

'Food from Thought' Graduate Research Assistantships 2017/18

Overview

The Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph is now accepting applications for Graduate Research Assistantships (GRA). 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](#).

Number of Research Assistantships & Value

For 2017-18 there are up to 10 GRAs valued at \$17,500 per year.

Eligibility

Students entering masters or doctoral studies in the upcoming Summer, Fall, or Winter semesters with a minimum first-class (A-) admissions average OR in-course students with a minimum 80% (A-) average in the last 2 years of academic study, whose research aligns with the [vision](#) of the Arrell Food Institute.

Selection Criteria

The GRA 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 evidence in the CV.

Application Deadline

~~April 3, 2017~~ **Deadline extended to April 17, 2017**

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](#). For insights into some of Guelph's agriculture and food scholars, go to [Experts at the University of Guelph](#) and [Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph](#).
- In addition to applying for admission to a graduate program, applicants must also submit to the Graduate Awards Officers (grschol@uoguelph.ca - with the subject line 'Food from Thought Graduate Research Assistantships'):
 1. a statement of research interests and personal motivations;
 2. a current CV;
 3. a letter of support from the prospective advisor (or current advisor for students in-course). For new students this letter should also confirm that that the applicant is or will be admitted to a graduate program. This letter can be emailed to the Graduate Awards Officers directly from the advisor.

Conditions of Funding

- Recipients will be expected to participate in collaborative projects with the Arrell Food Institute
- Recipients must maintain satisfactory progress in their graduate program

Questions?

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