

Writing-Year Award for PhD Students Application Instructions

1. These awards are intended to provide dedicated writing time to PhD students who are in their final year, to allow them to focus on writing their PhD dissertations and assist in meeting thesis submission deadlines. The award size will depend on available funds but will be approximately \$6000 CAD. The funds will contribute to the student's stipend/tuition and therefore may reduce the supervisor's contribution and/or the need to TA for the student. Students may request funds for Winter/Summer 2020 or Fall/Winter 2020-21.
2. Applications (see http://biology.mcgill.ca/grad/grad_gen_awards&scholarsh.html) must include:
 - a CV (2-page maximum) that includes: awards/fellowships/grants; presentations; publications; service, and any other relevant information
 - a short justification, including planned thesis submission date, a list of previous TA assignments (if any), and any other relevant information
 - the supervisor's signature (on application form)
 - writing period request (Winter/Summer 2020 or Fall/Winter 2020-21)
3. Applications will be evaluated based on academic excellence and justification for award (e.g., financial need, pending post-doctoral fellow position). Previous TA workload will be considered in evaluating need, but TA experience is not required.
4. A limited number of awards will be available each year, contingent upon sufficient funding.
5. Each student may receive only one award during his/her graduate career.
6. **Next Application deadline: January 10, 2020 by 12 noon. Applications should be sent to Ancil Gittens (ancil.gittens@mcgill.ca)**

