SGS Award Announcement

To: Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators
From: Pascal Papathanasakis, Graduate Awards Officer, Federal, Graduate Awards Office
CC: Luc De Nil, Acting Dean, Graduate Studies and Acting Vice-Provost, Graduate Research and Education; Charmaine Williams, Acting Vice-Dean, Students; Laura Statopoulos, Director, Graduate Awards & Financial Aid
Date: November 13, 2018
Re: 2019-20 Walter C. Sumner Memorial Fellowship

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.

Award Overview

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<th>Student Deadline to Unit:</th>
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<td>Graduate Unit Deadline to SGS:</td>
<td>January 14, 2019 (4:30 PM)</td>
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<td>Value/Duration:</td>
<td>$8,000.00 for one year</td>
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<td>Level of study:</td>
<td>Doctoral</td>
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<td>Required Legal Status:</td>
<td>Canadian citizen</td>
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<td>Late May, 2019, by the agency</td>
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Purpose

Up to forty (40) Walter C. Sumner Memorial Fellowships will be awarded nationally to doctoral students who are registered or about to commence studies in either Chemistry, Physics, Electrical Engineering or Computer Science.

Eligibility to Apply

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Canadian citizen (Permanent Residents of Canada are ineligible);
- Be a resident of Canada (although at the time of application, a candidate may be studying outside the country). Preference will be given to those born in Nova Scotia, followed by those born in any of the other Atlantic Provinces;
- Be registered or commencing (May or Sept 2019) doctoral studies in Chemistry, Physics, Electrical Engineering or Computer Science at a participating Canadian university. See the application form for full list; and
- Hold a degree from a Canadian university other than the one at which the doctoral studies will be conducted during the tenure of the fellowship. If only a degree at the Bachelor’s level is held, the applicant must have at least two years’ experience in either teaching or industry in the chosen field of study.

Successful applicants who are later awarded a Canada Graduate Scholarship (NSERC, CIHR or SSHRC) must inform the Walter C. Sumner Foundation immediately.
Application Process

Applicants must ensure that Part I of the application form, proof of citizenship, their official transcripts and referees’ forms (Part II) are submitted to their graduate unit by the unit’s internal deadline. Applications that are incomplete, ineligible or are submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

A completed application will consist of the following documents (no other supporting documentation will be accepted):

1. **Application Form;**
2. Proof of Canadian citizenship (i.e. copy of valid Canadian passport, birth certificate, or citizenship card); and
3. **Official up to date transcripts from all universities attended, including a current University of Toronto transcript.**
   
   Up-to-date transcripts are defined as transcripts dated or issued in the fall session of the year of application (if registered) or after the last term completed (if not currently registered). Web-based print-outs are not accepted.

**Notes regarding Application Form:**

a) **Part I** – To be completed by the applicant and must include:
   - Personal information
   - Contact information (If there is a possibility that you will move at the end of the winter session, provide contact information for use by the Sumner foundation after April 1st.)
   - Academic background, including degrees, awards, theses, publications and research
b) **Part II-A:** To be completed by Supervisor of most recently completed thesis. Referee may also attach additional sheet for comments.

c) **Part II-B:** To be completed by Prospective Supervisor or Current Supervisor. Referee may also attach additional sheet for comments.

d) **Part III-A:** To be completed by Graduate Chair of the applicant’s U of T graduate unit.

e) **Part III-B:** This section will be completed by SGS after graduate units have submitted their nominations.

**Renewals**

Current recipients of the Sumner award may submit a request to renew the award for an additional year. A new application form is not required. Awardees should submit the following documentation via their graduate unit:

1. A one page report which includes information on:
   a) the research completed;
   b) any papers in press or published;
   c) a transcript showing results of any course work;
   d) papers or posters presented; and
   e) any other relevant information.

2. A letter from the recipient’s research supervisor co-signed by the Dean of Graduate Studies (SGS will obtain this signature for applicants), indicating that, in their view, satisfactory progress has been made by the student. The letter must also disclose whether the applicant has been awarded a Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS D) for his/her second year of study.

**Results**

SGS will notify all nominees of the results of the University competition in March. Walter C. Sumner Foundation will notify only the successful candidates directly at the end of May.

**Contacts & Resources**

Visit SGS’ Walter C. Sumner Memorial Fellowships webpage for further information.

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