

## **Graduate Officer Fund**

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### **Summary**

In recognition of their critical role in support of postgraduate education, the School of Graduate Studies will provide funding to Graduate Officers to support eligible graduate students. This initiative is beneficial to the Graduate Officer by providing additional support for their students/research and to the School of Graduate Studies by providing another form of funding available for students which assists in the School's mandate to increase student enrolment.

### **Funding Level**

The School of Graduate Studies will provide Graduate Officers one (1) graduate unit (GU) per fiscal year to help support graduate students. The rate for 1 GU for the 2016-2017 fiscal year is \$3914. In the case of academic units who have more than one Graduate Officer, the award will be shared equally.

### **Funding Criteria**

- must be awarded to a baseline-eligible student who is supervised or co-supervised by the Graduate Officer,
- may be awarded to more than one student (shared),
- may be paid as a stipend or as a graduate assistantship (GA) (to assist a Graduate Officer with research), this should be indicated by the "earn type" on the payroll form; GAS for GA's or GSS for a stipend,
- may be combined with other forms of SGS funding as long as maximums are maintained,
- must be paid over a minimum of one semester (no lump sums will be approved), and
- cannot be deferred to a future academic year.

### **Notification**

Indicate "**GO Fund**" under "**Other**" on the *Program of Study* form. Also indicate '**Go Fund**' in the comments section of the *Graduate Student Payroll* form when setting the student up for payroll.