Arrell Scholarships

2019/20

**Overview**

The Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph is now accepting scholarship applications for students entering a graduate program in the Summer 2019, Fall 2019 or Winter 2020 semesters. The Institute is seeking emerging scholars who are not only academically outstanding but also passionately committed to ensuring that future generations are well fed, that diets are nutritious and equitable, and that agriculture is sustainable.

As a complement to their graduate research, successful applicants will provide leadership within multi-disciplinary teams of graduate students, who will work with community, government and industry partners, and University of Guelph experts linked to the Arrell Food Institute, to address global food issues. This is a unique opportunity to be a part of the ‘Food from Thought’ research program, a $76.6 million investment from [Canada’s First Research Excellence Fund](http://foodinstitute.ca/food-from-thought/).

**Value & Duration**

 Master’s - $50,000 per year for up to 2 years (6 semesters)

 Doctoral - $50,000 per year for up to 4 years (12 semesters)

The scholarship will be applied to the recipient’s student account in three equal installments per year for the duration of the award.

**Eligibility**

Students entering a graduate program in the Summer, Fall or Winter semester following the application deadline with a minimum first-class (A-) admissions average, whose research aligns with the [vision](http://arrellfoodinstitute.ca/) of the Arrell Food Institute.

**Selection Criteria**

The scholarships will be awarded following a selection process through which all application files will be screened and then reviewed by a scholarship selection committee based upon:

* Outstanding academic achievement;
* Relevance of proposed research and personal motivation to the vision of the Arrell Food Institute;
* Demonstration of commitment to public engagement, as evidenced in the CV; and an
* Interview with the scholarship selection committee for those applicants that are short-listed.

**Application Deadlines**

**Two deadlines:**

1. Deadline to submit a completed application for admission to a University of Guelph graduate program is **February 22, 2019**
2. Deadline to submit all completed components of the scholarship application is **March 1, 2019**

**How to Apply**

* Applicants should apply for admission to a graduate program at the University of Guelph with a plan of research that is compatible with the Arrell Food Institute’s vision (e.g. food security, plant science, consumer behavior, diet and nutrition, etc.). For a complete listing of the many graduate programs and application information, review the website for [Prospective Students](https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/future/students). For insights into some of Guelph’s agriculture and food scholars, go to [Experts at the University of Guelph](http://experts.uoguelph.ca/%20) and [Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph](http://foodinstitute.ca/). The application for admission must be complete as of the February 22 deadline in order to be eligible for the scholarship.
* In addition to applying for admission to a graduate program, applicants must also submit to the Graduate Awards Officers before/by March 1 (grschol@uoguelph.ca - with the subject line ‘Arrell Food Institute Graduate Scholarships’):
1. a statement of research interests and personal motivations (maximum 2 pages, references not included);
2. a current CV;
3. a letter of support from the prospective advisor which also confirms the applicant is or will be accepted into a graduate program (this letter can be emailed to the Graduate Awards Officers directly from the prospective advisor)

**Conditions of Funding**

* Recipients will be expected to participate in collaborative projects with the Arrell Food Institute and other scholarship winners
* Recipients must maintain satisfactory progress in their graduate program
* This award cannot be held with the Ontario Graduate Scholarships/QEII- Graduate Scholarships in Science & Technology, Trillium Scholarships, the Brock Doctoral Scholarship, Dairy Farmers of Ontario Doctoral Research Assistantship or Tri-Council Scholarships, including the Vanier.

**Questions?**

If you have questions about the scholarship application process, please email the Graduate Awards Officers, in the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies. (grschol@uoguelph.ca)

If you have questions pertaining to the vision of the Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph, please email foodinstitute@uoguelph.ca.