

**School of Environmental Design and Rural Development
RPD & CDE**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2011 / 2012

INTRODUCTION

Sources of funding for graduate students in RPD and CDE are available from external agencies, the University of Guelph, and the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) .

Entrance scholarships are generally dependent on the student having an A- or better grade average. Other forms of assistance such as in-program scholarships, research and travel grants are made available *after* acceptance into the program.

RPD and CDE try to ensure that financial assistance can be spread over as many students as possible. Thus if you require financial assistance, it is worth discussing it with the Graduate Coordinator, particularly as some awards are based on the Coordinator's nomination. While some awards may claim that *no application is necessary*, indicating to the Coordinator that you are interested in a particular award may increase your chances for nomination.

The respective Awards Committees for RPD and CDE nominate and/or recommend allocation of University-Wide, Ontario Agricultural College, and some external awards. This is an ongoing process throughout the academic year. Reminders about upcoming awards come from a variety of sources, such as the student listservs, Graduate Coordinator and Graduate Secretary.

The value of awards, criteria and application deadlines, may vary from year to year. It is the student's responsibility to inquire as to the actual deadlines from the appropriate department, organization or the University of Guelph Graduate Calendar website. This document is meant as a guideline only. Those awards that are not available in 2011-12 have not been included in this document.

Forms for Graduate Students are available at:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/graduatestudies/index.cfm?forms>

Graduate Studies and Student Financial Services are both located in the University Centre, Level 3.

CATEGORIES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Five categories of funding are available for qualified full-time students registered for the Masters Program in the Schools. A description of each follows. For full details, see:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/calendar/gradawards/index.shtml>

- 1) **Graduate Service Assistantships (GSAs)**
- 2) **Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs)**
- 3) **Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs)**
- 4) **Internal Awards (University-Wide, OAC)**
- 5) **External Awards (eg. OGS, IDRC)**

1) Graduate Service Assistantships (GSAs)

Assistants are those students hired by the School to work on some School related activity. The GSAs are available to first and second year students registered full-time in the School's Masters Program. GSAs are posted at the beginning of the Fall semester and at other times as they become available. Students should apply directly to the faculty member administering the GSA, and must inform the faculty member if they are applying for any other GSA. Students are selected by the faculty member responsible for administering the GSA on the basis of a fit between the students' competency and interests and the work required. Employment is for a maximum of ten (10) hours per week.

2) Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs)

A small number of Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs) may be offered to suitably qualified students to assist faculty in the delivery of School courses. Teaching Assistants will be involved in preparation of materials, assistance to students and other aspects of course delivery. You are encouraged to apply to departments where you may already have a previous degree or relevant experience (eg., Political Science, Sociology, Geography, Land Resource Science, and the BSc in Agriculture and Diploma programs at OAC). Employment will be for up to a maximum of ten (10) hours per week at University of Guelph GTA rates.

Contact:

CUPE Office (cupe3913@uoguelph.ca, UC, L2) for information on campus-wide positions
Anna Gallina (agallina@uoguelph.ca, LA103A) for information on SEDRD positions

3) Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs)

Support for students is often available through research and consulting contracts procured by individual faculty. Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs) are generated from these resources. This type of support may require more time and effort on the part of the student and due to the value of the contract may or may not provide equivalent funding rates. As a result of the varying circumstances of contracts obtained, there is no standard agreement for this type of contractual support. Students employed as GRAs are selected by the faculty responsible for the contract on the basis of skills, interest, previous experience and availability. As some positions may become available during the summer period, incoming students are encouraged to contact the School with respect to the possible availability of work prior to entry.

Students are strongly advised to consult the Calendar for further details on financial assistance and to watch regularly for a variety of additional opportunities posted on the School noticeboards from time to time.

4) Internal Awards

Graduate students in RPD and CDE are eligible for funding through Ontario Agricultural College and University-Wide awards. Note that some are ACCESS Awards. To be eligible for an ACCESS award, students must meet government-mandated terms under the OSOTF program. In general, students must be an Ontario resident (12 consecutive months); and a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. A completed Needs Assessment Form must be completed and submitted to Student Financial Services, to demonstrate financial need.

5) External Awards

Both RPD and CDE try to inform students of potential sources of external funding by e-mail communication.

Student Financial Services provides the following is a list of general websites, which may contain information on awards available in Canada and elsewhere.

<http://fundingopps.cos.com/browse/nest.html>

<http://www.scholarship-page.com>

<http://www.studentawards.com>

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

<http://www.collegenet.com/>

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

<http://www.cbic.ca/>

The following are the Canadian or Ontario government award websites:

NRC: <http://www.nrc.ca/careers>

OGS: <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/>

NSERC: <http://www.nserc.ca/>

SSHRC: <http://www.sshrc.ca>

CIHR: <http://www.cihr.ca/>

ICCS: <http://www.iccs-ciec.ca>

Jobs: <http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/>

NOTE: Please check the UoG web site for updates on awards.

