

CBS Graduate Student Recruitment 2019-2020

- Funding Opportunities -

This document provides details about the following major scholarship opportunities that are available to assist faculty in CBS with graduate recruitment for 2019-20:

1. **Graduate Tuition Scholarship (GTS)**
2. **International Doctoral Tuition Scholarship (IDTS)**
3. **CBS International PhD Graduate Research Assistantship (CBS – IGRA)**
4. **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Graduate Research Assistantship (SoTL-GRA)**
5. **Competitive Matching Fund (CMF) (NEW-> now available to international students)**

These programs are intended to assist with the attraction of high quality students. Faculty are encouraged to use the opportunity to apply for these awards in their advertising and recruitment strategy for students planning to enrol in S19, F19, or W20. (In some cases, students transferring to a PhD program during in 2019-20 may also be eligible).

For a list of **additional entrance awards** that incoming CBS students may be eligible to apply for through other units on campus, see **Appendix A** on page 7 (for domestic students) **and Appendix B** on page 10 (for international students). Prospective students should also explore the online [Graduate Award Database](#) for additional minor awards of interest.

1. Graduate Tuition Scholarships (GTS) – *Domestic Students*

CBS has been assigned **12** Graduate Tuition Scholarships (GTS) for 2019-20 which cover the cost of full time tuition. GTS awards can be offered to students enrolling in S19, F19 or W20, or for students transferring to a PhD during this period. These awards will be adjudicated at the department level.

Availability: In 2019-20, GTS awards will be distributed among departments as follows (Note: Biodiversity Institute faculty are considered as part of the Integrative Biology Graduate program):

Dept	GTS	
	MSc	PhD
HHNS	2	2
IB	2	2
MCB	3	1

Duration and Value: \$8,000 per year; doctoral recipients up to 4 years, Master’s recipients up to 2 years.

Eligibility: GTS recipients must

- Be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident at the time of application
- Have submitted an OUAC application for a full-time thesis-based program
- Will be starting their program (or transferring to a PhD) in S19, F19 or W20
- Have a minimum of a 75% (B) average

Tenure of Awards: Recipients must remain enrolled as a full-time student. Recipients who withdraw, transfer to part-time status, or fail to complete the term will be ineligible to receive GTS funding.

Tenable with other awards: GTS awards **are no longer tenable** with the Ontario Graduate Scholarships, the Brock Doctoral Scholarship, the Dairy Farmers of Ontario Doctoral Research Assistantship, the Arrell Scholarships, or the Tri-Council Scholarships, including the Vanier. (Note: In the case where a student is awarded a GTS and then subsequently receives a one year scholarship such as an OGS, the GTS will not be paid during the OGS award period but can be resumed afterwards as long as the student is still within their 2 yr (MSc) or 4 yr (PhD) eligibility period.)

Application Procedure: Faculty of prospective students should forward the application package to the appropriate department contact (see table below) by the deadline indicated. An application package will consist of:

1. The student’s CV.
2. A completed OUAC application (available via [WebNow](#)) including transcripts and two letters of reference.

Deadlines: Applications should be submitted to the relevant department as follows:

Department	Deadline	Submit to
HHNS	May 22, 2019	amwillia@uoguelph.ca
IB	May 22, 2019	loriferg@uoguelph.ca
MCB	June 1, 2019	bmoroni@uoguelph.ca

Adjudication: Each department will adjudicate their award allocation. The selection criteria for these awards should focus on the quality of the graduate student being recruited as evidenced by their academic record, reference letters and aptitude for research.

Following adjudication, each department will provide the names of their selected GTS recipients to the ADR office (c/o: sbates@uoguelph.ca) by **Wednesday, June 19th**. The College Awards Committee must endorse the nominations before forwarding to the Office of Graduate Studies. If a department has not used its full allocation of awards by this date, the unused awards will be redistributed within the College.

Details of Student Funding: Faculty of students who receive a GTS will be permitted to reduce in part the GRA funds they provide. Students should receive at least \$2,000 per year over the minimum total stipend of \$21,259 and \$25,259 at the MSc and PhD levels, respectively.

