

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 institutions.
- 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).

**How to Apply:**

1. Fill out the Certification of Participation form; have your EOP, SEEK, or HEOP Director sign it; and attach their business card (if applicable).
2. Email your Certification of Participation form with proof of registration as an attachment to:

**Dr. Alan Hersker**  
**Graduate and Continuing Education**  
[herskeal@potsdam.edu](mailto:herskeal@potsdam.edu)

**Re-Evaluation:**

- Due to the highly competitive nature of this program, participation will be re-evaluated on a term basis.
- Applicants requesting renewal of GOP funding must maintain half-time enrollment (minimum of 6 graduate credits).
- Applicants must remain in "Good Academic Standing" which is defined as a GPA of at least 3.0.
- Complete a request for continued support through application, and attach certification of enrollment by the application deadlines provided 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 the semester that tuition waiver was granted, the student may be subject to losing the tuition waiver and be 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.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: Student's who already hold a graduate degree from any college or university are ineligible for the GOP tuition scholarship.**

**Application Deadlines:**

**Fall Semester: August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Spring Semester: December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Directions to student: This form should only be completed by you and certified **one time** by your *undergraduate institution's* EOP/ HEOP/ SEEK Director. **Application Deadline: Fall- August 1<sup>st</sup>, Spring- December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Initial Application**

**Continuing Support**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Potsdam ID # (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Being Sought:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MA** \_\_\_\_\_ **MS** \_\_\_\_\_ **MST** \_\_\_\_\_ **MSED** \_\_\_\_\_ **MM**

**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/ Alaskan 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/ SEEK /HEOP Director:**

I attest that \_\_\_\_\_ graduated from \_\_\_\_\_ and participated in the EOP/ HEOP/ SEEK program and the information above is accurate.

**EOP/ HEOP/ SEEK Director's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please attach your business card with this document (Potsdam EOP Director is exempt from this request)*