

**To: Senate**

**From: John D'Auria, Chair  
Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships,  
Awards and Bursaries**

**Re: Annual Report**

**Date: October 13, 2000**

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I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) for the fiscal year 1999-2000.

#### **Overview**

The Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries is the committee charged by Senate with setting policy for the administration of student scholarships and other forms of financial aid at SFU. It should be noted that this is primarily for internal scholarships. Two other committees, SUAAC (undergraduate awards) and SGAAC (graduate awards) adjudicate financial awards to students where adjudication is needed.

The number of applications for financial aid climbs each year; in fiscal 1999-2000, SFU received approximately 2800 applications for bursaries, each applicant requesting consideration for 10 or more awards, and a similar number of scholarship applications were received. Applications are reviewed and vetted by staff in Student Services. In the case of scholarships and other awards, the adjudication committees then make final decisions in meetings held each semester.

Although the University continues to benefit from a growing number of privately funded scholarships, awards and bursaries, the majority of awards are funded by the University as a percentage of fees and tuition revenues. When revenues increase as a result of increases in tuition, enrollments, or course loads, so does the budget for financial aid. It should be noted that with the five-year tuition freeze, the funds available for bursaries and scholarships have not increased significantly, despite increases in enrollments.

While academic scholarships are still strong, one effect of the freeze has been the inability to increase the amounts available for bursaries. In fact the bursary awards have been fixed for seven years. Given that such awards go to those who most need financial support, this is a situation that should be revisited soon for additional support.

In recent years, there has been increased recognition about the growing debt load that students incur during their university years. It is currently estimated that fourth-year undergraduate students receiving BC Student Assistance have an average government loan debt of \$25,000. The new Canadian Millennium scholarship and bursary award programs do not yet seem to have significantly benefited Simon Fraser University students. As reported in the attached information on Government Student Assistance, SFU students received a disproportionately low number of Bursaries from this program, and of the 890 students receiving Millennium Scholarships only 10 are attending SFU this Fall.

In the regular business of the committee, a number of motions were passed. I would like to draw your attention to three items of note:

- it was decided to discontinue the SFU Recreation Award as this award had not been funded or offered for several years;
- changes were made in the terms of reference for the Leadership Awards to more accurately reflect the way in which nominations were made and to provide more flexibility in distributing the awards; and
- the SFU University Transfer Scholarship was created at a value of \$3500 over two semesters. Funding for this came from the former Undesignated Entrance Scholarship Fund.

Attached are a number of reports detailing the final allocation of the scholarship, award, and bursary funds.

*John M. D'Amico*

Memorandum  
*Simon Fraser University*

To: Members of SPCSAB

From: Jeff Macnab, Director,  
Student Recruitment

RE: 1999 / 2000 Entrance Scholarships

Date: 22/9/00

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I have recently joined the Office of the Registrar as Director, Student Recruitment. I look forward to meeting you over the weeks and months ahead. I have attached two documents which report on expenditures for the past year and 2000-3 acceptance rates for our entrance scholarship program.

I would like to draw your attention to the following positive trends which emerge when we compare data over the last two years:

- The acceptance rate for BC secondary school students offered an SFU scholarship has increased this year to 50% from 48% last year.
- The domestic Shrum scholarship acceptance rate has increased from 75% last year to 82% this year.
- The domestic Summit scholarship acceptance rate has increased from 43% last year to 51% this year.
- Again this year, six (\$40,000.00) Shrum International Entrance scholarships were awarded to students from the United World Colleges. This UWC group represents the following 5 countries: Lithuania, Bulgaria, Sweden, Albania and Norway. An additional UWC graduate from Ukraine accepted an International Summit scholarship.

Recently I had the distinct pleasure of speaking with a number of our recent entrance scholarship award winners at the orientation and reception we hosted for them 2 weeks ago. I was very impressed by the depth and breadth of both their accomplishments and their current passions and interests. I look forward to working with them on the recruitment of future scholars to SFU.

Regards,



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## 2000 Entrance Scholarship Awards Statistics

Scholarship	Total Offers	Offers Outstanding	Accepted	Deferred	Declined
Shrum International Entrance Scholarship	11		6		5
International Summit Entrance Scholarship	32		1	1	30
Gordon Shrum National Scholarship	6		5		1
Kenneth Strand National Scholarship	8		5		3
Jack Diamond National Scholarship	4		4		
National Specht in Applied Science					
National Specht in Science					
Hamilton College Transfer Scholarship	1		1		
College Deans Scholarship in Arts	2		2		
College Deans Scholarship in Applied Science	1		1		
College Deans Scholarship in Business					
College Deans Scholarship in Science					
Ken Caple College Transfer Scholarship	10		8	2	
Simon Fraser Entrance Scholarship	2		2		
SFU Alumni Leadership Scholarship	2		1		1
Gordon M. Shrum Scholarship	22		18	1	3
Deans Scholarship in Applied Science	2		1		1
Deans Scholarship in Arts	7		5	1	1
Deans Scholarship in Business Administration	1		1		
Deans Scholarship in Education	1		1		
Deans Scholarship in Science	3		1		2
Jack Diamond Leadership Scholarship	2		1		1
Summit Entrance Scholarship	307		158	2	147
Regional Summit Entrance Scholarship					
Tadeusz Specht Scholarship in Applied Science	16		10		6
Tadeusz Specht Scholarship in Science	117		32		85
Jack Diamond Scholarship	12		12		
Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship					
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>286</b>

