

2009-2010 Recipients of City of Toronto Scholarships at the University of Toronto

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SUMMARY

This report advises Council that the University of Toronto has selected the 2009-2010 recipients of City of Toronto scholarships.

Toronto City Council established a series of scholarships at the University of Toronto starting in 1984 with the Queen Elizabeth II Sesquicentennial Scholarship in Community Health Nursing. In 1985 the undergraduate scholarship in Women's Studies was established. Two aboriginal health scholarships were established in 1989. In 1997, graduate scholarships for Women in Mathematics, Women's Studies and Community Health Nursing were established.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that City Council extend congratulations to the following recipients of City of Toronto Scholarships at the University of Toronto:

Sadia Mahmood: Graduate Scholarship in Women's Studies
Shannon Black: Undergraduate Scholarship in Women's Studies
Melissa James: Scholarship in Aboriginal Health
Mary Ann Shoefly-Devries: Scholarship in Aboriginal Health
Amreen Moledina: Graduate Scholarship for Women in Mathematics
Kathy-Anne Morales: Undergraduate Scholarship in Community Health Nursing
Winnie Wai Ling Sun: Graduate Scholarship in Community Health Nursing.

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 and by increasing the representation of students from diverse backgrounds in various academic fields.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto City Council established scholarships at the University of Toronto starting in 1984 with the Queen Elizabeth II Sesquicentennial Scholarship in Community Health Nursing. In 1985 an undergraduate scholarship in Women's Studies was established followed by two Aboriginal Health scholarships in 1989. In 1997, a graduate scholarship for women in Mathematics was established as part of a series of commitments to the University of Toronto and coincided with the establishment of the Fields Institute for research in mathematics and the Centre for Human Genome Research and Molecular Medicine. In 1997 a graduate scholarship for Women's Studies and in Community Health Nursing were 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, City Manager's Office and Toronto Public Health.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

(a) Queen Elizabeth II Sesquicentennial Scholarships in Community Health Nursing

In 1984, to commemorate the City of Toronto's Sesquicentennial and the Royal Visit by Queen Elizabeth II, Toronto City Council established an undergraduate scholarship in Community Health Nursing. In 1997 a graduate scholarship was created.

The undergraduate scholarship is open to students completing the third year of the four year BScN program and is awarded on the basis of financial need and academic achievement particularly in courses related to community health nursing. The graduate scholarship is open to students, on the basis of financial need and academic merit, who are enrolled in the Graduate Department of Nursing and who have completed courses in community health nursing and demonstrate a commitment to this aspect of nursing.

(b) 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.

(c) Aboriginal Health Scholarships

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.

(d) Graduate Scholarship for Women in Mathematics

A graduate scholarship for Women in Mathematics was established in 1997 to encourage and increase the representation of women pursuing the study of mathematics at the graduate level. The establishment of this scholarship coincided with a series of commitments between the City and the University of Toronto and included: funding for the Faculty of Management, the reconstruction of St. George St., the establishment of the Fields Institute for research in mathematics and the Centre for Human Genome Research and Molecular Medicine.

COMMENTS

The University of Toronto has advised that the following students have been selected as recipients of City of Toronto scholarships:

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