**Department of Biology Graduate Student COVID-19 Relief Application for First Overtime Term**

The Department of Biology will provide support to biology graduate students (Domestic and International) in their first term overtime in the winter of 2022, if the reason for going overtime is a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, if a strong case is presented, the Graduate Coordinator and the Head will submit a petition for tuition relief to the Dean of Graduate Studies, which may be argued for multiple terms if the case is strong enough. The maximum contribution from the department is $4,000, and it is recommended that the student’s supervisor match the departmental contribution. The departmental funding will be paid out as a Graduate Fellowship. Since the goal of this funding is to support the student finishing, it is not recommended that Teaching Assistantships be undertaken when trying to complete your degree during this term.

Please attach a letter of support from your supervisor attesting to your application and the challenges you faced with the pandemic. Your supervisor should also list the amount of financial support that they will be providing.

Applicant name:

Supervisor(s):

Date of Application:

Graduate Studies Start Date:

List Completed Graduate Courses:

Describe how the pandemic led to a delay in your graduate degree. Please note that you are not required to provide details, but that the more information we have, the better we can advocate on your behalf for tuition relief from the Dean of Graduate Studies:

Provide a plan and timeline for completion of your degree:

Estimated Date of Completion of Degree:

Applicant’s Signature: Date: