



SUBJECT	Continuing Fees Reduction for Select Graduate Programs in the Faculty of Forestry
SUBMITTED TO	Finance Committee
MEETING DATE	March 22, 2023
SESSION CLASSIFICATION	Recommended session criteria from Board Meetings Policy: OPEN
REQUEST	<p>APPROVAL REQUESTED</p> <p>IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Finance Committee, under authority delegated by the Board of Governors, approves a reduction of continuing fees for domestic and international students for the following Faculty of Forestry programs to align with standard Master's degree program continuing fee rates, effective May 2023, subject to increases as approved by the Board of Governors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Master of Sustainable Forest Management- Master of International Forestry- Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management- Master of Urban Forestry Leadership
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PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

The subject matter of this submission was previously considered on the following occasions:

1. [June 12, 2012](#) (OPEN SESSION)

Action: Tuition Fees for New Master of Sustainable Forest Management Degree Program

2. [June 12, 2012](#) (OPEN SESSION)

Action: Tuition Fees for New Master of International Forestry Degree Program

3. [December 3, 2015](#) (OPEN SESSION)

Action: Tuition and Fee approval for the Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management

4. [April 19, 2018](#) (OPEN SESSION)

Action: Tuition approval for the Master of Urban Forestry Leadership full-time program option.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Faculty of Forestry currently offers four specialized, professional Master programs that range from 8-13 months in length. Each program has approved program tuition fees which students pay in 3-4 instalments.

Across all four programs, continuing fees are set at the same tuition amount as each instalment payment. While most students finish their studies within the expected program timeline, the Faculty has had a few cases in the past 10 years where a student has had a health crisis or a family emergency which has delayed them from finalizing their final project or assignment during the final term of the program. Assessing a continuing fee that is as much as each tuition installment seems unfair.

The purpose of this proposal is to reduce continuing fees for both domestic and international students, starting in May 2023, by aligning with the Standard Graduate Program Degree rates. The change would apply to both existing students currently enrolled in one of four programs, as well as new students. To illustrate the change, the approved rates for 2023/24 are presented below.

Program	Instalments per year	Minimum # of instalments	Domestic Tuition (per instalment)	Domestic Continuing Fee (per instalment, current)	Domestic Continuing Fee (per instalment, proposed)	International Tuition (per instalment)	International Continuing Fee (per instalment, current)	International Continuing Fee (per instalment, proposed)
Master of Sustainable Forest Management	3	3	\$6,734.91	\$6,734.91	\$823.50	\$13,050.97*	\$13,050.97	\$3,166.73
Master of International Forestry	3	3	\$6,734.91	\$6,734.91	\$823.50	\$13,050.97*	\$13,050.97	\$3,166.73
Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management	3	3	\$6,381.57	\$6,381.57	\$823.50	\$13,495.46**	\$13,495.46	\$3,166.73
Master of Urban Forestry Leadership	3	4	\$5,306.04	\$5,306.04	\$823.50	\$9,746.10***	\$9,746.10	\$3,166.73

* The 2023/24 international tuition fee currently varies between \$12,314.72 to \$13,050.97 based on student's program start year.

** The 2023/24 international tuition fee currently varies between \$12,734.13 to \$13,495.46 based on student's program start year.

*** The 2023/24 international tuition fee currently varies between \$9,376.60 to \$9,746.10 based on student's program start year.

The Faculty has had very few cases in the past 10 years where a student required a program extension. As such the financial implications to the Faculty are minimal.