Ontario Graduate Fellowships (OGF) Administrative Guidelines 2016-17

OGF are 2 or 3 semester awards and are valued at up to \$3,000 per semester. Each College is asked to forward 6 nominations (any combination of Master's & Doctoral) to the Office of Graduate Studies by June 27, 2016.

1.0 Eligibility

- a) Canadian citizens or permanent residents.
- b) Plan to <u>or</u> be registered full-time in an approved research Master's or Doctoral Program.
- c) Nominees in the first or second year of graduate studies must have an A- or 80% cumulative average in each of the last two years of full-time (or equivalent) study. Nominees in third year or beyond of graduate studies must have an overall A- or 80% average in all graduate courses.

2.0 Tenability

- a) OGF is tenable with other awards but no individual award can be greater than \$10,000 per academic year (summer, fall, and winter).
- b) Students cannot hold an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) or Queen Elizabeth Graduate Scholarship in Science & Technology (QEII-GSST) during the same period of study.
- c) Student may hold the award for up to two years in a Master's program and up to 4 years in a Doctoral program.
- d) The OGF may not be held beyond the second year for a Master's student or beyond the fourth year for a Doctoral student.
- e) The OGF is tenable for multiple years with re-nomination.

3.0 Continuation of Award

- a) Must maintain excellent academic standing.
- b) Must remain enrolled as a full-time student in an eligible program.

4.0 Selection Criteria

Graduate students with the highest academic standing at the Master's level and at the Doctoral level in each college who meet the established eligibility and tenability criteria. (Academic standing is a combination of grades, research, leadership and publications at the graduate level).

5.0 Method of Nomination

- a) Academic departments/schools will forward nominations to their College Dean's Office **by Friday June 10**th. Each nomination will consist of a completed nomination form signed by the Graduate Coordinator, a current student CV and a letter of support from the student's advisor.
- b) The College Awards Committee will select and forward six **nominations** (any combination of Master's & Doctoral). The forms must be signed by the Dean, Chair of the College Awards Committee or Associate Dean, Research & Graduate Studies and submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies by **Monday June 27**th.
- c) The Office of Graduate Studies will confirm the nominations.
- d) Awards are given out for future semesters; they cannot be allocated to previous semesters.
- e) The scholarship will be credited to the student's account by Student Financial Services. Should the recipient wish to pay tuition and fees using the scholarship funds, the Graduate Settlement form on WebAdvisor must be completed each semester. Any outstanding balance will be cleared first and remaining funds will be issued to the student by direct deposit.

If you have questions, please contact:

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