



Guidelines Governing Direct Transfer from the MSc to PhD

Promising MSc students may apply to transfer directly into the PhD program without first completing all of the MSc requirements. The following guidelines will be applied in consideration of applications for such a transfer.

1. The request must be initiated by the student in the form of a letter to the Director (emailed to gwc@uoguelph.ca) before the end of the third or fourth semester in the MSc program. ***For direct transfers effective Fall 2017, this request must be received by August 4, 2017 and all supporting documentation is to be received by August 11, 2017. For direct transfers effective Winter 2018, this request must be received by December 1, 2017 and all supporting documentation is to be received by December 8, 2017.***
2. An applicant for direct transfer must have demonstrated a superior academic record at the graduate level. This will normally mean that the student has demonstrated excellent performance in at least two graduate courses as well as in the CHEM 794(0) MSc Seminar.
3. The applicant must have already demonstrated oral and written communication ability appropriate for a PhD level student. In addition, there must be clear evidence of research productivity and promise.
4. The request should be accompanied by the following supporting documentation:
 - a) a detailed letter from the supervisor
 - b) a written report by the Supervisory Committee detailing the candidate's aptitude for PhD level research, his/her communication skills and his/her performance in research in the MSc program
5. The request will be considered by the Director/Coordinating Committee at the end of the term in which the student submitted his/her request to transfer into the PhD program. If the result is positive the Director will forward this recommendation and supporting documentation to the Dean of Graduate Studies.

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