Board of Graduate Studies Research Scholarships (BGSRS)

2020-21

**Overview**

These awards are available to students in the College of Arts, the Lang School of Business and Economics, and the College of Social & Applied Human Sciences, as well as selected departments in the Ontario Agricultural College each year. Students do not apply for these awards; departments nominate students to the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral. All eligible students will be considered for nomination by their department with preference given to entering and first-year students.

**Number of Awards**

For 2020-21 there are 175 scholarships in total. Each eligible department will be given an allocation.

**Value & Duration**

The BGSRS is worth $2,000. Students may be nominated for a BGSRS up to three times (summer, fall, winter) within a fiscal year. The scholarship will be applied to the student’s account for the appropriate semester(s).

**Eligibility**

Nominees:

* Must have a minimum first-class average (A-) in their last year of full-time study or equivalent. Each department may award up to 50% of their allocation to students whose average is at least 75% in their last year of full-time study or equivalent. If a student’s average is 75%-79.9% they will be considered based on alternate criteria. This criteria needs to be stated along with the nomination.
* May be Canadian or International and must be registered full-time in the semester they hold the award.
* In a masters program cannot hold the award beyond class level 6.0, doctoral program beyond class level 12.0, and for those who have transferred from a masters to doctoral program, beyond class level 15.0.
* May not be eligible to hold a QEII-GSST based on the listing of QEII-GSST eligible programs: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/current/funding/scholarships/gov-fundedawards/qeII-gsst>

**Selection Criteria**

Academic excellence.

**Nomination Deadline**

Nominations will be received up to January 31, 2021.

**How to Nominate a Student**

* To nominate a student please email the Graduate Awards Officers at [grschol@uoguelph.ca](mailto:grschol@uoguelph.ca) and include the student’s name, ID, and the semester(s) that the award should be applied to. If the student is being nominated using alternate criteria, a statement should be included outlining this criteria.
* The Graduate Awards Officers will let the department know the outcome of a nomination. If the nomination is approved, Student Financial Services will be copied on the correspondence so they can update the student’s account accordingly. The Graduate Program Coordinator or Graduate Program Assistant is responsible for communicating the details of the scholarship to the student.
* The BGSRS will be credited to the student’s account. If their account balance is clear and they have set up direct deposit, the money will be transferred to their bank account.

**Other Conditions**

* BGSRS may be held with any other scholarship unless this is precluded by the conditions of the other award(s).
* If a student defers entry to a graduate program, these awards are cancelled. A separate nomination is required for a student who defers admission to another semester.
* Awards cannot be given out retroactively; nominations should be for the current or upcoming semesters (within the fiscal year).
* Allocations may not be carried forward.

**Questions?**

If you have questions about the process, please email the Graduate Awards Officers, Donna Drohan-Jennings and Kristen Campbell ([grschol@uoguelph.ca](mailto:grschol@uoguelph.ca)).