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Graduate Scholarships in the Economics Department

For many years, the graduate programs at Queen's have been among the very best in Canada. This is important for all aspects of the Department. Having excellent graduate students makes it easier to recruit and retain excellent faculty members. Moreover, graduate students play key roles in undergraduate education by serving as teaching assistants and, in the case of many senior Ph.D. students, as course instructors. In order for the QED to attract high-quality students to its M.A. and Ph.D. programs, in competition with other Economics departments in Canada and elsewhere, the Department must be able to offer competitive levels of financial support. This has been a challenge in recent years.

The Department aims to admit about 40 M.A. students and 10 Ph.D. students each year. The M.A. program has an outstanding record of placing its graduates in the federal public service, in the private sector, and in doctoral programs at Queen's and elsewhere. The doctoral program has been extraordinarily successful in producing graduates who have gone on to distinguished careers in academia and in the public and private sectors.

Financial aid packages normally consist of two components, a teaching assistantship and a scholarship. The teaching assistantship is usually the same for all successful applicants for the same degree program, but stronger candidates are generally offered larger scholarships. However, because funds from the Graduate School are limited, it is often very difficult to be competitive with the offers to top students that are being made by other leading universities in Canada and abroad.

Support for graduate studies in the QED could either involve endowing a new graduate scholarship, which might be specifically directed to either M.A. or Ph.D. students, or contributing to the Department's **Skelton-Clark Economics Fund**. This endowed fund, named after the distinguished professors Oscar Skelton (1878–1945) and Clifford Clark (1889–1952), provides the most flexible way for the Department to support graduate students. It makes sense to endow a new, named scholarship only when it is foreseen that the level of funding will ultimately provide an annual income of at least several thousand dollars.

For more information on how you can contribute to graduate education in the QED, please contact our Alumni Coordinator, Juanita Dennie (denniej@econ.queensu.ca, 613 533-3122), or visit our website at:

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