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/graduatestudies/index.cfm?finance>

University-Wide Internal Awards

The University reserves the right to amend awards subject to the availability of funds.

Aeroplan International Travel Research Grant

Aeroplan International Travel Research Grants enable University of Guelph graduate students to obtain airline tickets to international destinations served by Air Canada or its Star Alliance partners. The grant is available to full-time graduate University of Guelph students who have completed one semester of study and are traveling internationally for research, presentations at conferences or study that contributes to the completion of their degrees. Students must have a minimum cumulative average of 80% and demonstrated financial need. Selection will be based on financial need and the academic value of the travel toward degree completion. Grants are subject to the availability of Aeroplan miles and may not be available every year. Apply to Student Financial Services by October 1 for winter travel, February 1 for spring and summer travel or June 30 for fall travel, with a travel grant application and a Financial Need Assessment form.

Herbert Armstrong Memorial Book Prize

An endowment fund donated by family and friends in memory of Herbert Armstrong, Assistant VP of Graduate Studies, 1968 - 1980, provides an annual book prize of \$120 each Fall semester to a graduate student with high academic achievement who has made a substantial contribution to graduate student life and to the university while serving as a member of the Board of Graduate Studies during the previous academic year (September to August). Membership on other university Senate committees and/or university academic committees during the same period may be taken into consideration. Students do not apply; all student members of the Board of Graduate Studies are automatically considered. The selection committee is the Board of Graduate Studies Awards Committee. At the discretion of the committee, the prize may not be awarded every year.

Board of Graduate Studies: Research Scholarships

The University of Guelph provides awards on a competitive basis to graduate students who have achieved at least a first-class average in the previous one-year of full-time, or equivalent, study. The award is valued at \$2000 is available in the Colleges of Arts, Management & Economics, Social Sciences & Humanities and selected departments in OAC each year. Students do not apply for these awards; departments nominate each semester and all eligible students may be considered for nomination by departments. Preference may be given to entering and first-year students.

Brinson Partners Inc. Bursaries

To allow students with financial need to continue their studies as full-time students, Brinson Partners Inc., with the aid of the Ontario government's OSOTF program, has established two bursaries of \$1500 each. Students must apply with a completed Financial Need Assessment Form to Student Financial Services by January 10. The awards will be distributed in the Winter semester. See [ACCESS AWARDS](#).

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Travel Scholarships

The Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with the aid of the Ontario government's OSOTF program, have established up to three travel scholarships totalling \$7,500 per year to assist undergraduate and graduate students to visit the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Undergraduate degree students in either the second or third year of study, masters students in the first year of study and doctoral students in the first three years of study are eligible to be considered. In addition to financial need, students will be assessed on previous academic performance in the current program of study. Applicants must provide documentation that they have approval from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (i) to take courses and (ii) for the period of the visit. Students must also arrange appropriate University of Guelph approvals for "Letter of Permission" semester(s) abroad prior to applying. Apply by submitting a completed Financial Need Assessment Form to Student Financial Services by May 1. See [ACCESS AWARDS](#).

Nora Cebotarev Memorial Graduate Scholarship

An estate gift from Professor Nora Cebotarev supports a \$25,000 scholarship annually for an academically outstanding female from a developing country entering either a masters or doctoral program. The award is payable over 2 years for masters students, and over 3 years for doctoral recipients. Award recipients will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, combined with a demonstrated commitment to social change. Acceptance of this scholarship can be deferred for up to one academic year from time of initial award, with a deferred acceptance of entry to a University of Guelph graduate program. Application materials to pursue studies at the University of Guelph received by February 1st will be considered as application for this award. A nomination letter from the Graduate Coordinator confirming the applicant's suitability for this award, together with a copy of the application materials, should be forwarded to the Office of Graduate Studies by February 15th.

Clan Fergusson Graduate Research Travel Grant

An endowment fund has been established in memory of deceased members of the Clan Fergusson Society of North America. The initial donation was from the estate of Donald MacNish Fergusson, "a Scotsman to the Marrow..." The funds are used to provide travel grants totalling approximately \$1000 to Guelph graduate students to visit Scotland for thesis research.

