

Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health
Trainee Awards- 2026 Competition
Application Guidelines



Summary

This program will provide salary awards to neuroscience trainees whose supervisors are full members of DMCBH, and is intended to recognize excellence in academics and research activities. Funding is available from several disease-specific endowments, a general endowment, and the Graduate Program in Neuroscience (GPN).

Eight (8) Neuroscience Graduate Student Rising Star awards are reserved for GPN students. All other awards are open to all graduate trainees affiliated with DMCBH. All awards are for one year and non-renewable.

Eligibility

- The applicant's supervisor must be a full member of the DMCBH or the student must be a GPN member.
- Must be enrolled in a UBC research-based graduate program at the time of application with a timeframe for program completion of 12 months or more from the time of application. The Leslie Ann Wyman Brain Tumour Research Endowment is open to students and postdocs.
- Applicants must not hold internal or external award funding totaling over \$25,000 (graduate student) or \$50,000 (postdoctoral fellow) per year. Holders of 4-Year Fellowships with no other external award funding can apply.

How to apply

Your application must include the following in one PDF document:

- Completed application form
- Applicant's Canadian Common CV. Please include all publications (book chapters, journal articles, etc.). <https://ccv-cvc.ca/>
- Applicant's summary of research (1-page maximum, single-spaced, 11 pt font size, 0.5" margin)
- A copy of all post-secondary transcripts from institutions other than UBC
- Optional for general awards: a short statement (max. 200 words) outlining **systemic** barriers to productivity. For example, a systematic barrier could be a lack of research opportunities available at previous institutions, or personal circumstances limiting access to research opportunities.

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This is a competitive peer-review process and each application will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Quality of the research proposal;
- Academic excellence;
- Research productivity (e.g. publications, presentations);
- Awards and recognitions;
- Community engagement, public outreach, leadership, and/or teaching.

Trainees who self-identify as IBPOC

The awards committee will ensure that the group of successful applicants is diverse. Applicants' IBPOC status will be considered when making the final award decision.

Submission and Questions:

Submit your application by **5 PM Tuesday, June 30, 2026 to ubc.neuroscience@ubc.ca**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applicants will be notified of the competition results by August 7, 2026.

Any questions regarding this program and the application process can also be directed to ubc.neuroscience@ubc.ca.

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Applicant Name:	
Applicant email:	
Member of Graduate Program in Neuroscience:	Yes No
Program:	MSc PhD Postdoc
Student number/ employee number (postdocs):	
Program start date (YYYY/MM/DD):	
Do you identify yourself as Indigenous, Black, or a person of colour (IBPOC)?	Yes No Prefer not to say
Supervisor:	
Supervisor email:	

Supervisor Confirmation:

By signing this application, I confirm that the applicant is a trainee in my lab, has not already received an award from this DMCBH funding initiative, and will not be defending their thesis or completing their postdoc appointment within 12 months of the application date.

Supervisor Name:

Signature:

Date:

Check if applying	Award Name:	Value
	Leslie Ann Wyman Brain Tumour Research Endowment (open to postdocs and students)	\$18,000
	Irene Graham Brain Research Endowment	\$4,000
	Neuroscience Graduate Student Rising Star Awards	\$4,000
	George Wayne King Sr. and Beverley King-Dorsey Scholarship in Neuroscience	\$3,800

Please briefly address your eligibility for each award you are applying to. Please keep your responses as specific to the award description as possible.

Leslie Ann Wyman Brain Tumour Research Endowment (open to students and postdocs)
An \$18,000 award to support research for the study of brain tumours and their treatment, including new therapies, surgical or otherwise.

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Irene Graham Brain Research Endowment
A \$4,000 award to support research into Alzheimer's disease.

Neuroscience Graduate Student Rising Star Awards (8 limited to GPN students)
Up to sixteen (16) \$4,000 Rising Star awards will be allocated to research across all neuroscience disciplines.
If applicable: Comment on systemic barriers to productivity. For example, a lack of research opportunities available at previous institutions.

George Wayne King Sr. and Beverley King-Dorsey Scholarship in Neuroscience
A \$3,800 award to bring awareness and early detection of a lesser-known neurological disease, such as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy or PSP.