
Dr. Donald Baxter Scholarships for Global Food Security Graduate Scholarship Guidelines and Application

The Award

The Dr. Donald Baxter Scholarships for Global Food Security was established through a very generous \$1M endowment from Dr. Patrick Man Pan Yuen, MD, FRCP(C) – an alumnus from the University of Saskatchewan’s College of Medicine, class of 1964 – and an annual matching contribution of \$40,000 for 25 years from the Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS).

The Baxter Scholarships are intended to reward achievement and to recognize graduate students from the People’s Republic of China and Hong Kong involved in research and study in any pertinent academic department of the University of Saskatchewan provided that the student’s primary supervisor is a GIFS member or associate member.

In each of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years, there will be one scholarship of \$40,000 awarded. Beginning in 2019-20 and continuing for 22 more years, there will be two scholarships of \$40,000 each awarded.

Eligibility

1. The student must be registered full time in a graduate degree program or have been recommended for admission to a graduate degree program in the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at the University of Saskatchewan.
2. The student’s primary supervisor must be a member or associate member of the Global Institute for Food Security at the University of Saskatchewan.
3. The student must have a minimum entrance average of 85%. When determining eligibility, only whole terms (not partial terms) are used to obtain a minimum of 60 credit units on which to compute the student’s GPA. Courses with grades of Pass, Credit, etc. are not included when computing the student’s GPA.
4. The student must be a citizen of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) or Hong Kong.
5. The student cannot hold any other scholarship while holding a Dr. Donald Baxter Scholarship in Global Food Security.
6. Master’s students are eligible to hold this scholarship for a maximum of two years if they meet the renewal criteria.

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7. PhD students are eligible to hold this scholarship for a maximum of four years if they meet the renewal criteria.
8. A student who receives the scholarship as a Master's student and converts to a PhD program is eligible to hold the scholarship for a maximum of four years if they meet the renewal criteria.
9. A student who receives the scholarship as a Master's student, completes their Master's program, and applies for a PhD program is eligible to re-apply for the scholarship but can hold the scholarship for a maximum of four years in total if they meet the renewal criteria.
10. In order to be eligible for renewal of their scholarship, the student must remain in full-time studies, must maintain good academic standing and an average of 80%, continue in a program as identified above, continue to have their primary supervisor be a member or associate member of the Global Institute for Food Security, and uphold the spirit of the award.

Annually, the student must submit to the Chair of the Award Committee a one-page report describing their research progress. The Award Committee must also receive a letter from the Chair of the student's Advisory Committee stating the unanimous recommendation of that Committee for renewal of the student's award.

Application Process

For the 2017-18 academic year, applications will be received from July 10 to August 18, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. CST.

Completed applications and accompanying documents must be submitted to:

University of Saskatchewan
College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
Room 116, Thorvaldson Building, 110 Science Place
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5C9 Canada
Fax: 1-306-966-5756
E-mail: gradstudies.awards@usask.ca

Important: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please ensure that you fill out the form completely and provide all required information.

1. Complete the application. All information must be typed.
2. Include photocopies of official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions that you have attended.

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3. You must arrange for two letters of reference from persons familiar with your academic work. The letters must be sealed and submitted directly by the department or referral to the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. Reference letters from a student's departmental application can be used, as long as they discuss the points given in Part 5 in the application form.

Letter of Reference are given substantial weight in assessment of research quality and productivity and of performance in classes. Professors that have had sufficient opportunity to assess your potential and who can provide a complete, detailed, and thoughtful analysis of your achievements and scholarly attributes are the most effective referrals.

Letters should support the information in your application, be enthusiastic, and focus on your skills, past achievements, and potential. They should stress strengths and personal attributes, comment on the quality of publication venues, and demonstrate why you are of superior calibre and worthy of an award. Extremely brief or cryptic letters put the student at a disadvantage. Referees are strongly encouraged to read and follow *Part 5: Instructions for Referees* attached to this application form.

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Part 1: Personal Information

Title	Family Name	Given Name		
Address		City	Province	Postal Code
E-mail Address:		Student Number		

Citizenship status (indicate only one):

- Citizen of PRC Citizen of Hong Kong

Academic Program

Degree program (Master's or PhD): _____

Department or Academic Unit: _____

Name of Supervisor (if known): _____

Program start date (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

Expected completion date (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

Topic of Research: _____

Part 2: Academic Record

Indicate all post-secondary institutions attended and currently attending.

Name of Institution	Location	Start date (mm/yyyy)	End date (mm/yyyy)	Degree Program	Degree Conferred (mm/yyyy)

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Indicate up to 10 scholarships/awards won, or any government or outside funding held.

Name of Scholarship/Award or Source of Funding	Start Date (mm/yyyy)	End Date (mm/yyyy)	Value

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Part 3: Outline of Proposed Research

Outline your proposed research – maximum 500 words typed. Limit the outline to this page. You may attach one additional page for a bibliography (any other pages will be removed).

Program proposals should demonstrate evidence of solid and wide knowledge of the discipline and **must be written by the student, not the supervisor**. The most effective proposals are clear, concise, and coherent, yet demonstrate a clear, focused approach, explaining how the research would advance the discipline. Write in plain language. Proposals should be understandable not only to people within the field but also to a general audience.

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Part 4: Contributions to Research and Development

Attach a list of your contributions to research and/or scholarly work for which you are the principle author or a co-author.

Contributions must be organized into categories, possibly including, but not limited to, refereed journal articles, articles in refereed conference proceedings, conference presentations/abstracts, technical/government reports, exhibitions, performances, etc. For refereed publications, please indicate whether the work is published, in press, or accepted. Do not list work that is "in preparation".

Do not list reports/presentations that were used to satisfy the requirements of a course.

Check if this section is not applicable.

Declaration: I certify that the particulars furnished in this application are true and complete in all respects and that no relevant information has been withheld.

Signature

Date

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Part 5: Instructions for Referees

Provide a detailed letter of reference for the student. Letters of reference are given substantial weight in the assessment of research quality and productivity and of performance in classes. Reference letters from a student's departmental application can be used if they address the points below.

Discuss the following points:

- The length of time and capacity in which you have known the student.
- The student's academic background and preparedness.
- The student's research productivity and/or potential.
- The quality of the venues in which the student's works have been published/presented.
- The student's leadership and interpersonal skills.
- Any other outstanding achievements of the student.

Reference letters must be submitted confidentially by the department or referee to the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at gradstudies.awards@usask.ca.