



*The State University
of New York*

Graduate Opportunity Program Application





SUNY Potsdam Graduate Opportunity Program Guidelines

The Graduate Opportunity Program provides tuition assistance to EOP, SEEK, and HEOP program graduates matriculated in a graduate program at SUNY Potsdam.

Eligibility:

(Applicants must meet the following criteria)

- Be a New York State resident
- Have graduated from SUNY's Education Opportunity Program (EOP), City University of New York's Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (SEEK) Program or the Higher Educational Opportunity Program (HEOP) conducted by private colleges
- Be accepted and matriculated in a graduate program at SUNY Potsdam
- Be enrolled for a minimum of half-time study (6 graduate credits each semester)

To apply for the Graduate Opportunity Program waiver:

Fill out the Certification of Participation form; have your EOP, SEEK or HEOP Director sign it; and attach his/her business card (if applicable).

Submit your Certification of Participation form with proof of registration to:

Nicole Zeledon
c/o Graduate and Continuing Education
44 Pierrepont Ave.
Potsdam, NY 13676
graduate@potsdam.edu

Re-Evaluation: Due to the highly competitive nature of this program, participation will be re-evaluated on a term basis according to the amount of money available and the number of students meeting the program criteria. To be considered for future funding, students should:

- Be enrolled for at least half-time study (minimum of 6 graduate credits)
- Maintain "Good Academic Standing" which is defined as maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0.
- Complete request to continue support through application, and attach certification of enrollment
- Complete certification form by application deadlines listed below.

Additional Notes:

Graduate Opportunity Program funding covers in-state graduate tuition only. Fees and mandatory student health insurance are the responsibility of the student and must be paid when billed to avoid late payment fees

The tuition waiver is only applicable for graduate courses taken at SUNY Potsdam, which fulfill requirements on the student's plan of study

If a student drops below the required 6-credit enrollment at any point within a semester that tuition waiver was granted, the student may be subject to losing the tuition waiver and being disqualified from future Graduate Opportunity Program funding (unless enrolled in final semester of study). The student will then become liable for full graduate tuition charges. Contact Financial Aid as soon as possible as this action will affect your aid award

Graduate Opportunity Program funding is not available for summer or winterim semesters

Application Deadlines:

Fall semester - August 1st

Spring semester - December 15th

Students already holding a master's degree from any college or university are ineligible for the GOP tuition scholarship.



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Certification of Participation

Initial Application | Continuing Support

Directions to student: This form should only be completed by you and certified one time by your undergraduate institution's EOP / H E O P /SEEK Director. Application Deadline: Fall August 1st, Spring December 15th

Student Name: Potsdam ID# (if known)

Phone: Email:

Permanent Address:

Local Address:

Degree Being Sought:

Master of Science for Teachers (MST) Master of Arts (MA) Master of Music (MM)

Master of Science (MS) Master of Science in Education (MSED)

Intended Graduate Academic Program:

Optional Information: Your response to the following two questions will be used for research purposes only. SUNY Potsdam supports Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity and does not discriminate against individuals or groups on the basis of race, sex, age, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status, marital status, or sexual orientation, in education or employment, or in any of its policies or programs.

Are you Hispanic/Latino? Yes No If Hispanic/Latino, is your background (select one):

Central American Dominican Puerto Rican South American Other Hispanic/Latino

All applicants, please indicate your race (select one or more):

American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black or African American White

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Did you participate in EOP / HEOP / SEEK as an undergraduate? Yes No (required)

College or University from which you graduated:

Dates of attendance: Degree Received:

Student Signature: Date:

For use by the undergraduate institution's EOP / HEOP / SEEK Director:
I attest that this student, graduated from and participated in the EOP / HEO P/SEEK program and the information above is accurate.
EOP / H E O P /SEEK Director's Signature: Date:
*Please affix your business card with this document (Potsdam EOP Director is exempt from this request)