

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 2021 and April 2022, we have done this through:

- Funding graduate student-led initiatives that promote social, academic, and professional development as well as projects that relate to environmental sustainability
- Subsidizing expenses relating to students attending conferences and other professional development opportunities through the Graduate Studies Conference Assistantship Award
- Providing funding to support the Medical Leave Award
- Providing funding to support the Professional Skills Foundation Program
- Providing funding to the GradFlix initiative

GSEF has launched a blog series on the GSEF website to increase the promotion of funding opportunities and bring increased awareness to the value of GSEF to the graduate student experience.

GSEF has also reviewed some of the eligibility criteria outlined in the governance documents to increase the accessibility of funding to graduate student projects and initiatives. 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.

