

# Polymer Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery (PoND) Program

## Admission Application Form

First Name: Last Name: Degree Program:  
Email address: Proposed entry term:  
Proposed home PoND institution: Proposed supervisor: Proposed cosupervisor:

*Fill out the following only if transferring from a current graduate program:*

Current institution: Current Degree Program:  
Year of current degree program:

Description of proposed research. Please include academic mobility opportunities the student can potentially have based on the proposed research (to be completed by proposed supervisor and/or cosupervisor):

Applicant Date Proposed Supervisor Date  
Letter/email confirming graduate studies enrollment or admission is attached Proposed Cosupervisor Date



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## Application Instructions

In order to be considered for admission into the PoND program, a student must first be accepted into graduate studies at one of the host institutions (University of Victoria Chemistry, University of Victoria Physics, University of Toronto Pharmacy, Concordia University Chemistry, Université Laval Engineering, or University of Alberta Pharmacy). Therefore, a letter or email from the host department's graduate secretary or graduate coordinator confirming acceptance or conditional acceptance into graduate studies (or current enrollment in graduate studies in the case of a transferring student) must be submitted with the completed application form.

**The research proposal should be completed by the proposed supervisor and/or cosupervisor.** The research proposal should include a general description of the work to be carried out, including a **clear explanation of how the project relates to the field of polymer nanoparticles for drug delivery.** The proposal should also **describe the roles of both supervisor and cosupervisor** in the student's training. Finally, the proposal should describe mobility opportunities (e.g. PoND research visits) within the project.

**Signature of the student** indicates that the student understands the following requirements for completion of the PoND program:

1. Collaborative research (as outlined in the description of proposed research) leading to a successfully defended thesis (MSc) or dissertation (PhD).
2. 20% of the program time spent in a 4- or 8-month industrial internship for MSc and PhD, respectively. Since the location of available PoND internships will vary, students may need to relocate for the duration of their internship.
3. Successful completion of 3 PoND training modules OR 1 capstone course for MSc and 3 PoND modules AND 1 capstone course for PhD.
4. Successful completion of MITACS Step module "Skills of Communication" (MSc and PhD).
5. Mandatory participation in annual PoND Research Days, including an annual (non-graded) seminar or poster presentation; all students must present at least one seminar at a Research Days event before defending their thesis or dissertation (MSc and PhD).

**Signature of the proposed supervisor and cosupervisor** indicates that the proposed supervisor and cosupervisor understand the following PoND principles:

1. Supervisors and cosupervisors commit to supporting the student in completing all PoND requirements.
2. Supervisors and cosupervisors commit to midterm and final cosupervisory meetings with students and to providing students with evaluations of training goals following these meetings.
3. Supervisors and cosupervisors should recruit PoND students with a goal of achieving and maintaining equity, diversity and inclusion within PoND.
4. Supervisors and cosupervisors should encourage their PoND students to take part in mobility exchanges at another host PoND institution to further their training and development, even if these exchanges lie outside their immediate research area.
5. Supervisors and cosupervisors should encourage their PoND students to complete optional Mitacs modules to help develop their soft skills.



For further details on PoND program requirements, students are directed to a PoND supervisor, the PoND program coordinator or the [PoND website](#).

The completed form and confirmation of admission to (or current enrollment in) graduate studies should be submitted via email to the PoND Admission and Recruitment Committee (ARC) Chair Dr. Matt Moffitt at [mmoffitt@uvic.ca](mailto:mmoffitt@uvic.ca) and the PoND program coordinator at [pondcoord@uvic.ca](mailto:pondcoord@uvic.ca).

**For completion by Admissions and Recruitment Committee only**

This application has been reviewed and the applicant is  
for admission into the PoND program.

**accepted**

**rejected**

ARC chair signature

