



## Graduate Opportunity Assistantship Program (GOAP) Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

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### Purpose

The Graduate Opportunity Assistantship Program (GOAP) is part of the College of Graduate Studies Diversity and Outreach Initiative which seeks to ensure that adequate funding opportunities exist for all students, and specifically those who have overcome significant educational and personal challenges to pursue higher education and possess the skills, leadership and ability to make a significant impact in their chosen field. The scholarship seeks to ensure that students traditionally under-represented nationally in graduate education have access to assistance to encourage their participation.

### Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible for consideration for the GOAP:

- Be a United States Citizen.
- Be an applicant to a graduate program (JD, PharmD, and MD, Executive MBA, MSBS-Medical Science, and graduate certificate programs are not eligible). Meet the specific admissions criteria for the academic program.
- Meet the following criteria:
  - Be a newly admitted graduate student for fall Semester 2016.
  - Have a complete Application for Graduate Admissions to a Masters or Ph.D. program at the University of Toledo on file before the stated deadline. Regular admission status is required to be eligible for funding.
- Be a full-time graduate student (9 credit hours per semester, or more with academic program and College of Graduate Studies approval)
- Complete and return the GOAP Scholarship Application and supporting materials on or before **February 12, 2016**.
- Be willing to fulfill a 20-hour a week assistantship if selected.

### Awards

The GOAP provides full-time tuition (9 credit hours per semester, or more with academic program and College of Graduate Studies approval) for up to 4 semesters of a master's degree or up to 8 semesters of a doctoral degree, and a stipend according to the departmental rate. Tuition refers to instructional fees only (in-state and out-of-state tuition). Further, these tuition funds cannot be applied to undergraduate, audited or repeated courses.

GOAP awards are limited and dependent on available funds. It is not possible to promise any potential applicant that a GOAP scholarship is guaranteed to them for a program of their choice in any given academic year. Awards are competitive with preference to the eligibility criteria and purpose of the GOAP purpose statement. Acceptance by the program is required prior to award.

### Application Process and Deadline:

- ✓ Graduate Admissions Application must be completed and submitted to the College of Graduate Studies prior to submitting the GOAP Scholarship Application.
- ✓ GOAP Scholarship Application is due on or before **February 12, 2016**.
- ✓ 2 Academic/Professional Letters of Recommendation, which explain the applicant's ability to study at the graduate level and what significant challenges he or she has overcome in pursuing higher education.
- ✓ Resume or Portfolio.
- ✓ Personal Essay, not to exceed 500 words, that addresses your personal and professional goals, how you would contribute to your chosen field, and why you feel you are deserving of this opportunity (see GOAP Purpose statement above).
- ✓ GOAP Application and all supporting materials, including Letters of Recommendation, must be submitted together in one envelope. *(The College of Graduate Studies is not responsible for letters of recommendation not matched to the GOAP scholarship application.)*

Additional materials that will be evaluated by the College of Graduate Studies Diversity Committee. The materials should be submitted as part of the Graduate Admissions Application. In other words, it is not necessary to submit the following items twice.

- ✓ All official transcripts from Undergraduate academic institutions you have or are currently attending.

Evaluation and Selection

Each application is evaluated by the College of Graduate Studies Diversity Committee. GOAP applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by the College of Graduate Studies in late spring 2016.

Important Notes

It is The University of Toledo policy that full-time students receiving Graduate Assistantships such as this one cannot work outside of their assistantship duties unless a Request for Additional On-Campus Employment Outside of Assistantship Duties Form is filed. I understand that it is expected that I will not work outside of my assistantship if I receive this award, and the failure to comply with these policies can result in termination of this award.

Acceptance of the GOAP Scholarship Award could affect other financial aid or student loans. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Office of Financial Aid to inquire about the potential impact of this award on other financial aid or student loans.

Acknowledgement

*I acknowledge that the information provided in this application is accurate and I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this scholarship award.*

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*Signature*

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*Date*

Contact/Submission Address

*Deliver to:*  
University Hall 3190

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*Mail to:*  
The University of Toledo  
College of Graduate Studies  
Attn: GOAP Scholarship Award Application  
2801 W. Bancroft Street, MS 933  
Toledo, OH 43606-3390

OR

*Electronic submission:*  
Scan all documents (including those with original signatures) and send to  
COGS@utoledo.edu

Questions? Please email COGS@utoledo.edu