1999/2000 Entrance Scholarship Expenditures

Program	GL Account Number	Semesters			99/00 Expenditures
		99-2	99-3	2000-1	
<b>B.C.</b>					
SF	11-191131-7114				
	*11-191131-7114		\$3,750	\$3,750	\$7,500
Alumni	*11-191131-7129	\$3,125	\$7,250	\$3,125	\$13,500
Shrum	11-191131-7112				
	*11-191131-7115	\$50,125	145750		
		\$50,125	\$145,750	\$120,667	\$316,542
Steel	11-191131-7112				
President's	11-191131-7116		\$2,500	\$1,250	\$3,750
Dean's misc old	11-191131-7117				
Dean's misc new	*11-191131-7117				
Dean's APSC	*11-191131-7139	\$1,750	\$5,750	\$3,500	\$11,000
Dean's Arts	*11-191131-7106	\$3,500	\$20,250	\$19,250	\$43,000
Dean's Bus	*11-191131-7108	\$1,750	\$4,000	\$1,750	\$7,500
Dean's Educ			\$2,250		\$2,250
Dean's Sci	*11-191131-7137	\$3,500	\$16,250	\$7,000	\$26,750
Chancellor's	11-191131-7119				
B.C. Regional	*11-191131-7148				
Summit	*11-191131-7149	\$3,500	\$210,250	\$173,250	\$387,000
Abe Unrau	11-191131-7119				
Jack Diamond	Leadership		\$10,500	\$7,500	\$18,000
	*11-191131-7118		\$22,450	\$5,250	\$27,700
Specht APSC	*23-419222-7112		\$15,500	\$12,250	\$27,750
Specht Sci	*23-419222-7137		\$32,750	\$19,250	\$52,000
Phi Theta Kappa National	11-191134-7116		\$6,750	\$5,250	\$12,000
Shrum	11-191132-7115				
	*11-191132-7143	\$2,500	\$31,250	\$15,250	\$49,000
		\$2,500	\$31,250		
Jack Diamond	11-191132-7112				
	*11-191132-7146		\$13,750	\$1,750	\$15,500
Specht APSC	*23-419222-7112				
Specht SCI	*23-419222-7137		\$2,750		\$2,750
Strand	11-191132-7115				
	*11-191132-7144		\$16,500	\$9,750	\$26,250
President's	11-191132-7115				
<b>College</b>					
Hamilton	11-191133-7115				
	*11-191133-7121	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$13,000	\$25,500
		\$2,500	\$10,000		
Deans Sci	*11-191133-7137		\$1,750		\$1,750
Dean Arts	*11-191133-7106		\$3,500	\$3,500	\$7,000
Dean APSC	*11-191133-7139				
Dean Business	*11-191133-7108				
President's	11-191133-7116				
Cape	11-191133-7116				
	*11-191133-7141	\$1,750	\$15,437	\$12,250	\$29,437
		\$1,750	\$15,437		
<b>International</b>					
Intnl Summit	11-191134-7116		\$5,500	\$6,250	\$11,750
Contingency	13-875627-7103		\$8,749	\$4,575	\$13,324
Shrum	11-191134-7102	\$10,000	\$55,425	\$51,275	\$116,700
Tuition	11-191134-7103	\$5,544	\$4,389	\$3,850	\$13,783
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		\$89,544	\$674,950	\$504,492	\$1,268,986

Fiscal Year Budget Allocation \$1,198,250  
 Total Expenditures to Date \$1,155,162 (this figure does not include Specht or contingency)  
 Remaining Funds Available \$43,088

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**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

**From:** K.C. Bell, Assistant to  
the Dean of Student Services

**Re:** Open Undergraduate Scholarship for Fiscal 1999 - 2000

**Date:** September 18, 2000



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For fiscal 1999 – 2000 the Open Undergraduate Scholarship continued to be awarded at a CGPA level of 3.70, which was consistent with practice since 1996-2.

Total disbursements over the three-semester period amounted to \$819,049; as the budgeted amount for the scholarship was \$817,138, we were within .25% of our target.