Registered graduate students with at least a first-class ('A-') average in the most recent two years of study whose thesis research relates to Scottish studies are eligible, including study in drama, English, family studies, history, philosophy and sociology. Students make application to the Office of Graduate Studies by December 10 each year, including an application form (available below) and a letter of reference from the principal advisor. Selection is by the Board of Graduate Studies Awards Committee in January each year, for travel by a registered student between February and the following January. Students who would be at or beyond semester 5 at the master's level or semester 7 at the doctoral level at the time they would be travelling are ineligible to apply. [Application Form for the Clan Fergusson Graduate Research Travel Grant\(PDF\)](#)

Class of OAC '60 Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant

Undergraduate and graduate students and faculty members are encouraged to make nominations at any time, accompanied by appropriate documentation. These nominations will be reviewed by the Board of Graduate Studies on March 15 each year. The Senate Awards Committee will announce the annual \$1,000 award winner each April. Nomination forms should be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies by March 15. [Nomination Form for Class of OAC '60 Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant \(PDF\)](#)

CONACyT Tuition Scholarships

In support of the CONACyT program, which provides funding for Mexican students attending the University of Guelph, up to ten scholarships valued at the difference between Canadian and International Tuition are available each year. Selection will be based on highest academic performance over the last two years of study. Entering doctoral students may hold the award for up to twelve semesters, and entering master's students may hold the award for up to six semesters pending satisfactory progress. No application is necessary.

The Leonard Conolly Exchange Scholarship

In honour of Prof. Leonard Conolly, professor of drama, Chair of the Department of Drama, 1981-88, and Associate Vice-President Academic, 1988-92, students, faculty, staff and friends have endowed an annual \$1000 scholarship for an exchange student visiting the University of Guelph. Full-time visiting students, registered at Guelph for at least one semester, from any country in the South (a list of eligible countries and exchange partner universities is available in the Centre for International Programs) may apply by August 1st each year. Selection, by the

Centre for International Programs, will be based on assessment of (a) a one-page submission describing the significance of the student visiting Guelph to the program of study at the partner exchange university, (b) two faculty references of one-page each, and (c) consistent high performance in the course work completed, as documented by a transcript of program grades to date, submitted by the home university. Apply to the Centre for International Programs by May 1st, for visiting during the subsequent Fall or Winter semesters.

Deans' Tri-Council Scholarship

The Dean's Tri-Council Scholarship valued at \$5,000 per year are awarded in equal semesterly payments, to all registered graduate students holding a Masters or Doctoral scholarship from NSERC (including NSERC Industrial Postgraduate Scholarships (IPS)), SSHRC or CIHR. This scholarship will be awarded in the semester in which the tri-council award is confirmed to begin and is held for the duration of award. No application is necessary.

Dean's Scholarship

The Deans' Scholarships in varying amounts ranging from \$500 - \$20,000 per year, are awarded to students showing outstanding academic performance with a minimum of 75% average in the last year of full-time, or equivalent, study. Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are registered master's students up to semester six and doctoral students up to semester nine are eligible. Departments will nominate students to the College Awards Committee on the basis of research performance/potential, including progress in the program of study. Application is not required.

Madame Vigdis Finnbogadottir Scholarships

In honour of the visit of the former Icelandic President Madame Vigdis Finnbogadottir in 1998, the University of Guelph provides two scholarships equal to the difference between international tuition and Canadian tuition. Icelandic students pursuing a graduate degree at the University of Guelph are eligible up to their sixth semester of registration at the master's level, ninth at the doctoral level, and twelfth in the case of a transfer from master's to doctoral studies. No application is necessary, students will be nominated to the Board of Graduate Studies Awards Committee by the Icelandic Exchange Coordinator.

The D.F. Forster Medal

The most prestigious graduate student award at the University of Guelph, this medal is awarded annually to the convocating graduate student who excels both academically and in extracurricular activities. One student is nominated each year by each college awards committee. The deadline date for nominations is May 1. The Senate Awards Committee will make the final selection, with the announcement and/or presentation at June convocation. No application is necessary.

Governor General's Academic Medal

The Governor General's Academic Medal program provides for one recipient of a gold medal to be selected by the University of Guelph for outstanding academic achievement at the graduate level of study each year. Students do not apply for consideration for this award; all students who graduate from a graduate degree in the previous June, October and February convocations will be considered by their college or university school awards committee for nomination. Each college or university school will nominate one student to the Board of Graduate Studies Awards Committee by May 1 each year. The nomination package should include the following: a summary letter from the College; a two-page summary of biographical information on the candidate to include basic information, the academic record, scholarly/research activities, and teaching experience; and two letters of reference. The decision of the Board of Graduate Studies Awards Committee will be based entirely on this information.

Graduate Students' Association Volunteering Award

The Graduate Students' Association annually provides a \$250 award to a graduate student who is registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies or who has graduated in the previous Fall or Winter convocations. The recipient will be selected on the basis of academic performance and participation in the social, political and/or cultural activities within or outside the University while enrolled in a graduate program. Applicants must have completed at least one semester of their current graduate program. This award may be held only once. Submit a letter of application and resume to the Office of Graduate Studies by April 1.

