



New Faculty Graduate Student Support Program

Purpose

- Encourage involvement of new tenure-track faculty in graduate education and research.
- Provide start-up funds to new tenure-track faculty to help establish their graduate education and research programs.
- Encourage Colleges and Units to help new faculty establish their graduate education and research programs.

Description

The new faculty graduate student support program (NFGSSP) is a one-time allocation of graduate scholarship funding awarded by the College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) to new tenure-track faculty to assist in kick starting their graduate program(s). You must be a faculty member within the CGPS to be eligible for NFGSSP funding and within two (2) years of your tenure-track appointment start date. Please review the [graduate supervision and membership policy](#).

The College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies commits to the first year of funding for a PhD (\$20,000) or a Masters (\$16,000), upon confirmation of a matching funding commitment from the new faculty's home unit, college, or other funding agency. Matching funding used toward this program are expected to supplement, not replace, existing college support to new faculty.

Scholarship funds must be used to support an entering, full-time, fully qualified Ph.D. or Master's student in a thesis program. The graduate student can be identified after approval of the application, but must meet graduate scholarship criteria of the College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (e.g. 80% first class standing, etc.).

Once a New Faculty Graduate Student Support Program application has been approved, the faculty member has two years from the date on the award letter to find a student. When a student has been identified, the faculty member must contact Director of Graduate Awards & Scholarships, who will arrange for a new account to be opened in the faculty member's name. Please note that opening a fund may take a minimum of three weeks. If a student cannot be found within the two year period, the funds will be cancelled.

Eligibility

This program is for new (i.e. less than 2 years since initial appointment) tenure-track faculty in the process of establishing their graduate education and research programs. You **must** be a member of the College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies. If you are not a member of CGPS, complete the form below and submit to cgps.ea@usask.ca.

Criteria

The primary criteria will be a demonstrated commitment to excellence in graduate students, graduate courses and graduate research programs by the college, unit, and faculty member through:

- Statements from the College and Unit indicating their expectations regarding the faculty member's involvement in graduate education and research (e.g. graduate versus undergraduate workloads);
- Demonstrated College and Unit infrastructure that supports graduate education and research;
- Research and excellence and scholarly achievements of the faculty member;
- Application by the faculty member for a research grant from one of the national granting councils (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR).
- Matching College, unit or other funds for graduate student support.

Application

Applications are made to the [Director of Graduate Awards & Scholarships](#). There is **no specific deadline**. Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis and are subject to available resources.

1. A cover letter from yourself indicating your research and interest in Graduate education and identify the required matching source of funding.
2. An up to date CV
3. A letter from the Department Head supporting your application.
4. A letter from the Dean of your college supporting your application. Points 3 and 4 can be on one letter but both parties must sign the letter.