SGS Award Announcement

To: Graduate Chairs/Directors; Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators
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Date: March 23, 2018
Re: 2018-2019 SGS University-Wide Awards

When communicating this information to students, please provide them with your graduate unit's information, such as your internal deadline and contact-information for submission of the application packages, and encourage students to pay particular attention to the individual criteria for each of these awards (posted on the SGS Website).

Award Overview

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<td>Graduate Unit Deadline to SGS:</td>
<td>May 11, 2018</td>
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<td>Level of Study:</td>
<td>Master’s or doctoral (depending on awards’ criteria)</td>
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<td>Required Legal Status:</td>
<td>Domestic or international (depending on awards’ criteria)</td>
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Purpose

Through the generous support of numerous donors, a number of endowed awards have been established at the School of Graduate Studies (SGS). This year, approximately 16 awards with individual eligibility criteria and values are available within the SGS University-Wide Awards competition.

Eligibility to Apply

- The majority of these awards listed on the SGS Website require eligible applicants to be currently registered in a U of T graduate program at the time of application (and must maintain this registration throughout the 2018-19 academic year);
- Please note that three of the awards fall outside of this criteria:
  - Agnes M. Ireland Award is for eligible new incoming students beginning the first year of their graduate program in September;
  - Hungarian Helicon Foundation (Ontario) Graduate Award is for eligible new incoming students as well as currently registered graduate students; and
  - Donald Matheson Springer Fellowship is for eligible graduating U of T students who will commence a graduate program at the University of Michigan in September.
- Eligible applications that are not successful in obtaining a listed award for which they applied may be considered for other available awards not currently listed on the SGS Website.

Need Based/ OSOTF Awards

- Awards categorized as need based only do not take applicants’ academic merit / transcripts into consideration;
Awards categorized as “OSOTF” (Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund) are only open to eligible applicants who:

- Demonstrate financial need within the application’s Financial Need Assessment section;
- Are Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada or protected persons under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) at the time of the application; and
- Are residents of Ontario at the time of the application, as defined by one of the following criteria:
  - Student has always lived in Ontario;
  - Ontario is the last province student has lived in for 12 months in a row before beginning their current graduate program; or
  - Student lives in Ontario now AND has lived in Canada for less than 12 months in a row.

If student is married/common-law, student can be considered an Ontario resident if:

- Spouse has always lived in Ontario; or
- Spouse has lived in Ontario for the last 12 months in a row without being a full-time postsecondary student; or
- All of these statements are true:
  - Student now resides in Ontario;
  - Student has lived in Canada for less than 12 months in a row; and
  - Spouse has lived in Canada for less than 12 months in a row.

If student qualifies as a dependent student, student is considered an Ontario resident if:

- Ontario is the last province in which parent(s) have lived in for at least 12 months in a row; or
- All of these statements are true:
  - Student now resides in Ontario;
  - Student has lived in Canada for less than 12 months in a row; and
  - Parent(s) have lived in Canada for less than 12 months in a row.

The above requirements are the guidelines established by OSAP to determine Ontario residency for OSAP purposes.

**Merit Based Awards**

- Awards categorized as merit based only do not take applicants’ financial need into consideration;
- At minimum, applicants must:
  - Have achieved at least A- ("A-" = 80%) or equivalent in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent); or
  - Or if the student has competed two years of graduate studies at the time of application, the student must only demonstrate an overall average of at least A- ("A-" = 80%) or equivalent on all graduate courses completed.

**Application Process**

After the competition is announced, each graduate unit:

- Sets its own internal application deadline for receiving students’ applications; and
- Selects their top candidates and forwards them to SGS by the nomination deadline.

In early to mid-April, applicants can contact their graduate unit to determine the application deadline for this competition as well as to which email address all of their application materials must be submitted.

In order to apply, applicants:

1. Must complete the SGS University-Wide Awards Application downloadable from the SGS Website and provide at least one letter of reference;
2. May apply for more than one award in this competition by submitting one complete application package to the graduate unit as per the graduate unit's application deadline;

3. Must ensure they submit all of the additional required documentation for each of the awards for which they are applying (detailed in the award descriptions on the SGS Website);

   *Please note that supporting documentation is also required for certain items within the financial need assessment section of the application form (if applicable). Please refer to the SGS University-Wide Awards Guide on Financial Need Assessment attached to the end of the application form.

4. Must ensure that letters of reference are sent directly from the referees to the graduate unit as per the graduate unit's application deadline.

Graduate units may submit up to 3 nominations for each award within this competition. Ineligible or incomplete applications will not be considered for any of the awards within this competition.

**Contacts & Resources**

Inquiries regarding these awards or the nomination process may be directed to:

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