DR. FRANK AND DR. GORDON FORWARD COMMERCIALIZATION FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL VALUE: $20,000 for up to two years
CITIZENSHIP: Canadian citizen or permanent resident

ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate degree in Science or Engineering
- Current Masters or PhD students enrolled in the Faculty of Applied Science, Science or the Sauder School of Business
- Desire to commercialize a new technology

BACKGROUND

Three fellowships of $20,000 per year each have been made available through an endowment established by Dr. Gerald Heffernan in memory of Dr. Frank Forward (Hon. D.Sc. 1965) and Dr. Gordon Forward (B.A.Sc. 1960, M.A.Sc. 1962, Hon. D.Sc. 1996) for Masters and Ph.D. students in the Faculty of Applied Science, the Sauder School of Business or the Faculty of Science with a strong desire to commercialize a new technology. Eligible candidates must also have an undergraduate degree in Science or Engineering. The purpose of the fellowship is to train future technology leaders by giving them the opportunity to develop advanced technology to the point where it can attract seed financing for commercialization. Each Fellow will receive an annual stipend of $20,000/year for two years, with renewal of the 2nd year dependent on achieving milestones set out in the first year. The fellows will be required to: (1) seek mentorship from an academic engineer, and/or research faculty member, and UBC Entrepreneur-in-Residence; (2) set milestones; and (3) provide reports on activities at the end of each year. Each Fellow will develop a business plan for commercial development of the chosen project.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Research ability and potential
- Experience and achievements relevant to commercialization of new technology
- Suitable skillset including: leadership, coachability, entrepreneurial enthusiasm, technology comprehension, communication skills

APPLICATION

Applications should be sent to manager@hatch.ubc.ca by the deadline listed above.
Application packages should include:
1. Cover letter highlighting relevant experience and proposed project (no more than 3 pages)
2. CV
3. Transcript of grades
4. Two letters of support (e.g., from UBC Entrepreneur-in-Residence, UBC faculty member)
5. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide a business and commercialization plan with timelines and milestones for the year.