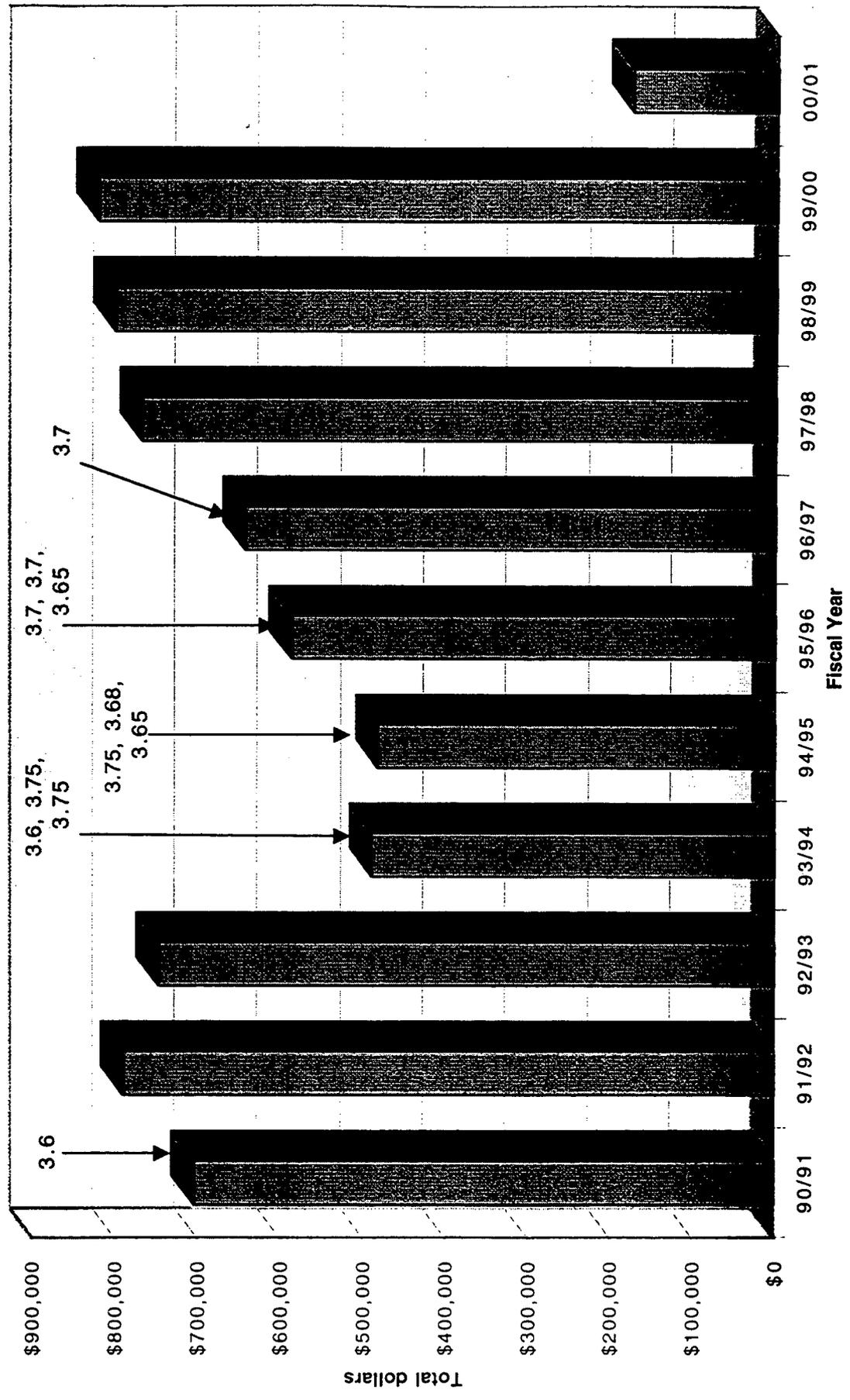
The number of scholarships increased by 35, while the average scholarship dropped by \$12. Overall, the cost to the University of this scholarship increased again by 2.5% (or \$20,020).

As in previous years, I should note that the Committee has earlier laid the groundwork to issue the Open Scholarship at less than the full value of tuition (at the BTF rate) should tuition increase as a result of the province lifting its tuition freeze. Note that an increase of even \$5/credit would result in an increase in cost of over \$50,000/year if tuition continued to be fully covered. In that case, I will seek the Committee's advice in advance on how to issue the Scholarship.

Fiscal year	Sem	Number	Total Disbursed	Average	CGPA	
<b>99/00</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>\$176,176</b>	<b>\$731</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>\$77</b>
	<b>993</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>\$313,159</b>	<b>\$938</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>\$77</b>
	<b>001</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>\$329,714</b>	<b>\$921</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>\$77</b>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>933</b>	<b>\$819,049</b>	<b>\$878</b>		

I attach a chart showing the pattern of disbursements and CGPA requirements for the Open Scholarship since fiscal 1990 – 1991.

**Open Scholarship Disbursements by Year**





**Report to the  
Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries  
Government Student Assistance 1999-2000**

Domestic Canadian students, graduate and undergraduate, may apply through their home province to receive funding assistance from the federal, provincial and territorial governments. Government assistance is a primary source of funding for 30% of Canadian post-secondary students. The goal of these programs is to promote accessibility of post-secondary education among academically qualified students who do not have the personal or family resources to meet the costs of education.

At Simon Fraser University approximately 9% of our full-time graduate students and 22% of full-time undergraduate students received their primary funding through government student assistance in the Fall 1999 semester. Without this funding they would not be able to attend the University.

From province to province, government funding for student assistance varies with regard to the mix of student loan versus grant and the value of disbursements. In the past ten years governments increased the proportion of assistance given as loan and decreased or eliminated grant aid. The outcome was a dramatic increase in the total debt with which students graduated from their post-secondary programs. The average debt of students in their fourth year of studies receiving BC Student Assistance in 1996-97 was \$19,000. Estimates for 1998-99 were quoted as high as \$25,000. Concerns regarding the increasing debt load of new graduates prompted new programs to re-introduce grants and to assist repayment of loans for students after degree completion.

During the 1998-99 program year three new federal measures were introduced to the Canada Student Assistance Program: Canada Study Grants for Students with Dependents; extended Interest Relief; and Debt Reduction. The Canada Study Grant (CSG) for Students with Dependents is issued as part of the federal and provincial student assistance package and does not require a separate application. A student with sufficiently high financial need will receive \$40 per week if they have one or two dependents 18 years of age or under and \$60 per week if three or more qualifying dependents.

Extended Interest Relief and Debt Reduction measures were introduced as a package program. These programs are available to former students who are in repayment of their loans. Interest Relief allows a former student in financial hardship to defer loan payments for six month periods during which the government will make the interest payments. In 1997-98 the 30 month lifetime maximum for all students was changed to 54 months for students in their first five years of repayment and 30 months for those in their sixth or subsequent year of repayment. Former students may apply for Debt Reduction when they have used up their maximum Interest Relief periods. If a former student's Canada Student Loan debt compared to family income exceeds specific thresholds the Debt Reduction Program will pay down the Loan to specified levels. In 1998-99 only two students nation wide qualified for Debt Reduction.

