understanding, diagnosis and treatment of life-threatening diseases, as well as the education of committed young scientists who are advancing translational medical research, as the responsibility and privilege given to medical scientists by society.

Valued at \$1,000, it will be awarded annually to a **doctoral student in the Division of BioMedical Sciences** during the **final year of their PhD program**. The award recognizes leadership in biomedical research, combined with a desire to continue in their research beyond graduate school. The doctoral student must have successfully **passed their written and oral comprehensive exam**, is researching an **original idea** that will have a positive impact on the community, and has **demonstrated innovative, high quality biomedical research** that will improve human health and quality of life.

There is no specific application form. Candidates must apply in writing providing:

- a cover letter with details of their area of research and progress, including a statement of their research,
- a CV,
- a reference letter from the applicant's supervisor

Consideration will be given to the student's course work, research, and other related accomplishments.

Submit applications via e-mail to rgs@med.mun.ca

OR

Drop off to: Office of Research & Graduate Studies
Faculty of Medicine Medical Education Centre Room 2M409A

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS:

Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 by 12 noon