

Graduate Excellence Entrance Scholarships (GEES)

Administrative Guidelines

2016/17

Overview

The Graduate Excellence Entrance Scholarships (GEES) were created to assist colleges in attracting the highest quality students to their graduate programs.

Value & Duration

Master's – 50 x \$15,000 – 3 equal payments over 3 semesters

Doctoral – 25 x \$30,000 – 3 equal payments over 3 semesters

Selection Criteria

Academic excellence and BIU eligibility.

Eligibility Criteria

Canadian or permanent residents entering masters or doctoral studies in May, September, or January semesters with a minimum 85% admission average.

Other Conditions

Students must remain registered full-time and maintain satisfactory progress for the duration of the scholarship in order to maintain funding.

Tenability

Not tenable with Tri-Council Top-up

Administration of the Award

- Colleges will be notified of their GEES allocation by mid-December each year and should determine how they will be distributed among their graduate programs.

- Departments will complete and submit a GEES nomination form for each nominee and forward the forms to the College Associate Dean Research (ADR) for endorsement. The nomination form is available on the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies – Faculty & Staff – Scholarships and Awards Administrative Guidelines - secure website at: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/faculty-staff/scholarships-and-awards-administrative-guidelines>
- Once the GEES is endorsed by the ADR for their college the department will include the GEES in the offer of admission in the scholarships section of the Funding Form. If the student accepts the offer of admission the College will forward a report, including student information and copies of the nomination forms, to the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (OGPS) by April 1 for the summer semester, by August 1 for the Fall semester or by December 1 for the Winter semester
- OGPS staff check the nominations for eligibility and notify Student Financial Services (SFS) to post the GEES to the students' accounts when their status is changed on Colleague to "Moved to Student" (MS)
- If a student declines an offer of admission the department will notify the (ADR) of their college immediately so that the GEES can be reassigned to another applicant if time permits.
- The Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies will record and track all GEES recipients for the duration of their award
- Any unused scholarships will be returned to OGPS for reallocation

Questions?

Please contact Graduate Awards Officers by email: grschol@uoguelph.ca