Last year there were concerns that discussions between the federal and provincial governments to harmonize the student loan programs could mean decreased funding to B.C. students. British Columbia announced on July 28, 2000 that a number of programs to assist students who had completed their studies and were in the process of repaying their loan were being discontinued. B.C. has discontinued their six-month interest-free period for students who have just graduated. Interest will now accumulate on B.C. Student Loans immediately on the completion of studies. B.C. also discontinued the Interest Shielding program that guaranteed students in repayment would not pay interest of greater than prime plus one percent and discontinued their Loan Remission program that assisted students in the first six months after graduation by paying down large B.C. Student Loan debt to manageable levels. In place of these programs, British Columbia has adopted the Debt Reduction and Interest Relief programs of the federal government and points to the federal tax credit on interest paid on student loans as a replacement for Interest Shielding.

The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation awards were introduced in 1999-2000. There are two components to the Millennium Scholarship program, Bursary Awards and Merit Awards. In accordance with the legislation that created the Foundation, 95% of the funds available are directed to grants for students with financial need and 5% are directed to scholarships for students on the basis of leadership, community service, innovation and academic achievement. In the 1999-2000 year approximately 92,700 awards averaging \$3,022 were given on the basis of financial need nation wide and a total of 890 Merit awards were given to secondary school students proceeding to college and university studies. Of the 890 recipients, 10 are attending SFU this Fall. The Merit awards range in value from Local Awards that are one time grants of \$4,000 to National Awards valued at \$4,800 annually renewable for up to four years.

The Bursary Awards are administered in conjunction with the provincial authorities who are assessing Canada and provincial student assistance programs. The Millennium Bursary awards are available to students in the second, third and fourth year of their first undergraduate degree. All Bursary awards are disbursed in January of each year to qualified students who applied for two semesters of government student assistance the previous August. Simon Fraser University pointed out from the beginning that this requirement disadvantaged our students. Anticipating participation in Co-operative Education semesters, exchange programs, and other special semesters, SFU students usually apply for government assistance one semester at a time. The concerns were justified. SFU students received only 544 Canada Millennium Foundation Bursary Awards compared to 1,599 at UBC and 1,173 at the University of Victoria.

The Student Services Branch of the Ministry of Education, Training and Technology, who administers government assistance in British Columbia, anticipated this problem and attempted to mitigate the situation by revamping the BC Grant program. Until 1999-2000, BC Grants were only available to first and second year students who were completing their first degree. The provincial portion of student assistance that would normally be awarded in the form of a loan was given to qualifying students as a grant. When the Canada Millennium awards were introduced, they displaced money for second year students from the BC Grant program and included third and fourth year students which the BC Grant program did not. BC chose to maintain their first year grant program and reinvest displaced second year grant funds by extending eligibility to third and fourth year students in order to fill some of the holes that the Canada Millennium Bursary Awards created.

During 1999-2000, the federal and provincial governments attempted to re-negotiate the student loan risk sharing agreements with the lending agencies that had begun four years earlier. A number of banks had been threatening to withdraw from the government student loan programs and in the end all of the participating lenders did withdraw. In order to keep the student loan programs operating, the BC government has signed an agreement with a service provider to administer the loans on their behalf with the government providing the capital rather than the banks. The Federal government reports that they are working toward a similar arrangement. Temporary agreements have been made with the banks involved to maintain the Canada Student Loan program temporarily but those agreements end February 2001.

The tables below report the number of government assistance awards and the total dollars of assistance received by SFU students during the 1999-2000 award year. The first two tables report numbers for students who are considered residents of British Columbia and are receiving funding through the BC government. The second set of tables report students who are receiving funding through another Canadian province or territory and from the United States. It is interesting to note the consistent increase in the number of awards and dollars received by BC students, both graduate and undergraduate.

Due to new methods of collecting student loan data, the statistical reports from which the numbers below are determined have been rewritten and historical data has been reported again using the new data collection method.

## BC Residence - Federal and Provincial Assistance

### Undergraduate

year	Canada Student Loan		British Columbia Loan		B.C./Federal Grant		Total	
	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$
99/00	6,220	18,016,408	4,774	8,437,478	2,707	4,725,887	13,701	31,179,773
98/99	5,742	17,543,548	5,121	10,456,783	1,304	2,244,399	12,167	30,244,730
97/98	5,344	16,728,873	4,833	10,187,803	881	1,633,952	11,058	28,550,628
96/97	5,296	16,458,488	4,765	9,532,871	892	1,566,540	10,953	27,557,899
95/96	5148	16,135,660	4,202	7,051,162	879	1,282,322	10,229	24,469,144
94/95	4,885	14,473,670	3,898	7,243,664	697	998,482	9,480	22,715,816

### Graduate

year	Canada Student Loan		British Columbia Loan		B.C./Federal Grant		Total	
	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$
99/00	263	835,532	271	633,071	54	53,252	588	1,521,855
98/99	261	832,306	265	649,411	41	43,184	567	1,524,901
97/98*	240	790,574	254	634,665	N/A	N/A	494	1,425,239
96/97*	235	723,913	226	472,144	N/A	N/A	462	1,198,443
95/96*	204	652,199	196	386,703	N/A	N/A	401	1,040,099
94/95*	224	697,892	199	411,163	N/A	N/A	425	1,112,235

\*Grant program did not include graduate students prior to 1997/98.

