

Graduate Studies

Services and Awards

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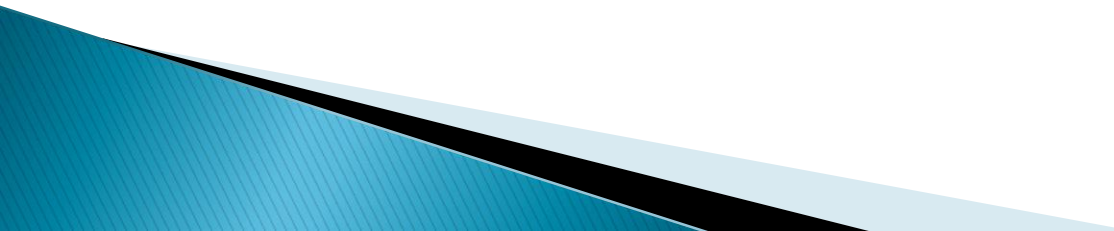
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- ▶ Admission counseling
 - ▶ Financial counseling
 - ▶ Problem resolution
 - ▶ E-thesis approval
 - ▶ Program Issues
 - ▶ External and some internal scholarships
 - ▶ Rules and regulations
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Office of Graduate Studies

- ▶ Two Service Assistants who will assist throughout your graduate education



Johanne Dupont
CME, COA, CPES and CSAHS



Cathy Fairchild
CBS, OAC and OVC

Enrolment Services

- ▶ Courses
- ▶ Addresses
- ▶ ID
- ▶ Graduation



Student Financial Services

- ▶ Account payments
- ▶ OSAP
- ▶ Financial issues
 - counselling



Funding your Graduate Studies

Plan Ahead

- ▶ Financial Planning is a key to your success!
- ▶ Government of Canada – CanLearn
 - Student Financial Assistance Estimator – Estimates CSL and other provincial loans
 - <http://tools.canlearn.ca/cslgs-scpse/cln-cln/40/sfae-eafe/sfae-eafe-0-eng.do>
 - Cost Breakdown
 - <http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/postsec/cost/cbr.shtml>
 - Be realistic



Budget

- ▶ Services offering budget assistance
 - Banks – online budget calculator
 - Financial Consumer Agency of Canada
 - Budget worksheet both static and interactive
 - <http://www.fcac-acfc.gc.ca/eng/consumers/lifeevents/secondeduc/budget/worksheet-eng.asp>
 - Globe and Mail
 - Detailed calculator
 - <http://www.globecampus.ca/money-finder/financial-calculators/student-budget/>

Know your costs



- ▶ Costs are substantial
- ▶ Cost of living for a domestic student
 - \$19,000 – \$27,000
- ▶ Cost of living for an international student
 - \$30,000 – \$38,000
- ▶ Hidden Costs
 - Emergencies, trip home, new climate

Know your income if possible

- ▶ What was your funding agreement?
 - Usually made up of a number of options.



Prepare Early for Scholarships

- ▶ Educate yourself on available awards and due dates
 - **Chart out award deadlines**
 - Talk to other scholarship winners
- ▶ Organize yourself
 - Order transcripts early
 - Search out references
- ▶ Who are your contacts?
 - Graduate Secretary
 - Graduate Scholarship Officers



Scholarships Officers



- ▶ Lois Bamsey
- ▶ Kristin McDonald



Types of Internal Scholarships

▶ Entrance Scholarships

- Automatically applied at admission
- Lobby if you fit the criteria

▶ Continuing Scholarships

- Application required – apply for everything for which you are eligible – success breeds success
- Application not required (student is nominated) – lobby for yourself

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

External Scholarships

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)

Canadian or Permanent Residents

- ▶ PGSM/CGSM – \$17,3000 / \$17,500 per year – held for 12 months
- ▶ PGSD/CGSD – \$21,000 / \$35,000 per year – held up to 36 months
 - CGSM/CGSD now known as the Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships
- ▶ NSERC Vanier CGS – \$50,000 per year – held up to 36 months (International may apply) – nomination by university
- ▶ NSERC CGS Foreign Study Supplements – up to \$6000
- ▶ IPS1 – \$21,000 per year – held for 24 months
- ▶ IPS2 – \$21,000 per year – held for up to 36 months

www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/



External Scholarships

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

Canadian or Permanent Residents only

- ▶ Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarships \$35,000 per year (for 36 months)
- ▶ SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship \$20,000 per year (for 12, 24, 36 or 48 months)
- ▶ SSHRC Vanier CGS – \$50,000 – up to three years (international may apply) – nomination by university
- ▶ CGS Foreign Study Supplement – up to \$6000
- ▶ Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Master's \$17,500 for one year, non-renewable
- ▶ National competitions for limited numbers of awards

www.sshrc.ca



External Scholarships

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
Canadian or Permanent Residents only

- ▶ CIHR Vanier CGS – \$50,000 – up to three years
- ▶ CGS – Master's – \$17,500 for one year

www.cihr.ca



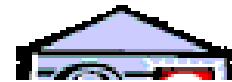
External Scholarships

- ▶ Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)
 - (In process of change)
 - May be awarded for multiple years
 - Limited amount for international students
 - \$15,000 per year
- Stay tuned for more information...



External Scholarships

- ▶ Governments, business, service organizations
- ▶ Search engines
 - collegenet.com/mach25/
 - scholarshipscanada.com
 - studentawards.com
 - scholarships.gc.ca – international
- ▶ Explore all opportunities



Employment

▶ Internal

- Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)
- Graduate Research Assistantships (GRA)
- Graduate Service Assistantships (GSA)
- Ontario Work Study Program (OWSP)
- Service Units on Campus

▶ External

- Hopefully not, unless you are part-time or really in need

Loans and Bursaries

- ▶ Loans
 - OSAP
 - Canada Student Loans
- ▶ Emergency Loans – Student Financial Services
- ▶ Bank Loans



Bursaries

- ▶ Bursaries – need based awards
 - Student Financial Services – January 10
- ▶ GSA/UofG Emergency
- ▶ Bursaries – Compassionate Health
- ▶ International Student Bursaries
 - Benny Quay



Debt Management

- ▶ What sort of debt are you willing to accrue?
 - Can you manage to borrow money to avoid having to work too much and thus taking longer to finish (hidden higher debt)
- ▶ Avoid the use of credit cards if possible



Got Problems?



- ▶ Review all scholarships
- ▶ Speak to Lois Bamsey or Kristin McDonald, Graduate Scholarships Officers and SLOs, if you have specific scholarship questions
- ▶ Establish your need
 - Ensure that all costs are reasonable
- ▶ Talk to your research supervisor, chair, and college Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies
- ▶ Fill out a Financial Need Assistance form
- ▶ Speak to a Financial Aide Counsellor in SFS
- ▶ Speak to Pauline Sinclair in OGS if all avenues have been exhausted
- ▶ Form available to aide in the process at www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/graduatestudies/files/assistance_request.doc