



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. Please note that students admitted to the MSc program as probationary/provisional are not eligible for PhD direct transfer.

1. The request must be initiated by the student in the form of a letter addressed 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 Winter 2018, this request must be received by December 1, 2017 and all supporting documentation is to be received by December 8, 2017. For direct transfers effective Spring 2018, this request must be received by April 4, 2018 and all supporting documentation is to be received by April 11, 2018.***
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 – emailed directly to gwc@uoguelph.ca
 - b) a letter signed by the advisory committee members supporting the transfer – emailed directly to gwc@uoguelph.ca
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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