Award Announcement

To: Graduate Chairs/Directors; Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators  
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CC: Joshua Barker, Dean, Graduate Studies and Vice-Provost, Graduate Research and Education; Hugh Segal, Principal, Massey College; Charmaine Williams, Acting Vice-Dean, Students; Laura Stathopoulos, Director, Graduate Awards and Financial Aid  
Date: April 4, 2019  
Re: 2019-20 Scholars-at-Risk Fellowship

Please forward this announcement to current and incoming students.

Award Overview

Student Submission Deadline: May 15, 2019 (4:30pm)  
Value & Duration: Up to $10,000 for one year  
Legal Status: Protected Persons or International  
Level of Study: Research stream Master’s or Doctoral  
Results: Late June 2019

Purpose

Established with initial funding from the Donner Canadian Foundation, the School of Graduate Studies, together with Massey College provides this Fellowship, 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. The Fellowship offers students financial support for academic endeavours and the opportunity to participate in the Massey College community. 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 who are currently in Canada as Protected Persons under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada), but 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.

Value and Duration

Up to $10,000 for one year. Fellowships will be awarded and are to be held by students in addition to the program’s normal funding commitment (for those within the funded cohort).

Recipients are granted the status of Scholar-at-Risk at Massey College in the University of Toronto. Scholars-at-Risk are invited to become a member of the Massey College community, with the membership fee waived by the College as part of the Fellowship.
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 2019-20 academic year;
- 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 their 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, students must register and remain registered for the full duration of the 2019-20 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 an electronic copy of their completed application as a single PDF file via email to tara.lock@utoronto.ca by the application deadline. Applications that are incomplete, ineligible or are submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Application Package

A complete application will include all of the following items (no other supporting documentation will be accepted):

1. Completed and signed application form;
2. Statement of Intent describing why the applicant should be considered for the Scholars-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, 12pt font);
3. Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions (scans of official, unofficial, student-issued or web transcripts are permitted);
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;
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); and
7. Letter of Reference regarding leadership and community involvement – maximum two pages, written by an individual who knows the candidate in an academic or a non-academic capacity. For further details regarding the letter’s content, please visit the SGS website.
• The letter should be on institutional letterhead, must clearly state the name and contact information of the referee, and remain confidential and not be reviewed by the applicant;
• Letter must be emailed directly from the referee as a PDF attachment to tara.lock@utoronto.ca with “Scholars at Risk Reference Letter” in the subject line by the application deadline.

Massey College
Massey College offers residence and provides a unique, congenial and intellectual environment for graduate students of distinguished ability in all disciplines to share in a rich and stimulating community. Applicants may explore additional opportunities at Massey College including applying separately to become a Junior Fellow. Junior Fellows in financial need are eligible to apply for Massey Bursaries to help offset their fees.

Deadline to submit a Junior Fellow application is May 6th. Details available on the Massey College website.

Results
Applicants will be contacted directly in late June 2019.

Contacts & Resources
For more information, visit the SGS website.

Please direct questions regarding this competition to:

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