

CBS Graduate Student Recruitment 2020-2021

- Funding Opportunities -

This document provides details about the following major scholarship opportunities that are available to assist faculty in CBS with graduate recruitment for 2020/2021:

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)**

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 S20, F20, or W21. (In some cases, students transferring to a PhD program during in 2020-21 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 receives an annual allocation of Graduate Tuition Scholarships (GTS) each year which are distributed to and adjudicated by each department. Valued at \$8,000 per year for 2 years (MSc) or 4 years (PhD), GTS awards cover the costs of domestic tuitions and can be offered to students enrolling in S20, F20 or W21, or for students transferring to a PhD during this period.

Faculty of students who receive a GTS will be permitted to reduce **in part** the GRA funds they provide, but students must 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.

Availability: The College has not yet received its 2020-21 allocation. Typically there are ca. 4-5 awards per department, split between MSc and PhD awards. Departments will be notified as soon as their allocation is available.

Duration and Value: \$8,000 per year; MSc recipients up to 2 years, PhD recipients up to 4 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 S20, F20 or W21
- 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 not 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, 2020	amwillia@uoguelph.ca
IB	May 22, 2020	cbsib@uoguelph.ca
MCB	June 1, 2020	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 **Friday, 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.

2. International Doctoral Tuition Scholarship (IDTS)

The International Doctoral Tuition Scholarship is intended to cover the difference between domestic and international tuition (currently \$12.5k 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 scholarships and 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 eligibility criteria outlined below.

Duration and Value: The award is valued at \$12.5k 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) 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 Vanier or Arrell, or 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 for 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 are 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’s general purpose account 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 GRA of \$19,259. With IDTS funding and a GTA, a CBS-IGRA recipient would therefore receive a minimum of $\$21,259 + \$2,000 + \$12,500 + \$5,925 = \$41,684/\text{year}$.

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, 2020	amwillia@uoguelph.ca
IB	May 22, 2020	cbsib@uoguelph.ca
MCB	June 1, 2020	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 and their aptitude for research, as evidenced by their academic record and reference letters.

Following adjudication, each department will provide the names of their selected CBS-IGRA recipients to the ADR office (c/o: sbates@uoguelph.ca) by **Friday, 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 2020-21, CBS will offer **one** 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 2020 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, 2020**.

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 W20, F20 or W21 offers of admission. Faculty who make an offer to a student are encouraged to advise the student to notify them if the student receives another offer, in order 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 (2020-2021)

Full details regarding these award can be found on OGPS website (<https://www.uoquelp.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, Todd Gillis (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, 2020	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 – 24 in CBS QEII-GSST– 8 in CBS	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, 2020	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, 2020	Domestic or international	PhD - \$35k/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, 2020	Domestic or international	PhD - \$37.5k/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, 2020 .

						If a large number of applications are received, the college graduate committee will determine the top 2-3 candidates to forward to OGS.
Arrell Scholarships	<p>Student applies to OGPS</p> <p>February 21, 2020 (deadline to submit completed graduate application)</p> <p>March 2, 2020 (deadline to submit scholarship application)</p>	Domestic or international	<p>MSc - \$50k/yr x 2 yr</p> <p>PhD - \$50k/yr x 4 yr</p>	<p>Exceptional students working in areas related to food, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, crop science, etc.</p> <p>Min. A- admission average.</p>	TBA	<p>Student participates in collaborative team project as part of scholarship.</p> <p>Note restrictions on research area.</p>
OMAFRA/Alliance HQP Scholarship	<p>Student applies online</p> <p>~ February 20, 2020</p>	Domestic or international	<p>MSc - \$20k/yr x 2 yr</p> <p>PhD - \$25 k/yr x 3 yr</p>	<p>Project must relate to one of the current U of G OMAFRA research themes.</p> <p>Min A- admission average.</p> <p>Selection criteria also include <i>“Experience and interest in the agri-food sector, research, leadership, entrepreneurship, and business innovation and - Envisaged future career path upon graduation”</i></p>	TBA	<p>Mandatory enrolment in UNIV*6050 Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Agri-Food Systems.</p> <p>Note restrictions on eligible research areas.</p> <p>Students can be entering their program or in their 1st, 2nd or 3rd semester. Length of funding is reduced for students already in program.</p>
Graduate Tuition Scholarships (GTS)	<p>Supervisors nominate students to their Department by the following deadlines:</p> <p>HHNS – May 22, 2020 IB – May 22, 2020 MCB – June 1, 2020</p> <p>Departments notify College of results – June 19, 2020</p>	Domestic	<p>MSc - \$8k/yr x 2 yr</p> <p>PhD - \$8k/yr x 4 yr</p>	Min 75% admission average	<p>TBD for 2020/21</p> <p>(normally 2-3 MSc awards per dept + 1-2 PhD awards per dept)</p>	