## Out of Province and U.S. Students

### Undergraduate

year	Federal Student Loan		Provincial Loan		Provincial Grant		U.S. Student Loan	
	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$
99/00	333	1,149,868	249	589,344	60	165,636	9	59,392
98/99	380	1,323,501	270	697,485	38	81,113	8	35,465
97/98	378	1,424,821	317	868,898	42	74,076	9	33,458
96/97	429	1,609,830	514	977,181	20	26,104	12	37,389
95/96	436	1,629,038	547	1,017,365	13	26,980	14	69,636
94/95	394	1,415,716	535	1,000,396	17	24,231	5	16,120

### Graduate

year	Federal Student Loan		Provincial Loan		Provincial Grant		U.S. Student Loan	
	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$	# of Awds	Total \$
99/00	64	264,926	73	193,164	4	9,435	13	65,190
98/99	80	293,106	83	181,735	4	7,217	21	96,653
97/98	86	373,940	106	309,576	3	5,840	20	79,989
96/97	78	304,785	119	229,914	5	4,955	16	59,996
95/96	88	362,150	157	340,064	5	5,560	10	43,143
94/95	96	359,216	144	271,116	1	1,000	5	21,182

submitted by C. French, September 2000



## Report to the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries Bursary Program 1999/2000

Bursaries are awarded on the basis of financial need and satisfactory academic performance to full-time undergraduate and graduate students\*. Bursaries are funded through endowments and annual gifts from donors as well as through university operating funds. To be considered for a bursary, students may apply to Financial Assistance by the end of the second week of classes each semester. Bursaries are adjudicated by Financial Assistance on behalf of the Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee. Information about the bursary programs is published in the University Calendar and listed in a searchable, web accessed database.

In the 1999-2000 reporting year (May 1999 - April 2000), Financial Assistance received 2615 bursary applications with a total calculated financial need of \$1,751,834. Compared to 1998-99, this represents an increased financial need of \$186,049 or 12% increase. In 1999-2000, \$36,473 more dollars were awarded through all bursary programs than in 1998/99 which represents only a 3.6% increase.

Below and attached are three tables comparing changes in the Bursary program over time. The first two tables below compare disbursements for all Simon Fraser University bursary programs from 1993/94 to 1999/2000. Small increases resulting from donor gifts, either by the creation of new bursaries or increases to the existing ones, are reflected in the tables below under Private and Endowed bursaries. In the 1999-2000 year, nine new donor funded bursaries with a total award value of \$9295 were established. No additional operating funds have been allocated for bursaries for over seven years.

Included in the SFU Open (domestic) data reported below is funding to a World University Services of Canada (WUSC) refugee student for one semester at a value of \$2523. Simon Fraser University has an agreement with the Simon Fraser Student Society to assist in the support of one student a year identified by and emigrated to Canada by WUSC. Support is one year in duration while the student establishes landed immigrant status and becomes eligible for other funding. The University pays for tuition up to 12 credit hours each semester, the \$30 athletic and recreation fee, the \$18 student services fee, residence fees (dorms only), and a \$500 start-up bursary. The Simon Fraser Student Society pays the \$55.65 student society fee, a \$250 text allowance each semester, a \$225 living allowance each month, and a bus pass.

Also included in the SFU Open Graduate Bursary figures reported below is the new TSSU Child Care Bursary. This is the first year of this bursary program which is included in the TSSU labour contract with the University. This year three bursaries totaling \$4055 were disbursed. Two bursaries were awarded to domestic students (\$2405) and one was awarded to an international student (\$1650).

The third table below records the bursary dollars awarded to international students as work-study funds. A small program was established to assist international students in financial need who have difficulty accepting grant funding. These students must meet the same financial need requirements as the other bursary recipients and work on projects organized through the Centre for International and Exchange Student Services.

\*Undergraduate students are considered full-time if they are registered in 9 or more semester hours of normally graded courses. Graduate students must be registered in an approved full-time program.

**BURSARIES**

## Undergraduate Bursaries

	SFU Open (domestic)		SFU Open (international)		SFU Daycare		Private and Endowed	
	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$
99/00	891	415,511	163	127,540	10	4,263	538	425,061
98/99	818	414,171	158	122,258	5	1,107	514	393,825
97/98	777	420,692	116	116,833	12	3,142	436	355,159
96/97	623	411,120	112	115,015	12	1,935	417	347,342
95/96	608	381,443	176	145,325	30	6,540	429	316,235
94/95	535	289,518	152	117,014	65	12,695	477	329,135

## Graduate Bursaries

	SFU Open (domestic)		SFU Open (international)		SFU Daycare		Private and Endowed	
	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$
99/00	79	46,110	27	16,665	2	1,087	6	4,150
98/99	59	43,453	36	21,945	0	0	7	6,155
97/98	61	45,590	25	17,494	2	553	8	7,002
96/97	43	48,018	29	24,985	10	3,267	5	4,634
95/96	37	36,825	54	44,700	19	4,727	6	9,400
94/95	58	41,225	53	43,600	23	6,005	9	4,650

## WORK STUDY PROGRAM (International)\*

## SFU Funded Work Study - Undergraduate/Graduate

	Number of Students	Total \$ Awarded
99/00	4	5,300
98/99	5	6,700
97/98	7	9,750
96/97	4	4,000
95/96	12	9,716
94/95	6	2,817

\*Program is restricted to limited use for international students.



## Report to the Senate Policy Committee On Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

### Part-time Student Assistance and Canada Study Grants 1999-2000

#### Part-time Student Assistance

In August of 1996, the federal government implemented a grant program to supplement the already existing federal student loan program for part-time students. Prior to 1996-97, the British Columbia government administered a part-time grant program which was discontinued when the federal program was implemented. To be eligible for part-time student loans and grants, students must be registered in less than nine credit hours and have a demonstrated financial need. In order to be eligible for grant funding, students must also meet specific criteria for not studying full-time. The list of acceptable conditions for maintaining part-time studies includes: permanent disability; single parent; caring for an elderly dependent; and requiring less than nine credit hours to fulfill graduation requirements.