Gryphon Investment Counsel Bursaries

To allow students with financial need to continue their studies as full-time students, Gryphon Investment Counsel, with the aid of the Ontario government's OSOTF program, has established two bursaries of \$1500 each. Students must apply with a completed Financial Need Assessment Form to Student Financial Services by January 10. The awards will be distributed in the Winter semester. See [ACCESS AWARDS](#).

Guelph Compassionate Health & Dental Bursary

This bursary has been established and approved by the Student Health and Dental Committee to

assist students facing unforeseen health and dental needs above and beyond the benefits offered through the University of Guelph's mandatory Student Health Plan, University of Guelph's Student Dental Plan or comparable personal dental plan. To be eligible for this assistance, students must be registered on the University of Guelph student health plan, submit a University of Guelph Financial Need Assessment Form and qualify for funding. This application must be accompanied by the physician/dentist recommendation, cost estimates and contact information. Applications will be reviewed throughout the semester to handle emergencies immediately.

Richard and Sophia Hungerford Graduate Scholarships

The estate of Richard and Sophia Hungerford, with the aid of the Ontario government's OSOTF program, has established an endowment to support graduate students in financial need whose research interests relate to developing countries. The fund provides seven annual awards of \$5000 each. Registered or incoming graduate students with at least a cumulative 80% average in their last two years are eligible. Students are ineligible if beyond semester 5 at the masters level and semester 7 at the doctoral level. Recipients will be selected on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, and the quality of their intended research in developing countries. Apply to Student Financial Services by January 10 including a one page summary of the research proposal, a completed Financial Need Assessment Form, and a letter of reference from the principal advisor. See [ACCESS AWARDS](#).

Richard and Sophia Hungerford Graduate Travel Grants

The estate of Richard and Sophia Hungerford, with the aid of the Ontario government's OSOTF program, has established an endowment to provide travel grants to undergraduate and graduate students with demonstrated financial need who wish to study in developing countries. (A CIDA list is available in Student Financial Services, identifying eligible countries for travel.) The fund creates a number of travel grants, from \$500 to \$3,000 each, totalling a minimum of \$100,000 in awards annually. Registered undergraduate students and graduate students with demonstrated financial need who have a minimum 70% cumulative average in the last two semesters of full-time equivalent study are eligible. The value of the award will depend on assessed need. Apply to Student Financial Services with a description up to two pages in length of the intended travel, an estimate of the travel costs and a completed Financial Need Assessment Form prior to departure. Application deadlines are October 1 for Winter travel, February 1 for Spring travel and June 30 for Fall travel. Selection will be based on financial need and the relevance of the proposed travel to the student's area of study. Students may receive up to two awards during undergraduate studies and up to two awards during graduate studies. See [ACCESS AWARDS](#).

The Arthur D. Latornell Graduate Scholarships

An endowment fund has been established in memory of Arthur D. Latornell, OAC '50, who had a life-long special interest in resource management and conservation and in helping young people. The fund provides for up to ten annual awards of \$5,000 each. Registered or incoming graduate students in any college with at least a first-class ('A-') average in the last two years whose research interests relate to resource management and/or resource conservation are eligible. One of the ten awards is available to a student whose research interest relates to resource remediation/reclamation. Students beyond semester three at the master's level, semester six at the doctoral level, and semester nine in the case of a transfer from master's to doctoral level are ineligible. Recipients will be selected on the basis of academic achievement and/or quality of their graduate research. Students do not apply directly. Departments may nominate students to the Office of Graduate Studies by October 15 using the Latornell Graduate Scholarship nomination form. [Application Form for Arthur D. Latornell Graduate Scholarships \(PDF\)](#)

The Arthur D. Latornell Graduate Research Travel Grants

An endowment fund has been established in memory of Arthur D. Latornell, OAC '50, who had a life-long special interest in resource management and conservation and in helping young people. The funds are given to provide up to 50 travel grants totalling approximately \$27,000. These travel grants are offered to assist students in attending conferences, courses, co-op student exchanges or study abroad programs in these areas. Registered or incoming graduate students in any college with at least a first-class ('A-') average in the last two years whose research interests relate to resource management and/or resource conservation are eligible. One travel award is available for a student whose research interest relates to resource remediation/reclamation. Students beyond semester six at the master's level, semester nine at the doctoral level, and semester twelve in the case of transfer from master's to doctoral level are ineligible. Students do not apply. Departments may nominate students to the Office of Graduate Studies by October 15 for the fall competition or March 15 for the winter competition using the Latornell Graduate Travel Scholarship nomination form. [Application Form for Arthur D. Latornell Graduate Research Travel Grants \(PDF\)](#)

Ellen Nilsen Memorial Graduate Scholarship

The friends of Ellen Nilsen present a \$1500 scholarship to an academically outstanding international female from a developing country entering either a masters or doctoral program. Award recipients will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, combined with a demonstrated commitment to social change. Acceptance of this scholarship can be deferred for up to one academic year from time of initial award, with a deferred acceptance of entry to a University of Guelph graduate program. Application materials to pursue studies at the University of Guelph received by February 1st will be considered as application for this award. A nomination letter from the Graduate Coordinator confirming the applicant's suitability for this award, together with a copy of the application materials, should be forwarded to the Office of Graduate Studies by February 15th.