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](#). Institutional deadline is in late September/early October.
- [CIHR Doctoral Research Awards](#). CIHR doctoral awards are valued at \$35,000/yr x 3 yrs. Effective Fall 2019, the University of Guelph has a quota with respect to the number of applications that can be forwarded to CIHR. See the Office of Graduate Studies [CIHR page](#) for up to date information regarding institutional deadlines and adjudication procedures. Application instructions are available on the [CIHR website](#).
- [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](#).

[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 part of their time with the partner organization. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Appendix 2. Summary of ENTRANCE Scholarships for **International** Students (2020-2021)

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	\$12.5k/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, 2020	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, 2020	Domestic or international	PhD - \$35k/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 3, 2020 . Department forwards nomination letter to OGPS by February 17, 2020 .	International (from developing country – see OECD list)	MSc - \$12.5k/yr x 2 yr PhD - \$8.3k/yr x 3 yr	Females students who have demonstrated 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).	Recipients are also automatically be awarded the Ellen Nilsen Memorial Graduate Scholarship valued at \$1,500.
Brock Doctoral Scholarship	Student applies to Associate Dean of Research by February 15, 2020	Domestic or international	PhD - \$37.5k/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, 2020

			awards	communications skills, other awards; min 85% in previous grad studies		Submit to ADR c/o sbates@uoguelph.ca If a large number of applications are received, the college graduate committee will determine the top 2-3 candidates to forward to OGS.
Arrell Scholarships	Student applies to OGPS February 22, 2020	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.
OMAFRA/Alliance HQP Scholarship	Student applies online ~ February 20, 2020	Domestic or international	MSc - \$20k/yr x 2 yr PhD - \$25 k/yr x 3 yr	Project must relate to one of the current U of G OMAFRA research themes . Min A- admission average. Selection criteria also include <i>“Experience and interest in the agri-food sector, research, leadership, entrepreneurship, and business innovation and - Envisaged future career path upon graduation”</i>	TBA	Mandatory enrolment in UNIV*6050 Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Agri-Food Systems. Note restrictions on eligible research areas. Students can be entering their program or in their 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd semester. Length of funding is reduced for students already in program.
CBS International Graduate Research Assistantship (CBS-IGRA)	Faculty must nominate student to their department by May 22 (IB, HHNS) or June 1 (MCB).	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. See details on page 3 of this document.

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)

[Mitacs Accelerate](#). Mitacs is a partnership program that requires a cash contribution from an eligible partner. International as well as domestic students are eligible to apply. 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.

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 to support training of foreign nationals in Canada, as follows:

[China Scholarship Council \(CSC\)](#) 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 normally support up to 5 PhD and 3 MSc CSC-funded students. The Office of Graduate Studies must be notified by late February (deadline TBA) about prospective CSC students being recruited. Please contact Sarah Bates (sbates@uoguelph.ca) as early in the winter semester if possible if you have a student interested in applying for this scholarship.