

## Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP) Application for Funding 2019-20

**Priority Deadline:** March 1, 2019

**Final Deadline:** Aug. 1, 2019

### What is the Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP)?

The Graduate Opportunity Program provides tuition assistance to EOP, HEOP and SEEK graduates who are undertaking graduate study at a participating SUNY institutions. The University at Buffalo is a participating institution. This program provides in-state tuition waivers to full time students who are pursuing graduate or first professional degrees, excluding medical (MD), dental (DDS), pharmacy (PharmD) and law (JD), and who are determined to have exceptional need by the FAFSA and the Office of Financial Aid.

Students in MD, DDS, PharmD or JD programs should apply for [Economically Disadvantaged First Professional Study \(EDPS\) Program](#) funding.

Applications submitted by the priority deadline will receive the strongest consideration for funding. Applications completed after the priority deadline are considered on a rolling basis, pending available funds.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a New York State resident who graduated from an EOP, HEOP or SEEK program.
- Be entering your first graduate degree.
- Be admitted to a University at Buffalo graduate degree program as a full-time student.
- File your FAFSA by March 1.
- Have a demonstrated exceptional financial need, as determined by the FAFSA and the Office of Financial Aid.

### How to Apply for GOP 2019-20:

1. Complete the online GOP Application (<http://buffalo.edu/fellowships/gop-application.html>).
2. Complete the GOP Certification form and obtain the required verification from the director of the EOP/HEOP/SEEK program at your undergraduate institution.
3. Return the GOP Certification form with required signatures by March 1, 2019, for priority consideration. Submit completed forms by fax to 716-645-6142, by email to [fellowships@buffalo.edu](mailto:fellowships@buffalo.edu), or by mail to the Office of Fellowships and Scholarships, University at Buffalo, 402 Capen Hall, Buffalo, NY, 14260.
4. Complete and submit the FAFSA application (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>) by March 1, 2019, for priority consideration. Even if you are independent and/or married, you must answer all of the questions in the parent information section of the FAFSA, to be considered for GOP. Leaving blanks in these sections will exclude you from consideration for GOP funding.

State funding for the GOP program is extremely limited. Awards are not guaranteed for all who apply. Decisions will be based on exceptional financial need, as determined by the FAFSA and the Office of Financial Aid. Decisions will be made in April; awardees will be notified by email.

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### Funding Limits

- GOP tuition scholarships are awarded at the standard in-state graduate tuition rate (\$5,543 per semester as of 2018-19). The student is responsible for any tuition cost in excess of that amount, as well as for the student fees associated with enrollment.

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- Funding is provided only for the minimum number of credit hours required to complete a degree program. Master's students may be considered for up to four semesters of funding; professional students (DNP, DPT) for up to six semesters; and doctoral students (PhD) for up to eight semesters. Funding is not provided for multiple degrees at the same level (e.g., two master's degrees), for stand-alone certificate programs, or for part-time students.
- To maintain GOP funding, students must continue to register full-time (or be certified full-time), obtain a 3.0 GPA each semester, and complete classes in a timely manner. Failure to meet these requirements may result in termination of a student's award.

Information is subject to change without notice, due to changes in federal, state, and/or institutional rules and regulations. Students must be making satisfactory academic progress to continue to receive financial aid.

## Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP) Certification Form 2019-20

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- Signed Certification form via fax to 716-645-6142, by email to [fellowships@buffalo.edu](mailto:fellowships@buffalo.edu), or by mail to the Office of Fellowships and Scholarships, University at Buffalo, 402 Capen Hall, Buffalo, NY, 14260.
- FAFSA Application (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>, with parental information).

Completed applications received after the priority deadline are considered on a rolling basis, pending available funds.

### Section 1 (completed by the applicant):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ UB Person Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

UB Graduate Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Term: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Credit Hours Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2 (completed by the director of EOP/HEOP/SEEK program at applicant's undergraduate institution):

Name of Undergraduate Institution Where Applicant Received EOP/HEOP/SEEK Support:

\_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Undergraduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Director Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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