Northwest A & F University Scholarship

In support of the agreement between Northwest A&F University, China and the University of Guelph, three to five scholarships valued at the difference between Canadian and International Tuition are awarded each year. Students from Northwest A & F University, China, who are: 1) registered in or graduated from a master's program and who have been offered admission to a full-time doctoral program at the University of Guelph or 2) registered in or graduated from a bachelor's program and who will be admitted to a master's program with the intention of transferring to a doctoral program at the University of Guelph and who also hold a China Scholarship Council (CSC) scholarship, may hold the award for up to twelve semesters. No application is necessary.

Doug and Esther Ormrod Scholarships for Parents

In celebration of Dr. Ormrod's twenty-six years as a faculty member and nine years as Assistant VP of Graduate Studies (1986 - 1995), Dr. Ormrod, his wife Esther, OAC Class of '75, faculty, staff, friends and the university have endowed awards of \$500 each for outstanding graduate students. Students must be parents with a child or children in day care (public or private) and beyond the first semester of full-time or part-time study at the time they hold this award; students may hold the award once while at Guelph in a master's program and once in a doctoral program of study. Master's students beyond a sixth registration (first two years of study) and doctoral students beyond a ninth registration (first three years of study) are not eligible. Students with a first-class ('A-') average in the last two years of full-time or equivalent part-time study may complete an application form and submit it to the Office of Graduate Studies any time before December 1 each year. The Board of Graduate Studies Awards Committee will select recipients annually each Winter semester. [Application Form for Doug and Esther Ormrod Scholarships for Parents \(PDF\)](#)

Registrar's Research Travel Grants, Child Care Grants and Research Grant for Graduate Students

In order to assist graduate students in travel related to their research needs, child care costs, and research needs, a portion of the tuition reinvestment revenue is being set aside for these grants. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents and must demonstrate financial need by completing a Financial Need Assessment Form. Winners will be selected by the Board of Graduate Studies awards committee on the basis of financial need, academic ability, and the strength of the proposal. The travel must take place within the year following the award. Upon their return, students must submit a written report, along with receipts, to Student Financial Services. The award may be held only once for each degree. Application forms are available in Student Financial Services, or below as a PDF, and must be submitted, along with the completed Financial Need Assessment Form by January 10. [Application Form for Graduate Student Travel Grant \(PDF\)](#), [Application Form for Registrar's Child Care Grant \(PDF\)](#), [Graduate Student Financial Need Assessment Form \(PDF\)](#)

Scotiabank Bursaries

In order to allow students with financial need to continue their studies as full-time students, Scotiabank, with the aid of the Ontario government's OSOTF program, has established two bursaries of \$1500 each. Students must apply with a completed Financial Need Assessment Form to Student Financial Services by January 10. The awards will be distributed in the Winter semester. See [ACCESS AWARDS](#).

University of Guelph ACCESS Bursaries

To support undergraduate, graduate or OAC(Guelph) diploma students who wish to study full-time but who need financial support to do so, alumni and friends of the University have provided un-designated funds, with the aid of the Ontario government's OSOTF program, have established bursaries for in-course students. The bursaries range from \$500 to \$2000 depending on financial need. Apply to Student Financial Services with a completed Financial Need Assessment Form by January 10 for distribution in the winter. See [ACCESS AWARD](#).

University of Guelph Child Care Bursaries

In order to provide accessible child care for students with (a) child(ren), the University of Guelph will provide up to twelve Child Care bursaries ranging from \$500 to \$2000 annually, up to a total of \$6000. These bursaries will be awarded to students supporting (a) child(ren) who demonstrate greatest financial need, to offset the costs of child care. To be eligible, graduate students must be full-time (as defined by OSAP regulations) and Canadian citizens or permanent residents with demonstrated financial need. Apply to Student Financial Services with a completed Financial Need Assessment Form by January 10 for distribution in the Winter semester. [Application Form for University of Guelph Child Care Bursaries \(PDF\)](#).

