## Assessment for awards from the Medical Sciences Graduate School Studentship Competition

Candidates are assessed using the following criteria:

- 1. Demonstrated ability to contribute scientifically taking career stage into account.
  - candidate demonstrates a strong *personal commitment* to and enthusiasm for science, given their personal statement and CV.
  - candidate articulates clearly a *persuasive rationale* for the choice of project(s) or research proposed.
  - candidate shows an understanding of the *importance* of the work they are proposing to do.
  - candidate has a track record of productive research assessed in the context of their career stage.
- 2. Academic achievement *given their stage of study and level of opportunity* and taking into account various indicators of ability.

Contextual and other data which help to guide the assessment of applications include:

- References
- Relevant research project, internship or working experience, as appropriate.