

IMPACT OF EXTERNAL AWARDS ON GRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING

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Background



- The GSA-UW is finding that students are often penalized for their external award success since they cannot keep multiple awards that fund their schooling
- In many instances, if students win an external scholarship the funding from their department is taken away or reduced

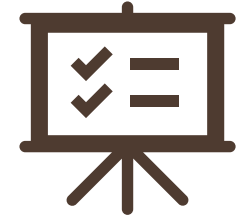
Example 1:

An international student that had received the International Doctoral Student Award, but this funding was taken away because they won an external award

Example 2:

The GSA-UW has heard of cases where students received overall funding that was less than if they were not to have received the external award

Purpose



- The purpose of this project is for the GSA-UW to investigate across all six faculties at the University of Waterloo to understand the influence of external funding on departmental funding
- Information on how other U15 universities distribute funding will also be gathered to contrast the University of Waterloo's rules

Questions we are Looking to Answer

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- Is there a lack of transparency from the university about what happens when students earn external funding?

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- For students who receive external awards, do they receive less money overall than if they were to keep their standard GRS funding package?

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- Are international students disadvantaged as they cannot hold multiple awards?

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- Is there an inconsistency between Ontario universities?

Breakout Room Questions



- What is the procedure for your department when a student receives external funding (e.g. a Tri-Agency Award, MITACS, or OGS)?
 - How did you come to learn this information? (e.g. academic advisor, supervisor, department's website).
 - How transparent is this information?
- What happens to a student's internal funding from the department/faculty after an external funding source has been awarded?
- Have students from your department stated that they receive equivalent or less funding by accepting an external award than if they were to solely keep their internal funding package? What happened?