University International Graduate Scholarships

The University of Guelph provides multiple awards on a competitive basis to international students (students holding a study permit), who are master's students up to their SIXTH semester, doctoral students up to and including their NINTH semester, with a minimum A- or 80% average in the last year of full-time or equivalent study. Masters students can receive the award up to six semesters; doctoral students can receive the award up to nine semesters. The awards are valued at \$2,000 each per semester. Students need not apply; programs with an allocation will nominate candidates to the Office of Graduate Studies for approval and notification to the student. Departments will nominate eligible students on the basis of research performance/potential, including progress in the program of study. Preference may be given to entering and first year students. No application necessary.

The W.N. Vaughan Medal

A medal may be given annually to a student senator who has high academic standing and who has made a substantial contribution to student life and to the university, particularly through involvement in and commitment to Senate activities. Prospective candidates will be nominated by senators and the medal winner will be chosen by a committee selected by the Senate Bylaws and Membership Committee. The medal will be awarded at June convocation. No application is necessary.

Julie May (Goode) Whittaker Graduate Travel Scholarship

Mr. Charles Whittaker has created this \$5,000 annual travel award in memory of his mother, Julie May (Goode) Whittaker. It is available to doctoral and masters students in their first year of study with at least a first class average (minimum A-/80%) in their last 10 credits or full year of study, whose thesis research project has been approved and whose supervisory committee has been finalized, and who will be travelling during the second year of study for up to twelve months to conduct thesis research and/or take required graduate courses outside Canada. Selection will be based on equal consideration of: (i) the relevance of the proposed travel to the student's area of study; (ii) a reference letter from the University of Guelph academic advisor; and (iii) academic performance to date. Apply to the Office of Graduate Studies by May 1 with (i) a one page description of the intended research, courses and travel; (ii) a one page budget listing all estimated costs (travel, research, tuition etc.) -- the estimated budget should include other available sources of funding that will be used (ie. research funding available, other awards etc.); (iii) a reference letter from University of Guelph academic advisor confirming the student's acceptance at the host institution and approval of his/her thesis topic. The scholarship may be held only once per student.

Ontario Agricultural College Internal Awards

Harvey W. Caldwell Scholarship (CDE)

This annual award of \$2,400 is tenable with other Senate awards except the OAC Williams and Grothier Scholarships and is awarded to a student who has completed at least two semesters with high academic standing. Preference will be given to a student who has demonstrated interest in the practice of rural extension in Canada. Apply to the graduate coordinator, Rural Extension Studies, by June 1. Donor - Faculty in the Department of Rural Extension Studies.

Taffy Davison Memorial Research Travel Grant (OAC)

The Taffy Davison Memorial Fund provides travel grants of up to \$1,500 per student. Registered graduate students in any OAC department conducting research in environmental or agricultural biology, resource development or related fields are eligible to apply. All applications will be considered and ranked on the value of their proposed research travel plans and expected benefits to their research proposal. Preference will be given to PhD students. Apply by letter to the Graduate Coordinator in your department by April 1st outlining your planned research travel, expected benefits, date, and estimated costs as well as a letter of support from your advisor..

Golden Harvest Graduate Scholarship in Agriculture (OAC)

A graduate scholarship of \$30,000 annually is provided to support a citizen of the Czech Republic who enrolls in a graduate program at the Master's or PhD level in OAC based on academic standing at the undergraduate level and proficiency in English. Subsequent payments of \$30,000 will be provided in year 2 of the Masters program and years 2 and 3 PhD program pending successful progress. Apply by letter to OAC Dean's Office by June 1.

Elena Grothier Scholarship in Rural Extension Studies (Capacity Development)

This annual award of \$2,500 is tenable with other Senate awards except the Soden and is presented to an academically outstanding student entering the MSc program in rural extension studies. Application must be made by letter to the Graduate Coordinator, Rural Extension Studies, by June 1. Selection is by the OAC awards committee on the recommendation of the Chair of the department. The donor is the Grothier estate.

F.L. McEwen Award (OAC)

In recognition of F.L. McEwen's contribution as Dean of OAC (1983-90), the OAC Alumni Foundation provides an award of \$4,000, given to an OAC graduate on entry to a graduate program in a department or school in OAC. Applicants should outline the relationship of their research interests to sustainable agriculture and their extracurricular activities in this area. Apply by letter to the OAC Dean's office by April 1.

J. Alden and Isobelle McLean Scholarship (OAC)

A scholarship of \$2,000 is made available by the family of the late Alden and Isobelle McLean to support students who are entering the area of Rural Extension Studies, the School of Rural Planning and Development or the Rural Studies doctoral program, and who will be conducting research in rural community development. Apply to the Dean of OAC by June 1.

George W. and Mildred B. Moore Scholarship (CDE)

In memory of the late Rev. Dr. George W. Moore and the late Mildred Baker Moore, an award of \$1,000 is made to the student in the MSc program in the area of Rural Extension Studies who obtains the highest academic standing in the first year of study and whose work involves distance education applications of communication technology in rural and remote communities. Application is not necessary.

