

Subject: CELL Grad Program Update - including new annual stipend minimum of \$25,000.
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Dear CELL Students and Faculty.

Below are a few updates to the Cell and Developmental Biology (CELL) Graduate Program...

1) The minimum annual stipend for students is now \$25,000. The details and specifics are at this link:
<https://cell.med.ubc.ca/current-students/financial-support/>

2) We have relaxed the criteria for MSc thesis defense external examiner criteria slightly to facilitate the formation of the examining committee. The details can be found on the 'Guidelines and Forms' page of the CELL website:
<https://cell.med.ubc.ca/current-students/forms-faqs-and-useful-links/guidelines-forms/>

Three Examiners: *Two 'internal' examiners who are members of the student's advisory committee and one external examiner who is not a member of the student's Advisory Committee and who is not actively collaborating with the student's research supervisor. If possible, at least one of three examiners should not be a member of the CELL Graduate program. If that is not possible, please contact the Director of the CELL graduate program. roskelley@mail.ubc.ca*

3) For doctoral students we have changed the format of the written proposal for the comprehensive examination to align it with the current CIHR grant application format. The details can be found on the 'Guidelines and Forms' page of the CELL website:
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Research Proposal - including background information/literature review; preliminary data; hypotheses to be tested; specific aims consisting of proposed experiments, methodologies and assays, expected results, alternative approaches; timeline, and; significance of the proposed work (ten pages, maximum, including figures; references are separate, unlimited unlimited pages).

Thanks very much,
Cal Roskelley - Faculty Advisor, CELL Program

(for new students I'll be meeting with you all in BIOL 530 to go over program details, etc., early in the term - details to follow)

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