2. International Doctoral Tuition Scholarship (IDTS)

The International Doctoral Tuition Scholarship is intended to cover the difference between domestic and international tuition (currently \$11k per year) such that an international student is on the same financial footing as a domestic student. There is no cap on the number of these scholarships. All eligible students will automatically receive this funding. (Note: This scholarship cannot be used to reduce the faculty supervisor's contribution towards the student's GRA.)

Availability: The IDTS is available to all incoming and current international PhD students who meet the criteria outlined below.

Duration and Value: The award is valued at \$11k per year for up to 4 years (co-funded by the Office of Graduate Studies and the College).

Eligibility: The scholarship will be automatically awarded to new international full-time doctoral (PhD and DVSc) students with a minimum A-/80% entrance average (Guelph equivalent) for up to four years (12 semesters). New international full-time doctoral students without a minimum A-/80% entrance average will become eligible for the scholarship once they achieve PhD candidacy for the balance of the four-year period of eligibility (as determined from the beginning of the doctoral program).

Tenability with other awards: The IDTS is not tenable with existing awards for which international students are eligible, such as the Trillium, Vanier and Arrell, nor scholarships provided by home governments.

Tenure of Awards: Recipients must remain enrolled as a full-time student and maintain satisfactory progress for the duration of the scholarship in order to maintain funding.

Application Process: N/A. Full details on how the scholarship is administered are available through the [Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies](#).

3. CBS – International PhD Graduate Research Assistantship (CBS - IGRA) – *International students*

The CBS International PhD Graduate Research Assistantship is a CBS-funded scholarship that will provide additional financial support to up to three incoming PhD students in the College (one per department). This award can be held in conjunction with the IDTS award described above. Valued at \$13k per year (the same amount of funding a domestic student would generate in grad growth funds), this award is intended to make the cost of an international student comparable to a domestic student. These awards will be adjudicated at the department level.

Availability: One award in each of the three departments (HHNS, IB, MCB)

Duration and Value: \$13k per year for 4 years (note: funds will be transferred to supervisor to help fund the student's GRA). Students who are awarded a CBS-IGRA award should receive a total stipend at least \$2,000 above the minimum.

Eligibility: Recipients must be new international students entering their program with a minimum of an 80% or A- admission average (Guelph equivalent). International MSc students transferring to a PhD are also eligible to apply. (Transfer does not need to be complete at time of application, but receipt of award is contingent upon an approved transfer.)

Tenability with other awards: The CBS-IGRA is not tenable with Trillium, Vanier and Arrell, nor scholarships provided by home governments. As noted above, it can be held with the IDTS award.

Tenure of Awards: Recipients must remain enrolled as a full-time student and maintain satisfactory progress for the duration of the scholarship in order to maintain funding.

Application Process: Faculty working with the prospective student will submit an application for the IGTS award on the student's behalf. The application will consist of:

1. The student's CV.
2. A completed OUAC application (available via [WebNow](#)) including transcripts and two letters of reference.

Deadlines: Applications should be submitted to the relevant department as follows:

Department	Deadline	Submit to
HHNS	May 22, 2019	amwillia@uoguelph.ca
IB	May 22, 2019	loriferg@uoguelph.ca
MCB	June 1, 2019	bmoroni@uoguelph.ca

Adjudication: Each department will adjudicate their award allocation. The selection criteria for these awards should focus on the quality of the graduate student being recruited as evidenced by their academic record, reference letters and aptitude for research.

Following adjudication, each department will provide the names of their selected CBS-IGRA recipients to the ADR office (c/o: sbates@uoguelph.ca) by **Wednesday, June 19th**. If a department has not allocated its award by this date, it will be redistributed within the College.

4. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning GRA – *Domestic MSc students only*

In 2019-20, CBS will offer two (2) MSc Graduate Research Assistantships (GRA) for projects in the area of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL). All faculty members in CBS interested in recruiting a MSc student to carry out a SOTL-related project are invited to nominate a student. The proposed project should align with one or more CBS priority areas of teaching and learning research (see below); however, ideas for other projects are also welcome. Brian Husband, Associate Dean, Academic (bhusband@uoguelph.ca; x54790) is available to consult with faculty members who wish to discuss a potential topic area.

Suggested Research Topics

- Learning outcome assessment: methodologies; evaluation of implementation strategies
- Student Success: determinants of student success and attrition; impacts of academic and non-academic support strategies (e.g. early warning systems)
- High impact teaching practices: methods of implementation; impacts on learning
- Skill Development: definition, measurement, & evaluation of teaching strategies for critical thinking, writing, integrative thinking, numeracy, problem solving etc.
- Professional Development & Career Planning: tools for student reflection, student values and skills assessment; development and assessment of experiential learning strategies
- Evaluation of teaching: student evaluations, peer evaluation and other models
- Curriculum design and new models of program delivery

Duration and Value: \$15,334/yr for 2 years ((note: funds will be transferred to supervisor to fund the student's GRA)

Eligibility: Students must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and meet all normal admission requirements for a CBS graduate program. The prospective student does not need

to have been accepted into a graduate program in CBS by the June 1 application deadline; however, he/she must enroll in the MSc program for the Fall 2019 semester.

Tenable with other Awards: If a SoTL GRA recipient receives a major award (e.g., NSERC, OGS), the amount of the GRA will be reduced accordingly.

Application Procedure:

To apply, please submit the following to sbates@uoguelph.ca:

- 1) A ½ page description of the proposed SOTL project;
- 2) CV of prospective student
- 3) Transcripts of prospective student

Deadline: Application materials should be received by **June 1, 2019**.

Adjudication: Applications will be adjudicated by the College Graduate Awards Committee, and applicants will be notified of the outcome by June 15. Selection will be based on quality of the student and anticipated value of the proposed research project to the College.

(Note: Students who receive a SoTL GRA will **not** be eligible for Graduate Growth Funds.)

5. Competitive Matching Funds (CMF) – *Domestic or International*

The Competitive Matching Funds (CMF) are available to all colleges to assist in the recruitment of outstanding students. These funds are used to provide a competitive funding package to match, **but not exceed**, that from another university. The CMF can be used for S19, F19 or W20 offers of admission. As part of the standard recruiting procedures, faculty who make an offer to a student are encouraged to advise the student to notify him/her if they receive another offer to allow the University of Guelph an opportunity to match it.

Value: Various (in the form of a GRA only)

Eligibility: Student must have a minimum first class (A-) admission average

Tenable with other Awards: CMF funds are tenable with the International Doctoral Tuition Scholarship. If the student receives any other scholarship, some or all of the CMF top up will be clawed back, depending on the amount of the award.

Application Procedure: Faculty members who wish to request CMF funds should do so through their Department Graduate Program Coordinator. Please contact sbates@uoguelph.ca for more information and/or assistance with accessing these funds.

Deadline: Anytime/ongoing

Appendix 1. Summary of ENTRANCE Scholarships for Domestic Students (2019-2020)

Full details regarding these award can be found on OGPS website (<https://www.uouelph.ca/graduatestudies/faculty-staff/scholarships-and-awards-administrative-guidelines>) and/or in the [Graduate Award Database](#). Faculty and students are strongly encouraged to check these websites for the most up to date information regarding deadlines and eligibility, etc.

OGPS = Office of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies (grschol@uoguelph.ca)

ADR = Associate Dean of Research, Glen Van Der Kraak (queries to sbates@uoguelph.ca)

