

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FGS DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP ALLOCATION SYSTEM**

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### **A. THESIS PROGRAMS**

Each department receives a total allocation that is a combination of first round allocation and second round allocation.

#### **FIRST ROUND**

Each department has a first round allocation amount equal to 80% of the combined first and second round allocations from the previous year.

#### **SECOND ROUND**

A list of new full time students accepted and registered (January to December) are sent to each department for confirmation. In order to be considered, **original final transcripts** must have been submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for students who were conditionally admitted into their program pending receipt and approval of their final transcript within 90 days of the start of their program.

The criteria for earning a point (points) for a particular student for second round allocation are as follows:

1. The admission GPA must be equal or greater than 3.70, an A- average, calculated by Graduate Studies AND
2. 4 year honours degree or equivalent (equivalency varies widely across disciplines).
3. Full time

The total points for each department are added up.

Points are awarded:

1. New PhD = 3 points.
2. PhD transferring from a Master's (without having completed the Master's) = 2 points.
3. Master's (thesis) = 1 point.

A department's second round allocation is the number of points it earned multiplied by the point value and is dependent on the budget available each year, but typically ranging from \$900 to \$1,400 per point. For example, if a department had an intake in the previous fall (including the prior January and May), received 10 points and the value of each point was \$1,000, its second round allocation would be \$1,000 x 10 = \$10,000.

#### **TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL ALLOCATION**

The total allocation for each thesis program is simply the total of the first and second round allocations.

When the total allocation for is known, the Dean of FGS informs each Department of the funds available for expenditure in the coming academic year. While individual student files are used as a basis for calculating second round allocations, funds are allocated to the Department.

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### **B. NON THESIS PROGRAMS**

For Non Thesis Programs the yearly allocation is calculated using the number of new Full time students with a 3.7 GPA (A-) or better entering in the previous year multiplied by a weighted factor related to the length of the program.

*The length factor is as follows:*

3 for one year programs (10 or fewer half courses),  
4 for 16-22 month programs (up to 20 half courses),  
5 for two year programs (20 plus half courses), and  
6 for three year programs (30 plus half courses).

For example if the scholarship contribution per student is set for the first 3 terms at \$1000 and \$100 for the length factor of the program, then each entering student with A- or better GPA in a program with length factor of 4 would generate \$1100.

### **C. DEPARTMENTS WITH BOTH THESIS AND NON-THESIS OPTIONS**

Departments with both Thesis and Non-Thesis Programs receive funds for each program calculated according to the appropriate algorithm.

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