

## *Dean's Scholars Award*

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### **SUMMARY:**

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) seeks to continually recruit and retain the best quality student. In support of that goal, the Dean's Scholar Award recognizes outstanding students by increasing their Research Assistantship salary by an additional \$5,000 for the duration of their doctoral degree.

**Note:** The Scholars must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA or the award will be withdrawn.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- All PhD and MD/PhD students that are in good academic standing are eligible
- New doctoral students must matriculate in Summer or Fall of the award year
- Students are eligible to receive this award at matriculation plus 5 additional years from the date of matriculation.

### **NOMINATIONS:**

All graduate faculty members should submit nominations to the **departmental chair of the student's program**. The nomination should include the nomination form along with a letter of support highlighting previous experience in research and evidence of the applicant's exceptional academic ability and potential for research excellence.

The Department Chair will rank nominations and forward the nomination packets of the top two students to the GSBS office. Each nomination packet should include the nomination form, 2 letters of recommendation and the student's current CV highlighting the criteria listed below.

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:**

The GSBS office will send out a notice to faculty and students when nominations for the scholarship is open.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

The GSBS committee will select the nominee for consideration based on the following selection criteria:

- GPAs
- GRE
- Research experience (including meeting abstracts, presentations and publications) and/or potential for research experience
- Awards
- TWO Letters of recommendation
- Student completion of CV in Faculty Success

### **AWARD:**

The selection committee will determine the recipients and notification of recipients will be notified by email.