Award	Deadlines	Residency Requirement	Value and Duration	Eligibility/Selection Criteria	Availability	Additional Comments
Competitive Matching Fund	Anytime	Domestic or international	Varies - \$ to match offer from a competing university	N/A	As needed	Open to any faculty wishing to recruit a high quality student who has received another offer.
Ontario Graduate Scholarship and QEII	January 31, 2019	Domestic	MSc - \$15k x 1 yr PhD - \$15k x 1 yr	Min A- during each of last two years of study. Academic record and research potential.	OGS – TBA (there were 24 awards in CBS in 2018) QEII – TBA (there were 7 awards in CBS in 2018)	Student must have applied through OUAC by January 31. Student submits application to department where he/she will study. No separate application to QEII necessary. Students can also apply or re-apply while in program.
Aboriginal Graduate Scholarship	Student applies to OGPS February 1, 2019	Student must self-identify as First Nations, Inuit or Metis	MSc - \$15k/yr x 2 yr PhD - \$30k/yr x 4 yr Tenable with other awards	Academic excellence, critical thinking, application of knowledge and/or research potential	Up to 5 awards at UG	Students already in program can apply in program up to their 3 rd semester
Dairy Farmers of Ontario	Student applies to OGPS February 1, 2019	Domestic or international	PhD - \$20k/yr x 3 yr Tenable with other awards	Min. A- average in last two years of study. For students working in area of interest to DFO.	1 award at UG	Note restrictions on research area.
Brock Doctoral Scholarship	Student applies to Associate Dean of Research by February 15, 2019	Domestic or international	PhD - \$30k/yr x 4 yr Tenable with other awards	Academic excellence, leadership/service, teaching, research and communications skills, other awards; min 85% in previous grad studies	1 award at UG	Forward applications to ADR c/o sbates@uoguelph.ca ADR writes support letter and forwards nomination to OGS by March 1, 2019

Arrell Scholarships	Student applies to OGPS February 22, 2019	Domestic or international	MSc - \$50k/yr x 2 yr PhD - \$50k/yr x 4 yr	Exceptional students working in areas related to food, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, crop science, etc. Min. A- admission average.	TBA	Student participates in collaborative team project as part of scholarship. Note restrictions on research area.
U of G OMAFRA HQP Scholarship	Student applies online ~ March 2019 – exact date TBA	Domestic or international	MSc - \$173.k/yr x 2 yr (+ \$2k from supervisor) PhD - \$21 k/yr x 3 yr (+ \$5k from supervisor)	Project must relate to one of U of G OMAFRA research themes .	TBA	Mandatory 1 semester work placement (paid or unpaid) with a partner (business or non-profit). Note restrictions on research area.
Food From Thought GRAs	Student submits application to ADR office (sbates@uoguelph.ca) ~ April 2019 - TBA	Domestic or international	MSc - \$17.5k x 1 yr PhD - \$17.5k x 1 yr	Exception students working in areas related to food, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, crop science, etc. Min A- admission average	Up to 20 awards at UG	Students already in program can also apply. Student participate in collaborative team projects as part of GRA. Note restrictions on research area.
Graduate Tuition Scholarships (GTS)	Department application deadlines: HHNS – May 22, 2019 IB – May 22, 2019 MCB – June 1, 2019 Departments notify College of results – June 19, 2019	Domestic	MSc - \$8k/yr x 2 yr PhD - \$8k/yr x 4 yr	Min 75% admission average	2-3 MSc awards per dept; 1-2 PhD awards per dept	

Domestic Students are also eligible to apply for the following:

TRI-COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS (NSERC AND CIHR). Students may apply for a Tri-Council scholarship prior to beginning their program or once they have already enrolled. **Note that deadlines for these programs are in the fall, so early planning is essential.** Students who receive a CGS-M or PGS-D award also receive a Dean’s Tri-Council Top Up Award of \$5,000. (Note: **top ups are no longer paid to CGS-D or Vanier recipients**).

