

## Roberta Bondar Graduate Student Excellence Award

### Award Overview

Deadline to submit	June 5, 2020
Value	\$2,252.86
Level of Study	Ph.D. Candidates
Required Legal Status	Domestic or International
Campus Affiliation	UTM
Results	September 2020

### Purpose

On recommendation of the Department of Biology, University of Toronto Mississauga, the Roberta Bondar Graduate Student Excellence Award is to recognize outstanding Ph.D. candidate(s) at the Department of Biology who are UTM affiliated in honor of their demonstration of outstanding research excellence and positive contributions to extracurricular activities that enhance community life at UTM.

### Eligibility to Apply

Applicants must be a full-time Ph.D. graduate student who has successfully completed their appraisal (or transfer) exam and are supervised (or co-supervised) by a UTM based faculty member in the Department of Biology.

Applicants should demonstrate outstanding research excellence that has resulted in significant contributions to their field of study as well as a continued potential to advance their field. Examples include peer-reviewed publications and presentations at national and international conferences.

Applicants should also demonstrate a strong commitment to enhancing the student experience of their peers through their engagement in extracurricular leadership roles and involvement in community life at UTM. Examples may include hosting workshops for graduate students, serving on departmental committees, etc.

### Application Process

Applicants or nominators must submit a completed application package as a single PDF to Mihai Baetu ([mihai.baetu@utoronto.ca](mailto:mihai.baetu@utoronto.ca)) by June 5, 2020. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

A completed application package will include the following:

- 1) A 1-page summary letter highlighting significance of achievements.
- 2) Curriculum vitae outlining the applicant's publication record plus any academic achievements, scholarships and awards received and extracurricular involvement during the duration of the applicant's Ph.D. Extracurricular involvement at UTM should be clearly distinguished.
- 3) Two Letters of Recommendation. It is recommended that the applicant or nominator seek out one letter from a faculty member and another from a fellow graduate student in the department that can speak to the applicant's leadership and contributions to UTM Biology.

### Award Announcement

Awardees will be notified in September and the award will be given to the winner at the annual Meet and Greet event.

### Contacts & Resources

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