

Ryerson University  
Yeates School of Graduate Studies  
***Governor General Gold Medal Guidelines***

The guidelines for the awarding of the Governor General's Gold Medal (GGGM), developed by the Scholarship and Awards Committee (SAC) of the Yeates School of Graduate Studies, are as follows:

1. Terms of Reference

“The GGGM is awarded annually to the graduate student who achieves the highest academic standing in a graduate degree program.”

All Master's and Doctoral program students, who are in their first Master's or Doctoral program respectively, are eligible for this award. The student must have completed his/her program within the normal time frame (as deemed by the SGS).

2. Timing of the Award

The award will be given once per year at the Fall Convocation, and all graduates from the previous Spring Convocation will be considered.

3. Nomination Procedure

One student may be nominated from each Graduate Program. The Program Director or designate will submit the nomination to the SAC of the School of Graduate Studies, based on the recommendation from the Program SAC. To be considered by the Program SAC, the Supervisory committee must have identified the student as a candidate after the oral presentation/examination. **The submission deadline is September 7, 2012.**

4. Nomination: A nomination will consist of:

- (i) a copy of the student's final grade report;
- (ii) a covering letter from the Program Director (or designate);
- (iii) the recommendation of the Supervisory Committee (as indicated on the Oral Defense form)
- (iv) a CV submitted by the student

5. Adjudication Criteria

- (i) Grades: Nominees must normally have a minimum overall average of 3.67.
- (ii) SRC: The covering letter, the recommendation of the Supervisory Committee and the CV should show evidence of academic excellence through such things as publications, presentations, contribution to the field, creativity/originality, quality of thesis, external examiner report.
- (iii) Contribution to the academic community: Should there be a tie amongst the candidates; contribution to the academic community may be considered. This will have been demonstrated in the CV by such things as representing Ryerson at professional meetings, or representing graduate students on Ryerson governing councils or committees.