

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Terms of Reference

1. The Graduate Fellowship (GF) is a merit based award. GFs will be awarded in increments of .5, 1.0, 1.5 and 2.0. A partial GF (.5) is valued at \$3,125; a full GF (1.0) is valued at \$6,250. Applicants may be eligible to receive up to a maximum of two full GFs, or four partial GFs, during the academic year (September 1 – August 31).
2. To be eligible to hold a GF, a person must be registered as a full-time, regular (not "on-leave") student and must normally have a first-class (≥ 3.50) grade point average. In exceptional cases, other evidence of outstanding ability may outweigh this criterion. In programs where fees are assessed on a per-credit basis, students must be taking at least six credits to be eligible to hold a Graduate Fellowship
3. Academic merit is the primary criterion for ranking eligible applicants; departments will advise all applicants in advance if additional criteria will be used. Academic merit is based on grades, research ability, and progress in the graduate program.
4. Graduate Fellowship recipients may accept other scholarship support from other sources. New or current graduate students holding awards valued at \$50,000 or more are not eligible to apply for a GF or for other scholarship income from SFU sources.
5. Recipients should be aware that some external awards may restrict students from holding a GF at the same time as the external award.
6. There is no restriction on GF recipients receiving income for work performed during tenure of the GF.
7. Students will be eligible to receive GF support only during the first 9 semesters of a Master's program and during the first 15 semesters of a Ph.D. program.
8. Awards are made by the Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee on the recommendations of the Departmental Graduate Program Committee.
9. Application is made on the **Application for a Graduate Fellowship** form located on the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies website at <http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/current/documents/graduatefellowshp.pdf>

The application deadline to the department of enrolment is April 15th