



Admissions and Scholarship Committee

Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of February 23, 2010

For Action

1. Revisions to Admissions Regulations on Applicants with Disabilities

The Admissions and Scholarship Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve revisions to the admissions regulation 4.10 on students with disabilities:

4.10 ~~Students~~ **Applicants** with disabilities

~~The university welcomes supporting documentation from applicants with disabilities. Any documentation should be forwarded directly to the Centre for Students with Disabilities by the application deadline. The Registrar's office, in cooperation with the Centre for Students with Disabilities, will ensure that each applicant is treated in a fair and equitable manner.~~

Applicants with disabilities who have received disability-related accommodations in high school or during a previous degree or diploma program are expected to have grades that accurately reflect their academic ability. Applicants who were not accommodated for all or part of their high school or degree or diploma program, or who believe that there are extenuating circumstances related to their disability that have had a negative effect on their grades may be eligible for consideration on the basis of their disability. For information, please visit the Admissions website at www.uoit.ca or contact the Admissions Office.

Rationale

As required by the new Customer Service Standards of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), the university has undertaken a review of its policies to ensure that they are inclusive of individuals with disabilities. A working group, struck by the Admissions and Scholarship Committee in collaboration with CPRC, has conducted a review of the admissions and academic regulations in the undergraduate calendar, excluding the Faculty sections, and will be bringing forward a series of changes to align with the accessibility principles of dignity, independence, integration, and the provision of access equal to that given to others.

The first of these recommended revisions concerns the admissions regulation for students with disabilities. The proposed changes better reflect the admissions practice as stated on the UOIT website and affirm that equal opportunity will be given to applicants with disabilities who may not have received accommodation as part of their prior education.

2. Scholarship for Dependents of Deceased Canadian Forces Personnel (Project Hero)

The Admissions and Scholarship Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the terms of reference for the scholarship for dependents of deceased Canadian Forces Personnel (Project Hero) as outlined in the appendix.

Rationale:

Project Hero, co-founded by Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Kevin Reed and Retired General Rick Hillier, is a Canada-wide initiative to provide support to pursue higher education to any child who has lost a parent in the Canadian Forces. In the spring of 2009, all universities in the province were invited by the Council of Ontario Universities to participate in this initiative by providing a scholarship that would at minimum cover four years of undergraduate education and residence fees for the first year.

In order to meet the criteria for the Project Hero initiative, the student must be under the age of 26, a child of a Canadian forces personnel who died while serving in an active mission, a permanent resident or a Canadian citizen, and an undergraduate student enrolled in a ministry-funded and full-time program.

To date, over 40 post-secondary institutions across Canada have also committed to the program. This scholarship program will be reviewed after five years and may be renewed following an assessment of its performance.

The terms of reference for this scholarship are appended to this report.



SCHOLARSHIP FOR DEPENDENTS OF DECEASED CANADIAN FORCES PERSONNEL (Project Hero)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

I. Purpose

UOIT will provide financial assistance towards the post-secondary education of dependents of Canadian Forces personnel killed while servicing in an active military mission.

UOIT will provide assistance for tuition fees during eight (8) academic terms and on-campus residence for two (2) academic terms.

This scholarship program will be reviewed every five (5) years and may be renewed following an assessment of the program's performance.

II. Scope

To be eligible, the recipient must be:

1. A citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
2. A dependant¹ of a Canadian Forces personnel deceased while serving in an active mission;
3. Under the age of twenty-six; and
4. Registered as a full-time undergraduate student at UOIT in a program of study eligible for funding by the province of Ontario, and remain in good academic standing for the duration of their studies.

III. Value of the scholarship

The value of the scholarship is equivalent to:

1. The amount of full-time tuition fees for the program, not including incidental, ancillary and administrative fees, and
2. The amount of the on-campus residence fees, excluding services, meal plans and administrative charges.

IV. Duration of the scholarship

The scholarship is valid for:

1. A period of eight (8) full-time academic terms, and
2. The first two (2) full-time academic terms in the case of on-campus residence fees.

¹ Dependents' status will be determined as per the Revenue Canada criteria.

V. Procedure.

Application must be made to the Financial Aid and Awards Office during the first full-time session of the recipient. UOIT will communicate with the Director General, Personnel and Family Support Services of the National Defence to confirm the eligibility to the scholarship program of Canadian Forces personnel deceased while serving in an active mission.

If the recipient changes his or her registration from a full-time to part-time status he or she will reimburse a pro-rated portion of the scholarship already received for the portion of the scholarship already received for the academic term in which the change occurred.

For applicants with disabilities, UOIT strives to ensure that they will have equal access to scholarships, awards and bursaries. In cases where the disability impacts on the student's ability to take a full course load, the university will review the application if all other criteria for the scholarship are met. Applicants are advised to contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities (CSD) for further details on this process.

The fiscal status of the scholarship will be in accordance with the Canadian Income Tax legislation.

The total value of the award will be deposited into the recipient's tuition account over course of the program subject to successful renewal evaluation.

Students may not hold more than one UOIT scholarship simultaneously.