

Biogen Scholarship in Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization

Established in 2015 by Biogen Canada Inc. to be awarded to a full-time student in the Masters of Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization Program who, in the judgment of a selection committee from the program, has demonstrated academic achievement.

Biogen Scholarship Recipient

September 2017

Jonsson Liu

Jonsson Liu moved to Canada from Guangzhou, China when he was 16 years old and immediately fell in love with the culture, diversity, innovation and even the cold winter that Canada has to offer. As an aspiring leader in the global healthcare industry, Jonsson really enjoyed the interdisciplinary pedagogy of the Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization program at McMaster that allowed him to develop strong research and analytical skills, as well as the business acumen to make an even greater impact through commercialization. Committed to challenging himself to continue to expand his knowledge and skillset, Jonsson aspires to launch his career in strategy consulting to learn through problem solving. Jonsson is extremely grateful and honoured to receive the 2017 Biogen scholarship, which has helped ease his financial burden allowing him to concentrate on skill development and giving back to the community.



The Stewart-Anthony Family Scholarship in Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization

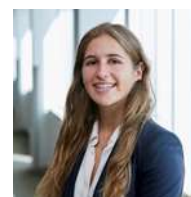
Established in 2015 by the Stewart–Anthony family, to be awarded to a full-time graduate student in the Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization Program who demonstrates excellence in academic achievement.

Stewart-Anthony Family Scholarship Recipient

September 2017

Emma Weiss

Emma Weiss received her Bachelor in Science with a specialization in Biochemistry from Queen's University. There she took advantage of the Queen's Commerce course offerings to learn a bit about business. Despite Emma's education in both biochemistry



and business, it was unclear to her how the business world interacted with the research laboratory work she witnessed and contributed to. The BDC program has done a fantastic job of addressing that question by creating a bridge between the business and science worlds. The 2017 Stewart-Anthony Family Scholarship has allowed Emma to enrol in the MBDC program giving her the skills needed to set her on the right track to achieving her long-term career goals in the pharmaceutical industry.

Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization Graduate Scholarship

Two entrance scholarships funded by the BDC program office, to be awarded to students in the MBDC program who demonstrate excellence in academic achievement.

Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization Graduate Scholarship Recipient

September 2017

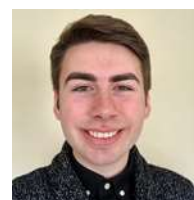
Thomas Burrows

Thomas Burrows began his undergraduate degree in the Integrated Science program. However, he soon realized that he wanted to use his scientific background to pursue a business-related career. After hearing about the BDC program, Thomas applied, and transferred, into the program after his second year. He believes that it is the engagement of all the faculty and staff of the BDC program that separates it from other programs. The level of commitment to the students, the focus on the students' skills development, and the experiences and opportunities provided in relationship to their career path is something unique to the BDC program. Thomas' current career goals are not yet defined, but he aims to pursue a career related to the healthcare-business field. He is completing his internship with the Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices and Diagnostics department and is pursuing professional studies in dentistry. The BDC scholarship meant a lot to Thomas, as he was able to pursue an internship opportunity that was best suited towards his career goals, not focusing on the monetary implications associated.



Sawyer Karabelas-Pittman

Sawyer grew up in Oakville, Ontario, and was a student in the biochemistry and biomedical sciences program at McMaster before being accepted into the BDC program. He was drawn to this tightknit program because it emphasized developing business and soft skills that would allow him to transition to the working world after graduation. Sawyer knew that he wanted to work in the sciences, but at a larger scale than lab work, and the BDC program provided him with the perfect opportunity to explore new career paths he had never thought about before. The 2017 Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization Graduate Scholarship allowed Sawyer to pursue his Masters of BDC without financial worry. This scholarship gave him the opportunity to apply all that he's learned in his academic career to real-world issues as he works with start-ups and pharmaceutical companies as an MBDC student.



Faculty Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Awarded to a domestic student who has achieved a first-class average (which is an A- at McMaster) in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent).

