Endowment Fund
The Dr. Djavad Mowafaghian Foundation Endowment Fund was established in 2008 to honour the commitment of the Mowafaghian Foundation and its founder, Dr. Djavad Mowafaghian, to improving child health worldwide. SFU’s Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) is grateful to be a partner in these efforts. Income from the Endowment Fund will be used to build child health capacity in the FHS through graduate student and faculty awards.

The Child Health Practice and Research Awards
Funded from the Dr. Djavad Mowafaghian Foundation Endowment Fund, the FHS Child Health Practice and Research Awards were established in 2010 to promote child health research and practice with FHS graduate students.

Eligibility
These awards are open to graduate students currently registered in the FHS who are:

(a) Pursuing a full-time practicum semester in child health as part of their study towards a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree;
(b) Undertaking travel for fieldwork related to child health as part of thesis research for an Master of Science (MSc) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree;
(c) Seeking to present MSc/PhD research related to child health at a scholarly conference; or
(d) Seeking to contribute to child health research or practice in a way commensurate with the overall goal of this award.

Please note that these awards are not intended to be the source of core funding for MSc/PhD studies. Rather, the awards are intended to help defray costs incurred by students engaged in MPH, MSc or PhD related research and training activities related to child health. Applicants are strongly encouraged to demonstrate efforts to secure co-funding from other sources. As such, this award may be held in conjunction with other awards made by SFU or other funding agencies, where permitted by those agencies, as long as the additional funding source is for a different purpose. The awards are normally tenable during the current academic year.

Additional eligibility criteria for this award are:
(e) demonstrated academic excellence at the graduate level (Minimum 3.0 GPA);
(f) promise of outstanding achievement at the graduate level with particular emphasis on intellectual ability, originality and ability in child health research; and
(g) not a previous recipient of a Mowafaghian Child Health Practice and Research Award.
Adjudication
These awards are adjudicated by the FHS Graduate Awards Committee.

The Committee issues a call for applications and selects the awardees using the following criteria:

(a) relevance of practicum, project or other proposed activity to child health;
(b) prospects for supporting applicant’s future academic or public health career plans related to child health;
(c) relevant academic, professional and volunteer achievements; and
(d) likelihood of building capacity or benefitting child health.

The number and value of awards granted will depend on the income available through the Dr. Djavad Mowafaghian Endowment Fund each year.

You will be notified by FHS if you receive an award. Please note that the funds are paid on a reimbursement basis.

How to Apply
Applications must be submitted using the online GA3 system. We do not accept paper applications or references.

1. Go to https://gradawards.sfu.ca/ and log-in using your SFU computing ID and password.
2. Review and update the My Profile tabs and complete the information (academic history, scholarly contributions and awards). This is where you upload your transcripts including official external transcripts and unofficial SFU transcript.
3. Upload your CV and click complete.
4. Under the ‘checklist Items to complete’ upload your required documents, including:
   a. A budget with a detailed breakdown of all requested costs including relevant supporting documentation (e.g. quotes for airfares).
   b. A letter describing your proposed activities, their relevance to your graduate studies, their relevance to child health, and any other information that will aid the Committee in its decision (maximum of 2 letter sized pages in 12 font typescript).
5. Once both documents are uploaded click complete.
6. Review your application carefully and submit it.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.