- [NSERC or CIHR MSc \(CGS-M\)](#). MSc awards valued at \$17,500 x 1 yr only. Detailed information regarding eligibility and application process are available on the Office of Graduate Studies website (click link). The University is allocated a set number of awards each year, and applications are adjudicated by Office of Graduate Studies Awards Committee. University application deadline is December 1.
- [NSERC PGS-D and Alexander Graham Bell \(PhD\)](#). NSERC PhD Scholarships are valued at \$21,000 (PGS-D) or \$35,000 (Alexander Graham Bell; CGS-D) per year for 2-3 years. PhD awards are adjudicated by NSERC; however, the University is permitted to submit limited number of applications, and only the top ranked applications are forwarded by the OGS Awards Committee. Detailed information regarding eligibility and application process are available on the Office of Graduate Studies website (see link). Institutional deadline is in early October.
- [CIHR Doctoral Research Awards](#). CIHR doctoral awards are valued at \$35,000/yr x 3 yrs. Details of the current year's call can be found in [ResearchNet](#), while application instructions are available on the [CIHR website](#). These awards must be approved electronically in the online portal by the Office of Graduate Studies and forwarded by them to CIHR, thus applications should be submitted ~ 1 week before the CIHR deadline in early October. See the Office of Graduate Studies [CIHR page](#) for the current deadline.
- [Vanier \(PhD\)](#) The Vanier is a highly prestigious Tri-Council PhD scholarship valued at \$50k/yr for 3 years. Students can apply prior to beginning program or in their first fall semester, provided they have not exceeded the maximum allowable time in program (check guidelines to confirm). Students must apply online by mid-September, and the student's Department must provide a nomination letter by early October. The University can forward a limited number of applications each year (e.g., ~ 6 NSERC and 1 CIHR). Detailed information regarding eligibility and application process are available on the Office of Graduate Studies website (click link).

[Mitacs Accelerate](#). Mitacs is a partnership program that requires a cash contribution from an eligible partner. The Accelerate Internship program can be used to fund both MSc and PhD students. MSc students can be funded for 4-18 months, while PhD students can be funded for 4-36 months. The partner contribution can range from \$4,000-7,500 per semester (which Mitacs matches). Students must spend 50% of their time with the partner organization. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Appendix 2. Summary of ENTRANCE Scholarships for **International** Students (2019-2020)

Full details regarding these awards can be found on OGPS website (<https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/faculty-staff/scholarships-and-awards-administrative-guidelines>) and/or in the [Graduate Award Database](#). Faculty and students are strongly encouraged to check these websites for the most up to date information regarding deadlines and eligibility, etc.

Award	Deadlines	Residency Requirement	Value and Duration	Eligibility/Selection Criteria	Availability	Additional Comments
International Doctoral Tuition Scholarship (IDTS)	None. All students who qualify will automatically receive this funding.	International	\$11k/yr x 4 yrs	Min 80% or A- admission average OR have passed qualifying exam	No restrictions – available to all incoming students who meet eligibility criteria.	Students with admission average less than 80% will be eligible to receive IDTS after they pass their qualifying exam. No student is eligible to receive these funds after they have completed 4 years of their program.
Competitive Matching Fund	Anytime.	Domestic or international	Varies - \$ to match offer from a competing university	N/A	As needed	Open to any faculty wishing to recruit a high quality student who has received another offer.
International Ontario Graduate Scholarship (IOGS)	January 31, 2019	International	MSc - \$15k x 1 yr	Min A- in each of last 2 years of study	4 at U Guelph- TBC	Students already in program can also apply if still within eligibility period.
Dairy Farmers of Ontario	Student applies to OGPS February 1, 2019	Domestic or international	PhD - \$20k/yr x 3 yr Tenable with other awards	Min. A- average in last two years of study. For students working in area of interest to DFO.	1 award at U Guelph	Note restrictions on research area.
Nora Cebotarev Memorial Scholarship	Student must submit grad application through OUAC by February 1, 2019 . Department forwards nomination letter to OGPS by February 15, 2019 .	International (from developing country)	MSc - \$12.5k/yr x 2 yr PhD - \$12.5k/yr x 2 yr	Academic achievement and commitment to social change (note: graduate research can be in any discipline)	No limit on nominations. Departments forward candidates to OGPS. OGPS selects recipient (1 award available).	
Brock Doctoral Scholarship	Student applies to Associate Dean of Research by February 15, 2019	Domestic or international	PhD - \$30k/yr x 4 yr Tenable with other	Excellence in academic performance, leadership/service, evidence of teaching and research skills,	1 award	ADR writes support letter and forwards nomination to OGS by March 1, 2019

