

2008-2009 Recipients of City of Toronto Scholarships at the University of Toronto

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SUMMARY

This report advises Council of the results of the application process for City of Toronto scholarships at the University of Toronto. The University of Toronto has advised that the following students have been selected as recipients of City of Toronto's scholarships:

Lichun Liu: Graduate scholarship in Women's Studies
Emma McKenna: Undergraduate scholarship in Women's Studies
Alexandra Smith: Scholarship in Aboriginal Health.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact arising from this report. In 1997, the City of Toronto transferred endowment funds to the University of Toronto to support these awards in perpetuity.

Equity Impact Statement

Higher education plays a significant role in achieving equality of opportunity and by contributing to advancing studies in fields which address equity and human rights issues. The Aboriginal Health Scholarship provides support to students who, upon graduation, will be able to provide health services to an under-served community.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto City Council established scholarships at the University of Toronto starting in 1985 with the undergraduate scholarship in Women's Studies. In 1989 an Aboriginal Health scholarship was established. In 1997 a graduate scholarship for Women's Studies was created when the City of Toronto established an endowment fund at the University of Toronto to give these awards in perpetuity.

An agreement between the University and the City provides that the Registrar's Office of the University of Toronto co-ordinates the selection process with academic programs in consultation with City staff in the Diversity Management and Community Engagement Unit, Strategic and Corporate Policy Division, City Manager's Office.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

(a) Women's Studies – Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships

The undergraduate scholarship in women's studies was established to commemorate the centenary of the admission of women students to the University, to recognise the significance higher education plays in the achievement of equality of opportunity and to encourage students to continue on to the graduate level in women's studies. In 1997, a Graduate Scholarship was established to complement the undergraduate scholarship.

(b) Aboriginal Health Scholarship

Scholarships were established to respond to the acute shortage of Aboriginal health care professionals. As this shortage persists many Aboriginal persons continue to have limited access to health care services from professionals who are sensitive to their culture or speak their language. Students who are recipients of the Aboriginal health scholarship are expected to serve their communities.

COMMENTS

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