Award Announcement

To: Graduate Chairs/Directors; Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators

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Date: May 5, 2017

Re: 2017-18 Scholars-at-Risk Fellowship

Please forward this announcement to current and incoming students.

Award Overview

Student Submission Deadline: June 15, 2017 (4:30pm)

Value & Duration: Up to $10,000 for one year

Award will be applied to tuition fees, and also cover Massey College non-resident Junior Fellowship fee for 1 year

Level of Study: Research Stream Master's or Doctoral

Results: Late June 2017

Purpose

Established with initial funding from the Donner Canadian Foundation, this Fellowship provides, on an annual basis, an established mechanism through which the University of Toronto is able to receive international graduate students who fall into one of the two categories listed below. This is a Fellowship that provides financial support for academic endeavours. Please note that the Fellowship does not provide any form of assistance in obtaining travel visas, or refugee status claims.

Eligible international students fall into two categories:

1. Students are currently in Canada as Protected Persons under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, but are unable to return to their home countries; or
2. Students whose academic careers have been impacted by changing political environments in their country of current study such as by changes in immigration law

Eligibility to Apply

Applicants must:

• As of the application deadline, be a Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) and be living in Canada; or be a graduate student whose current program of study
has been impacted by changing political environments in their country of current study such as changes in immigration law

- Be registered, or have accepted an offer of admission as a new or transfer student to a full-time research stream master’s or doctoral program at the University of Toronto for the 2017-18 academic year;
- Will have an outstanding academic record as demonstrated by transcripts and other measures of scholarship;
- Demonstrate financial need through the application process;
- Priority will be given to applicants outside the funded cohort; and
- Have demonstrated a commitment to enhancing the student experience of his/her peers through previous extracurricular leadership at a university and commitment to community outreach and involvement, as demonstrated by extracurricular activities beyond academe.

Note:
In order to hold the Fellowship, currently registered students must remain registered for the 2017-18 academic year.
Scholars-at-Risk Fellowship recipients may reapply to hold the award for a second year provided they continue to meet all eligibility criteria.

Application Process

Applicants must submit their completed application and all attachments via the Massey College website by June 15 at 4:30 pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Includes:

1. Completed application form (found on the Massey College website);
2. Statement of Intent describing why applicant should be considered for the Scholar-at-Risk Fellowship. This statement should include background information on why the candidate came to Canada, or why they are seeking to study in Canada; their current circumstances, and why they are pursuing their chosen graduate program (2 pages max – single spaced, 12 pt font);
3. Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions (scans of official, unofficial, student-issued or web transcripts are permitted), scanned together as one PDF file;
4. Curriculum vitae outlining academic achievements, scholarships and awards received, plus publications, work experience, and extracurricular involvement both inside and outside a university. Extracurricular experience should be clearly separated into two categories: inside and outside of the university context;
5. Copy of University of Toronto Offer of Admission letter if not currently registered in a program; and
6. If applicable, proof of Protected Person status (e.g. copy of the letter of determination from the Immigration and Refugee Board or Citizenship and Immigration Canada or Protected Person Status Document).

Results

Applicants will be contacted directly in late June 2017.

Contacts & Resources

Massey College website

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