Faculty Ontario Graduate Scholarship Recipient

September 2017

Ryan Runciman

Ryan Runciman is a Master of Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization (MBDC) student from Oakville, Ontario. Ryan's favourite aspect of the MBDC program is the interaction with industry professionals. The interaction with guest speakers and the collaboration with companies on team projects, has allowed him to make valuable connections. He aspires to have a career as a leader, responsible for increasing the access to innovative new medicines and healthcare for Canadian patients. Receiving the 2017 Ontario Graduate Scholarship allowed Ryan to focus on his graduate studies, and gave him the financial resources and ability to seek out valuable experiences such as attending conferences and getting involved in research.



Undergraduate Scholarships

The Deborah M. Brown Scholarship in Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization

Established in 2012 by Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx&D) and EMD Inc., Canada in honour of Ms. Deborah M. Brown, Past Chair of the Rx&D Board of Directors and President and Managing Director, EMD Inc., Canada. Three \$5000 entrance scholarships are awarded to incoming level III students in the Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization program who, in the judgment of a program selection committee, have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement.

Deborah M. Brown Scholarship Recipients

September 2017

Hanu Chaudhari

Hanu Chaudhari is from Mississauga, Ontario and in first year, he felt that he was not getting enough hands-on, inquiry-based work in the Life Sciences program. Thereafter, Hanu developed an interest in the biomedical sciences as a Level II Biochemistry student and gained a passion for research. His favourite thing about the BDC program is the interdisciplinary case-based learning. He enjoys understanding how the fundamental science connects to real-world markets and businesses. Hanu aspires to become highly involved in the biotechnology sector as a bench-to-bedside researcher. He also has an interest in later becoming a professor and exploring investment banking in healthcare. Together with alleviating financial strain, Hanu is honoured to have received the Deborah M. Brown Scholarship as it serves as a reminder that others, too, believe in the path that he has chosen.



Preksha Rathod

Preksha Rathod, a student from Brampton, Ontario, is very enthusiastic about being part of the BDC program. While this program has opened up many opportunities and uses innovative educational methods by means of experiential, inquiry, and team based learning, what she loves most is the small and helpful community composed of like-minded, driven students. The program provides opportunities to think dynamically and tackle problems using creative approaches to explore the field of Biomedical Science. Preksha is certain that the BDC program will educate her on fundamental and essential dexterities, which will assist her while pursuing a career in the Pharmaceutical Industry. With the help of the Deborah M. Brown Scholarship, Preksha hopes to attend more conferences and utilize developmental opportunities to expand her knowledge base and technical skills.



Jason Tran

Jason grew up in Vaughan, Ontario before moving to Hamilton to study at McMaster University. The early exposure to dynamic lab techniques and the shift in the curriculum to focus more on collaborative group work are Jason's favorite traits of the BDC program. He hopes to pursue a career in either basic science research or attend professional school, but surely, it will entail an application to human health and disease. Jason feels privileged and thankful to receive the Deborah M. Brown Scholarship and is humbled to be given the financial clarity to focus on his academic studies.



The Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization Summer Training Scholarship

A summer training scholarship funded by the BDC program. Two scholarships to be awarded to BDC students in Level 3 or 4 (only Level 4 students completing the MBDC program will be eligible to apply) who demonstrate academic excellence and who will be completing a high-quality, out of province, educational training experience or research project.

Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization Summer Training Scholarship Recipients

Summer 2017

Jonsson Liu

This summer, Jonsson had a three-month internship with the Health Financing Team at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. During this internship, he was able to use the business knowledge and analytical skills developed in the BDC program to help the Health Financing Team glean insights from audience data in order to serve health policy makers around the world better with their reports and knowledge products. Furthermore, the internship also allowed him the opportunities to attend the 70th World Health Assembly at the United Nations where health ministers from 192 member states gathered to elect the new WHO Director General. He was also able to interact with health financing experts from around the world during a capacity building event with WHO's Health Financing team in Barcelona, Spain. The support of the BDC Summer Training Scholarship has eased Jonsson's financial burden of living in an expensive city and allowed him to concentrate on building the skills and relationships that will allow him to move towards his goal of making an impact in the global healthcare space.