			awards	communications skills, other awards; min 85% in previous grad studies		Submit to ADR c/o sbates@uoguelph.ca
Arrell Scholarships	Student applies to OGPS February 22, 2019	Domestic or international	MSc - \$50k/yr x 2 yr PhD - \$50k/yr x 4 yr	Exceptional students working in areas related to food, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, crop science, etc. Min. A- admission average.	TBC	Student participates in collaborative team projects. Note restrictions on research area.
Ontario Trillium Scholarship Program	Departments forward nominations to ADR office (c/o: sbates@uoguelph.ca) by TBA . College forwards a max of 4 nominees to Grad Studies by TBA	International	PhD - \$40k/yr x 4 yr	Academic excellence; Min A- in each of last 2 years of study; Not <i>currently</i> studying at Ontario univesrity	Departments nominate up to 3 candidates. College selects 2 to forward to OGPS. OGPS selects recipients (4 awards available in total at UG).	NB The Ministry has not confirmed that funding for this award will continue in 2019. Check the OGPS site for updates.
U of G OMAFRA HQP Scholarship	Student applies online March 2019 (exact date TBA)	Domestic or international	MSc - \$173.k/yr x 2 yr (+ \$2k from supervisor) PhD - \$21 k/yr x 3 yr (+ \$5k from supervisor)	Project must relate to one of U of G OMAFRA research themes .	TBC	Mandatory 1 semester work placement (paid or unpaid) with a partner (business or non-profit). Note restrictions on research area.
CBS International Graduate Research Assistantship (CBS-IGRA)	Faculty must nominate student to their department by May 22.	International	PhD - \$13k/yr x 4 yr	Min 80% or A- admission average	1 PhD award per department in CBS.	Student must have complete application in OUAC by deadline.
Food From Thought GRAs	Student applies to ADR office (sbates@uoguelph.ca) ~ April 2019 -TBA	Domestic or international	MSc - \$17.5k x 1 yr PhD - \$17.5k x 1 yr	Exception students working in areas related to food, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, crop science, etc. Min A- admission avg	Up to 20 awards	Students already in program can also apply. Students participate in collaborative team project as part of GRA. Note restrictions on research area.

International Students are also eligible to apply for the following:

[Vanier \(PhD\)](#) The Vanier is a highly prestigious Tri-Council PhD scholarship valued at \$50k/yr for 3 years that is open to both domestic and international students. Students can apply prior to beginning program or in their first fall semester, provided they have not exceeded the maximum allowable time in program (check guidelines to confirm). Students must apply online by mid-September, and Department must provide a nomination letter by early October. The University can forward a limited number of applications year (ie. ~6 NSERC and 1 CIHR). Detailed information regarding eligibility and application process are available on the Office of Graduate Studies website (click link above)

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SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

International Students can search for scholarships to study in Canada based on their country of origin through the [Scholarships Canada Database](#). Additional programs of interest may include:

[United States - Fulbright](#) American students may be eligible for a one-year USD\$15k Fulbright award. Students must apply **one full year ahead** of a September start date.

The University of Guelph has institutional agreements in place with China and Mexico to support training of foreign nationals in Canada, as follows.

[China - Chinese Scholarship Council](#) For Chinese MSc and PhD students. CSC provides airfare and living allowance. The University of Guelph covers the cost of tuition via a cash contribution from the Office of Graduate Studies (14k per PhD and 9k per MSc per year), and GTAs provided by the home department (ie., one GTA per year for PhD students, and two GTAs per year for MSc students). Student must receive admission offer from Guelph and apply to CSC by the **March** deadline. U of Guelph offer of admission may be made contingent upon CSC award. The University of Guelph will support up to 5 PhD and 3 MSc CSC-funded students. The Office of Graduate Studies must be notified by early March (deadline TBD) about prospective CSC students being recruited. Please contact Sarah Bates (sbates@uoguelph.ca) if you have a student interested in applying for this scholarship.