The Part-time Loan program requires students to begin interest payments while they are still in studies which most students cannot afford. As a result, the loan program is not well used by Simon Fraser students. Most applicants do not cash the loans even when they are awarded. Of the 45 students who applied and were eligible for Part-time Loan funding in 1999-2000, only 6 students asked to have the loan documents issued and only 2 of those students actually cashed their loans.

The Part-time Grant program has a maximum award value of \$1200 each year and is well used by Simon Fraser students. In 1999-2000, 94 students applied for the Part-time Grant. Of these applicants, 83 students having a total calculated need of \$89,009 received \$73,072 in grant funding.

#### PART-TIME CANADA STUDENT LOAN

	Number of Awards	Total \$ Awarded
99/00	45	24,480
98/99	36	26,103
97/98	45	46,550

PART-TIME CANADA STUDY GRANT

	Number of Awards	Total \$ Awarded
99/00	83	73,072
98/99	108	112,407
97/98	70	65,365
96/97	52	48,989
95/96*	61	45,480
94/95*	65	39,285

\*indicates years funded by BC Part-time Student Assistance Program

Canada Study Grant for Female Doctoral Students

Five years ago, the federal government introduced a grant program to support female doctoral students in specific programs. The goal of the program is to encourage female students to continue studies to the doctoral level in fields that have an under representation of females based on national statistics.

In 1998-99, three students received \$8,876 in total funding. This year, 1999-2000, the program had a 57% increase in disbursements as six students received awards totalling \$13,966.

	Number of Awards	Total \$ Awarded
99/00	6	13,966
98/99	3	8,876
97/98	1	1,769
96/97	0	0
95/96	3	6,387

Submitted by C. French, September 2000

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## Report to the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries Work-Study Program 1999-2000

### Work-Study

The Work-Study program is part of the BC Student Assistance Program. Work-Study is targeted to those graduate and undergraduate students who have an assessed need above the maximum funding allowance through Canada Student Loan, Canada Millennium grant, BC Student Loan and BC Grant. The purpose of the Work-Study program is to supplement the assistance these students are already receiving. Work-Study funding is the only supplemental funding that will not affect a student's government loan and grant disbursement. Only BC residents are eligible for the Program.

Over the past four years Simon Fraser University's allotment of funds from the BC Government for the Work-Study program has been decreasing due to an increase in the number of participating post-secondary institutions. In the 1995-96 program year Simon Fraser University was allotted \$460,000. The budget for 2000-2001 program year is \$359,370.

Simon Fraser University is among the very few post-secondary institutions in British Columbia that does not supplement the government funding for the Work-Study program. Other institutions supplement the funds by budgeting institutional money to increase the number of awards, to allow inclusion of students from other provinces, or to increase the hourly pay rate. The maximum fundable pay rate through the Government is \$8.75 per hour.

Individuals interested in submitting projects for Work-Study students are invited to complete and submit a request form through the web by the deadline, usually one month prior to the start of each semester. When approved, projects automatically appear on the posting search web site which is available only to approved Work-Study students. Students are notified of their eligibility to participate in the program beginning two weeks prior to each semester. Despite the decrease in funding, the number of requests for Work-Study students has not changed and is now significantly higher than funding allows.

The BC Work-Study budget year is September to August of the following year. The numbers in the chart below are based on a reporting period of May to April of the following year. Because of the difference between reporting periods, the numbers can be very inconsistent year over year in this report. Included in the 1997/98 reported year were higher than normal summer expenditures for 97-2 and a one time addition to the budget for 98-1.

### Students Aiding Students

A portion of the Work-Study funding from the government, approximately ten percent, is allocated for a program called Students Aiding Students. This program provides funding for full-time students who wish to assist students with permanent disabilities. The majority of students hired through this program take class notes on behalf of the student they are aiding. Others assist students to access materials and services in the library. In the 1999/2000 year 104 students were hired through this program and earned a total of \$44,758. These numbers are incorporated in the Work-Study numbers reported below.

Beginning September 2000, the Students Aiding Students program will become an independent program funded separately by the Government and administered by the Centre for Students with Disabilities directly.

Government Funded Work Study - Undergraduate

	Number of Awards	Total \$ Awarded	Total \$ Spent
99/00	498	481,140	343,689
98/99	344	301,300	246,503
97/98	612	668,121	542,932
96/97	481	420,211	353,804
95/96	561	501,661	438,850
94/95	499	429,672	361,879

Note: these numbers include expenditures for the Students Aiding Students program

Government Funded Work Study - Graduate

	Number of Awards	Total \$ Awarded	Total \$ Spent
99/00	19	19,830	18,130
98/99	4	2,910	2,507
97/98	12	15,740	11,350
96/97	4	3,537	3,436
95/96	12	14,296	13,001
94/95	16	21,205	19,911

submitted by Charlotte French, September 2000



## Report to the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

### External Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries 1999 - 2000

Each year Simon Fraser University students receive scholarships, awards and bursaries that are administered and adjudicated by organizations and corporations external to the University. Tracking of these awards became possible in 1997-98 when, in an attempt to better recognize the external organizations that support our students and the students who receive these awards, University Advancement and Financial Assistance developed new procedures to capture this information. Scholarships, awards and bursaries in this category include: Royal Canadian Legion Bursaries, Terry Fox Humanitarian Awards, Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation Awards, Canada Trust Scholarships, awards administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and many others.

Reported in the tables below are the number and value of the scholarships, awards and bursaries which Simon Fraser University disburses to our students on behalf of other organizations. The awards have been categorized by the definitions used for our internal programs: scholarships are based primarily on academic performance; bursaries are based primarily on financial need; and awards are based on community service, excellence in a specific endeavor or a combination of criteria. In the 1999-2000 year, Simon Fraser undergraduates received 252 external scholarships, awards and bursaries totaling \$232,144, an increase of almost 19% over the 1998-99 year.

