

Graduate Studies Endowment Fund

The Graduate Studies Endowment Fund (GSEF) works to improve the academic, social, and overall experience of grad students at UW. Between May 2020 and April 2020, we have done this through:

- Supporting the Graduate Student Thesis Completion Award
- Subsidizing expenses relating to students attending conferences and other professional development opportunities
- Funding graduate student-led initiatives

Normally, GSEF provides \$5,000 to support the graduate student Orientation, held by the GSA. Because of the pandemic, the orientation expenses did not total \$5,000, so \$4,000 was reallocated towards the graduate student common space in the SLC/PAC expansion.

GSEF has also undertaken an overhaul of its governance documents in order to improve clarity, expand its capability, and increase institutional memory. A referendum of the Constitutional amendments is scheduled to occur in mid-May. Stay tuned for more details!

In the next fiscal year, there are several changes coming:

- A new Coordinator will take over the helm of GSEF (May 1-April 30).
- Improvements in GSEF's communications strategy with graduate students
- **And most importantly: implementing new initiatives and new ideas for services to graduate students**

Stay tuned for updates! This would not be possible without your support! For more information, please visit gsef.uwaterloo.ca or email gsef@uwaterloo.ca.