OAC 1950 International Research Travel Grant (OAC)

The Class of OAC 1950, with the aid of the Ontario government's OSOTF program, provides annual travel grants of 80% of the cost of travel to/from the site of research/study up to a maximum of \$1000 per student. The grants are intended to encourage graduate students with demonstrated financial need in any department or school of OAC to participate in study/research activities at laboratories and institutions outside Canada. Students who are completing MSc programs in Rural Extension Studies or Rural Planning and Development and who are undertaking an internship program with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) (Rome) may also apply for a grant of \$3,000 to cover the travel and accommodation costs associated with their internship. Apply by letter to Student Financial Services by April 1 outlining the proposed program of study or research. Include a letter of support from the student's advisor, a budget and a completed Financial Need Assessment Form. See [ACCESS AWARDS](#).

OAC '38 Lloyd Minshall Bursaries (OAC)

To recognize the many contributions of Lloyd Minshall to his classmates and to OAC, OAC'38 alumni, with the aid of the Ontario government's OSOTF program, have provided seven bursaries of \$1800 to OAC students with demonstrated financial need. Undergraduate students in semester 5, 6, 7 and 8 and OAC graduate students are eligible. Apply with a completed Financial Need Assessment Form to Student Financial Services by January 10. See [ACCESS AWARDS](#).

OAC Centennial Graduate Scholarships (OAC)

The Ontario Agricultural College celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1974. Many organizations and companies associated with the agricultural industry provided funds in conjunction with the centennial year activities. Three awards of \$1,500 have been established in perpetuity as a permanent commemoration of the first centennial of the college. Students graduating from a degree program administered by OAC and who plan to pursue graduate studies in any department or school of OAC in the year of baccalaureate graduation are eligible for these awards. The award will be based on achievement in semesters 7 and 8, as well as participation in extracurricular activities throughout the student's university career. Apply to OAC Dean's Office by April 1.

OAC International Travel Grants

These grants were established to assist graduate students to pursue research opportunities abroad. OAC full-time graduate students who are conducting research, pursuing an educational program or attending scientific meetings abroad are eligible to apply. All applications will be considered and ranked on the value of proposed research travel plans and expected benefits to their research proposal. Financial Need will also be considered. Preference will be given to international graduate students enrolled in OAC programs. Apply by January 10th to Student Financial Services with a completed Financial Need Assessment Form or Financial Need Assessment Form for International Graduate Students and include a letter of not more than two pages outlining research and proposed travel plans, expected benefits, estimated costs, date of travel and a letter of support from the advisor.

Craig Pearson International Research Scholarship

The OAC Alumni Foundation has established this scholarship in honour of Dr. Craig Pearson, former Dean of the OAC (2001-2007). OAC graduate students who have maintained a "B" average and are planning to conduct research at a research institute or university in a country outside of North America for at least one month are eligible to apply. Contribution to the resolution of solving global challenges in the environment, agriculture, food and rural communities and demonstrated benefit to the recipient institution and the University of Guelph. Preference will be given to a proposal to work in a less developed country. Apply by April 1 to the OAC Awards Office with a brief research proposal (no more than 3 pages) and supporting letters from the intended recipient institution and the graduate advisor at Guelph.

Quinn Memorial Scholarship (OAC)

The Quinn Memorial Fund was established by Helen Farquhar Quinn (OAC'35) in memory of Ronald J. Quinn, OAC '35. A scholarship of \$1,500 is awarded annually to an entering OAC international full time or exchange undergraduate student. Selection will be based on academic performance, letters of reference and an assessment of the application package. Preference will be given to: i) students from developing nations entering a full time undergraduate program in OAC, ii) international exchange students entering an undergraduate program in OAC iii) international students entering an undergraduate program in OAC, iv) students from developing nations entering a graduate program in OAC, v) international students entering an OAC graduate program. No application is necessary.

N.R. Richards Scholarship (OAC, LRS, RP&D)

The OAC Alumni Foundation has established this scholarship in recognition of Professor N.R. Richards' contribution to the OAC as Dean from 1962 to 1972. Graduating students in OAC who are planning to pursue graduate studies in land resource use and/or rural planning and development at the University of Guelph are eligible. Academic standing will be used to determine the recipient from among the eligible applicants. Apply by letter to the OAC Awards Office by September 1.

Robb Graduate Research Travel Grant (OAC)

Travel grants are provided from the estate of the late Martha Robb to graduate students in OAC who are in good academic standing and who are planning to study and/or conduct research at another university or attend a scientific meeting. Apply by letter to the OAC Dean's Office by April 15, including an approved plan of study/research, financial expenditures, and, if appropriate, details of the scientific meeting.