Financial Assistance also actively assists students with the application process for numerous external programs to support their educational goals during and after their studies at Simon Fraser University. These awards also are not captured in the table below and include such scholarships as the Rhodes Scholarship, the Queen Elizabeth II BC Centennial Scholarship, NRC Women in Engineering and Science Scholarship, and others.

#### UNDERGRADUATE EXTERNAL

Year	External Scholarships		External Awards		External Bursaries	
	Ttl. # of Sch.	Ttl. \$	Ttl. # of Awd.	Ttl. \$	Ttl. # of Bur.	Ttl. \$
99/00	181	176,827	10	16,283	61	39,034
98/99	130	117,382	56	54,913	35	23,374
97/98	118	109,562	36	37,008	71	48,369

GRADUATE EXTERNAL

Year	External Scholarships		External Awards		External Bursaries	
	Ttl. # of Sch.	Ttl. \$	Ttl. # of Awd.	Ttl. \$	Ttl. # of Bur.	Ttl. \$
99/00	8	6,550	0	0	2	980
98/99	8	8,500	0	0	2	1,076
97/98	4	4,900	0	0	9	21,768

submitted by C. French, September 2000



## Report to the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries

### Athletic and Recreation Awards 1999/2000

#### Athletic Awards

Athletic awards are available to students who are members of varsity teams at Simon Fraser University and are awarded primarily on the basis of Athletic merit, though some awards have an academic achievement component. Athletic awards are funded through endowed and annual donor donations as well as university operating funds. Funding for the awards included under the title 'Athletic Tuition Awards' is raised by the individual teams to support their own athletes. These awards are also awarded primarily on the basis of athletic merit.

The table below shows a 104% increase in the total dollars disbursed through donor based Endowed/Annual Athletic awards since 1996/97. This large increase is due in part to the transfer of funds from the Athletic Operating Endowment to the newly created Athletic Award Endowment. In 1996 a change was made in the procedures for administration of the provincial BC Athletic Assistance Program. The funds were taken away from the educational institutions and given to the amateur sports associations to administer. This meant that some students who had previously received provincial assistance would no longer receive funding. In order to maintain expected levels of assistance for these students, the Department of Athletics moved funds from their operating endowment to an award endowment. This re-allocation of funds was approved again this year.

In addition nine new donor funded athletic awards were available to student athletes this year. Four of these awards are endowed or multi-year donations and the other five, representing a total of \$11,000, are one time gifts.

#### Recreation Awards

Simon Fraser University supports a number of awards for students who actively support the University's Recreation Program. The awards are given in recognition of individual participation, leadership and volunteerism in various aspects of the Recreation Department. University funding for Recreation Awards has remained unchanged for over seven years and is budgeted at \$19,200.

#### ATHLETIC AND RECREATION AWARDS

	Endowed/Annual Athletics		SFU Funded Athletics		Athletic Tuition		SFU Funded Rec. Awds.	
	# of Student Awards	Ttl. \$	# of Student Awards	Ttl. \$	# of Student Awards	Ttl. \$	# of Student Awards	Ttl. \$
99/00	289	223,750	57	40,500	130	86,768	31	18,600
98/99	265	180,930	52	36,600	141	89,189	31	18,600
97/98	303	188,851	55	39,000	103	77,696	32	19,200
96/97	205	109,802	50	38,800	134	90,038	32	19,200
95/96	153	90,895	50	39,000	63	60,209	35	21,000
94/95	171	79,645	56	41,000	67	57,333	31	15,600

Note: statistics are for the academic year starting May 1 and ending April 30.

B.C. Athletic Assistance Program

Starting in the 1996-97 award year external support from the BC Athletes Assistance Program was also disbursed through Financial Assistance. In 1996-97, Simon Fraser student athletes received 212 disbursements totaling \$136,156 from this program. In this past year, 1999-2000, SFU athletes received 85 disbursements totaling \$62,926, a 54% decrease over three years..

**BC ATHLETIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Year	# of Award	Ttl. \$
99/00	85	62,926
98/99	142	90,979
97/98	138	90,112
96/97	212	136,156

submitted by C. French, September 2000



**Report to the  
Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries  
Emergency Loan Program 1999/2000**

Short term (60 day), interest-free loans are available to students who require interim emergency funding while awaiting funds from other sources. To receive an emergency loan a student must demonstrate a guaranteed source of repayment, for example an assessed student loan or confirmation of part-time employment. Emergency loan values are usually no more than \$500 but specific award values depend on the particular circumstances.

Making the first rent payment for a new semester is the most common reason for students funded by government assistance to access the Emergency Loan Program. Lenders are not allowed to disburse government assistance funds until the first day of classes, which usually falls after rents are due. Students who hold part-time jobs are most likely to access the Program in mid-semester to cover rent or food if scheduled work hours have lower than expected.

In the 1998-99 reporting year there was a significant increase in Emergency Loan disbursements and the total dollars disbursed to students due to difficulties arising from both the implementation of an electronic confirmation of enrollment process for BC Government Assistance and the centralization of government student loan processing by two of the participating banks.

The electronic process is now the standard method for reporting a student's registration for BC Government Assistance and most of the difficulties of the first year have been resolved. During the 1999-2000 year the number of Emergency Loans disbursed has returned to previous levels but the total dollars disbursed has not decreased in the same proportion. Although many of the operational difficulties of the 1998-99 year for government student assistance have been resolved, some of the problems with the banks have continued.

