# Arts & Science Graduate Expansion Funding (GEF)

Graduate Expansion Funding (GEF) is an Arts & Science program. It was established to provide financial support for graduate units during the provincially funded, and University encouraged, graduate enrolment growth. This growth targets domestic BIU eligible student (EFTE) population over a baseline of fall 2004.

Every eligible FTE (EFTE) enrolled by a graduate unit above the fall 2004 baseline attracts $9,000 from the GEF pool. The $9,000 is notionally distributed on the basis of three criteria, each of which has its own allocation methodology.

Across its 3 sections this document will address the following aspects of GEF funding:

* Section 1: Outlines the allocation mechanism for each GEF distribution criteria.
* Section 2: Details the annual GEF funds distribution protocol.
* Section 3: The purpose for the operating account structure in each unit is discussed.

## Section 1: ALLOCATION Mechanism for the 3 Distribution Criteria

##### Criteria (i) – Supervisory Capacity (value: $7,000, or 7/9ths)

The allocation for the supervisory capacity is split based on the percentage of graduate supervisory capacity that occurs in each campus for the graduate unit.

Consider the following example:

* The Department of Classics has grown by 9.0 graduate EFTEs over its fall 2004 baseline.
* CLA has a total of 18.75 FTEs faculty with graduate supervisory capacity distributed as follows:
* St. George – 13.75 FTEs
* UTM – 4.0 FTEs
* UTSC – 1.0 FTEs

This growth will generate $81,000 (9.0 FTEs \* $9,000) overall for the GEF. This will be allocated as follows:

* $63,000 of which ($81,000 \* 7/9ths) will be allocated based on its tri-campus supervisory capacity.
* St. George receives $46,200 as it has 73.3% of the supervisory capacity (13.75/18.75 \* $63,000).
* UTM receives $13,440 as it has 21.3% of the supervisory capacity (4.0/18.75 \* $63,000).
* UTSC receives $3,360 has it has 5.3% of the supervisory capacity (1.0/18.75 \* $63,000).

The 18-19 GEF spreadsheet in Columns 6 through 9 show the supervisory capacity for each unit and columns 10 through 13 shows the funding tied to supervisory capacity.

* Faculty graduate appointments drive supervisory capacity. This data is updated by each unit and verified by the Faculty’s Human Resources office.
* Enrolment data is collected by the Faculty Finance Office from the University’s official record of student enrolment, as reported in the University’s Cognos Powerplay Data Repository Cubes.

##### Criteria (ii) – Domestic Students (FTEs) in the Funded Cohort with External Scholarships (value: $1,000 – 1/9th)

This allocation is spread across all St. George Arts & Science units based on their percentage of Faculty’s domestic graduate students in the funded cohort with external scholarships.

Every unit generates $1,000 for the overall Faculty pool per each 1.0 EFTE growth over their fall 2004 baseline. In fall 2018, A&S graduate units grew by 818.1 EFTEs over their fall 2004 baseline (18-19 GEF spreadsheets - column 4).

As a result, a pool of $818,100 (818.1 \* $1,000) was created for distribution based on total domestic students in the funded cohort with external scholarships.

For example, in fall 2018 the History of Art (ART) had 11.00 domestic FTEs in the funded cohort who received external scholarships. The Faculty has 730.66 domestic FTEs in the funded cohort who received external scholarships.

The History of Art will receive $12,316 dollars for this metric. The formula is as follows:

= (Unit FTEs / Faculty FTEs) \* Allocation Pool

= (11.00 / 730.66) \* $818,100

= $12,316

These calculations are shown in columns 14 & 15 of the 18-19 GEF spreadsheet.

* Data on the number of domestic student FTEs in the funded cohort with external scholarships is provided by the Graduate Research and Data Analyst in the Vice-Dean Graduate Office in consultation with the graduate units

##### Criteria (iii) – St. George Graduate Unit Office Support (value: $1,000 – 1/9th)

$1,000 goes to each St. George unit for every EFTE above their 2004 baseline to support the St. George graduate office of the unit.

For example, East Asian Studies has grown 6.0 EFTEs over their fall 2004 baseline, they receive $6,000 (6.0 \* $1,000).

This can be seen in column 16 of the 18-19 GEF spreadsheet.

## Section 2: annual GEF funds distribution protocol

Graduate units are provided partial (60%) GEF funding at the start of the fiscal year and well before the fall enrolment for that year is known. This approach was taken to provide funds for the expected enrolment increase in the coming fall enrolment, and assist with recruitment. This is the Round 1 allocation that is provided as part of each unit’s May 1st budget. Round 2 is the adjustment for actual enrolments in the unit and takes place after the official counts are completed, typically by the start of the next calendar year.

**Round 1** is calculated as follows:

* (Prior Year Supervisory Capacity funding + Prior Year Graduate Unit Office Support funding) \* 60%

To calculate your unit’s Round 1 allocation for 2018-19 from the 17-18 GEF spreadsheet:

* + Add columns 10 + 16 and multiply by 60%
  + E.g. German’s 2018-19 round 1 allocation will be $24,000 = ($35,000 + 5,000) \* 60%

It is important to note that domestic student (FTEs) in the funded cohort with external scholarships are *not* included in the round 1 allocation.

**Round 2** is the overall funding allocation for the year less any funding provided in round 1.

## SEction 3: GEF Accounts Structure

Units have full fungibility over their GEF round 1 and round 2 allocations across two designated operating accounts:

* Teaching Funds
* Graduate Programs

The teaching funds account is to be used for TA allocations to graduate students.

The graduate programs account is for all other allocations that are in support of the unit’s graduate program.

Allocations in each round are initially split 7/9ths to the unit’s teaching funds account and 2/9ths to the grad programs account.

The graduate unit may change the default allocation distribution by notifying the Finance Office prior to the distribution timeline.

Funding to UTM and UTSC is not monitored and is provided in full in Round 2, without a Round 1 distribution.