Rural Planning Field Research Travel Grants (Rural Planning)

The School of Rural Planning provides field research scholarships valued at up to \$4,000 each to graduate students in the School. Apply by letter to the Awards Committee of the School and include an outline of the research proposal on or before March 15. Academic standing and an assessment of the research proposal will be used to determine the recipients.

Schneller and Summers Award (OAC)

The Summers family provides a graduate travel award of \$2,000 in memory of John Summers and Wilfred Schneller. Graduate students in OAC who plan to conduct research or study in other countries with the expectation of bringing direct improvements to Canadian agriculture are eligible. Apply by letter outlining study travel plans and their potential value to Canadian agriculture to the Dean, OAC, on or before June 1.

Earnest Austin Weir Memorial Scholarship (OAC)

In memory of the late Earnest Austin Weir, OAC '12, a scholarship of \$2,200 is available each year for entering graduate students in the areas of Land Resource Science, Rural Extension Studies, and Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, Landscape Architecture and Rural Planning and Development who have at least a 'B+' average and will be conducting research on sustainable rural community development. Application is not necessary.

External Awards

Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation (AICF):

Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship

Candidates must hold Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status. Must be registered full-time in a Masters program (beyond one semester), in trade, agricultural business, economics, finance. See: www.aic.ca/about/foundation_initiatives.cfm

Jim Allard Broadcast Journalism Scholarship (CDE)

Information available at: www.cab-acr.ca

Association of Universities and Colleges (AUCC)

All graduate students with research relating to community development Listing of awards and application information at: <http://www.aucc.ca/>

The BBM Canada Scholarship (CDE)

Information available at: <http://www.cab-acr.ca>

Canada - US Fulbright Program

Offering Canadian students and scholars the unique opportunity to explore contemporary issues relevant to Canada and the US Listing of awards and application information at: <http://www.cies.org/>

Canadian Association for Studies in International Development (CASID)

Travel grants available graduate students who are members of CASID and attend Annual Conference.

Applications available from North-South Institute in Ottawa. www.casid-acedi.ca

Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE)

CBIE manages scholarship programs for international student and student working and studying

outside Canada.

Information and guidelines available at: <http://www.cbie.ca/>

Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA)

All graduate students with research relating to Co-operatives. Application forms available from:
www.coopcca.com/

Canadian Evaluation Society (RPD)

Canada-wide, non-profit, bilingual association dedicated to the advancement of evaluation theory and practice. See Awards, Student Competitions, and Job Contracts and Collaborations at:

<http://www.evaluationcanada.ca/site.cgi?s=1>

Canadian Federation of University Women Fellowships

All graduate students who are Canadian citizens or LI for one year. Applications forms, instructions & conditions available from: <http://www.cfuw.org/>

Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) – (RPD)

Must be student member of CIP. Proposal which contributes to a planning profession or potential service to a community or community group.

Information available from: <http://www.cip-icu.ca/>

Canadian Water Resources Association (CWRA): *Scholarship in Water Resources*

All full-time graduate students who are Canadian citizens.

Application forms available at: www.cwra.org/

Keith Gilmore Foundation Scholarship

All CDE students with research related to agriculture, journalism and/or communications, leading to a career in the field of agriculture.

Application forms available from: www.hereford.ca/

The Ruth Hancock Scholarship Foundation (CDE)

Information available at: <http://www.bes.ca/besawards.html>

International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS)

Information and application forms available at: www.iccs-ciec.ca

International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

Awards and Internships See Funding and Awards.

Also see Research Programs, Evaluation, and Partnerships. Information and application forms available at: www.idrc.ca/

W.L. MacKenzie King Memorial Scholarships

Graduates of any Canadian University who engage in, commence, or continue post-graduate study in any field in Canada or elsewhere

Information and application form available at: www.mkingscholarships.ca/criteria.html

Northern Scientific Training Program

All graduate students who are Canadian citizens with research relating to Northern Canada. These are supplemental funds to cover transportation and the cost of living. Information and application forms available from Office of Research <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/>

Nuffield Canada Scholarships

To increase practical farming practices and management techniques; Awards support the opportunity to study farming practices in Europe, Asia and N. America

More information available from: <http://nuffield.ca/>

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

Graduate students (Canadian citizens or permanent residents) enrolling at an Ontario University for graduate studies. Minimum A- average in each of last 2 years required.

Very competitive; based on grades alone. Applications forms are available at: <http://osap.gov.on.ca/>

Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) (RPD)

Applicant must be a student member of OPPI and enrolled full-time in an Ontario undergraduate or graduate planning program recognized by OPPI

Info available at: <http://www.ontarioplanners.on.ca/>

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

Graduate students (Canadian citizens or permanent residents) with at least A- average in each of last 2 years. Very competitive.

Information and applications forms are available at: <http://www.sshrc.ca>