The adjudication criteria for this program were tightened significantly five years ago to deal with the increasing number and value of loans that were being sent to collection. In 1999-2000 only five loans totaling \$6416 were sent to collections.

**EMERGENCY LOANS (Undergraduate/Graduate)**

	Number of Loans	Total \$ Awarded
99/00	359	217,139
98/99	433	246,828
97/98	345	157,825
96/97	352	160,716
95/96	527	265,472
94/95	674	317,329

submitted by C. French, September 2000



**Report to the  
Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries  
Scholarships for In-Course Undergraduate Students  
and  
Academic and Service Awards for the University Community 1999/2000**

Scholarships for In-Course Undergraduate Students

Scholarships funded through endowments and annual gifts from donors are available to continuing, full-time undergraduate students who meet specified criteria and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50. To apply, students must submit applications to Financial Assistance by the end of the second week of classes of the semester the scholarship is offered. Endowed and Annual Scholarships are adjudicated directly by the Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee (SUAAC). A few of these scholarships are selected by nomination of the academic department and confirmed by the SUAAC. Information about these scholarships is published in the University Calendar and listed on the web site in a search capable format.

Twenty-nine additional scholarship disbursements, totalling \$47,015, were received by students from endowed and annual Scholarships in 1999/2000 compared to 1998/99. This represents an increase of approximately 32%. This large increase is primarily due to a one-time donation from the Kaiser Foundation that funded 16 scholarships valued at \$2,000 each for students in Engineering Science.

Academic and Service Awards for the University Community

Academic and Service Awards are given to students, faculty or staff for outstanding performance in an academic area or outstanding service to the University or the community at large. These awards include the Terry Fox Gold Medal, the BC Sugar Achievement Award, the C.D. Nelson Award and many others. Academic and Service Awards reported in the table below are funded through donor based endowments and annual gifts or by University operating dollars.

The notable increase in the number of endowed or annual awards but small increase in total dollars disbursed since 1997-98, is due to some new awards that are of smaller value but given to a large number of students. For example, the Engineering Science Undergraduate Student Society has established an award to assist project teams with the cost of building their designs. The awards are not large in value but are awarded each semester to many teams. This year's increase is also due in part to the establishment of six new donor funded awards, two of which are endowments.

There has been no increase to the University funded awards budget for over seven years. The fluctuations in the number of SFU funded awards disbursed primarily reflects decisions by the School for Contemporary Arts regarding the number and value of awards given to their students from the annual budget. In addition, Simon Fraser University received two Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation National Scholars in 1999-2000 for the first time. A consortium of selected Canadian universities works with the Foundation and provides tuition refunds for their National Scholars who receive the remainder of their funding from the Foundation. These two scholars received a total of \$4774 in tuition awards.

## MERIT BASED AWARDS

	Endowed/Annual Schs.		Endowed/Annual Awards		SFU Funded Awards	
	# of Students Awards	Ttl. \$	# of Students Awards	Ttl. \$	# of Students Awards	Ttl. \$
99/00	232	194,705	119	44,430	102	49,757
98/99	203	147,690	115	41,435	92	43,907
97/98	184	138,503	68	30,670	113	45,009
96/97	179	131,125	66	27,161	87	45,900
95/96	169	114,870	59	24,720	87	46,307
94/95	165	117,290	52	12,330	84	44,250

submitted by C. French, September 2000

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

## DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

### *Memorandum*

**TO:** Dr. John D'Auria, Chair  
Senate Policy Committee on  
Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries

**FROM:** Jonathan C. Driver  
Dean

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report: SPCSAB

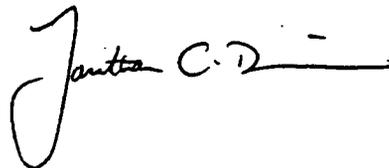
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I am pleased to enclose a summary of the graduate award disbursements in fiscal year 1999-2000 in tabular form, for inclusion in the SPCSAB report to Senate.

**Disbursement Totals by Award:**

Graduate Fellowship	\$1,888,200
President's Ph.D. Research Stipend	\$470,000
C.D. Nelson Entrance	\$192,657
Special Entrance	<u>\$184,600</u>
	<b>\$2,735,457</b>



c: K.C. Bell  
Enclosure

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## GRADUATE AWARDS IN FY 1999-2000

	AWARD NAME	NUMBER	VALUE	TOTAL
<b>Semester 99-2</b>	GF Master's	78	\$4,400	\$343,200
	GF Ph.D.	45	\$5,000	\$225,000
	Stipend	31	\$5,000	\$155,000
	Nelson	10	\$5,666	\$56,660
	Entrance	0	\$0	\$0
	SUBTOTAL			\$779,860
<b>Semester 99-3</b>	GF Master's	107	\$4,400	\$470,800
	GF Ph.D.	65	\$5,000	\$325,000
	Stipend	41	\$5,000	\$205,000
	Nelson	13	\$5,667	\$73,671
	Entrance	38	varies	\$184,600
	SUBTOTAL			\$1,259,071
<b>Semester 00-1</b>	GF Master's	68	\$4,400	\$299,200
	GF Ph.D.	45	\$5,000	\$225,000
	Stipend	22	\$5,000	\$110,000
	Nelson	11	\$5,666	\$62,326
	Entrance	0		\$0
	SUBTOTAL			\$696,526
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>				<b>\$2,735,457</b>
<b>Base Budget 99-00</b>				<b>\$2,465,180</b>
<b>FY 98-99 CARRYOVER</b>				<b>\$95,085</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR AWARDS</b>				<b>\$2,560,265</b>
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE at March 31,2000</b>				<b>(\$175,192)</b>

September 21,2000

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