

SGPS Free Referendum

Work-Study Program

Part A – Contact Information

1. Name of Group as it should appear on the Ballot: Work-Study Program

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Part B – Group Description

The Work Study program is offered to provide students with demonstrated financial need with the opportunity to receive priority for certain part-time jobs during their studies. Generally, the positions are available on campus, however, work-study positions are also available at off-campus not-for-profit organizations. The Work-Study program is jointly administered by the Student Awards Office and Career Services.

Part C - Budgetary Breakdown

Amount of Fee: \$5.56

1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018

Description	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
Balance as at May 1, 2017			\$362
Undergraduate Fees Collected		\$97,914	
Graduate Fees Collected		\$23,252	
Work Study Payments	-\$121,166		
Total Withdrawals and Deposits	-\$121,166	\$121,166	
Balance as at April 30, 2018			\$362



Part D – Student Fee Questionnaire

1. Why is your group seeking a fee?

In the earlier years of the Work-Study program it was funded by the Ontario government for Ontario residents. In 1989-90 was the students voted to create a Work-Study (sometimes referred to as Work-Bursary) student activity fee to ensure that non-Ontario residents and international students could be considered for the Work-Study program. The University administration also provided funding to further expand eligibility for a range of students to be eligible to be considered for Work-Study. Effective 2012-13 the Ontario government discontinued their financial support of Work-Study. Since that time the Work-Study program has been jointly funded by SGPS/AMS student activity fees and University's financial support. The objective of the program is to provide an opportunity for students in financial need to receive priority for certain part-time jobs (generally on campus) during their academic studies. Approximately 600 students participate in the Work-Study program of which 150 students are SGPS members.

2. What direct benefit will SGPS members derive from granting your group a fee?

The Work Study program is offered to provide students with demonstrated financial need with the opportunity to receive priority for certain part-time jobs during their studies.

3. How is the dollar value of the fee related to the benefit you are proposing to provide?

Work-Study entitlements are \$3,000 (\$2,000 Fall/Winter; \$1,000 Summer) for domestic students and \$4,500 (\$3,000 Fall Winter; \$1,500 Summer) for international students. Generally, the work-study employer will provide 25% of the student's wage and the remaining 75% is provided by the financial aid contribution (e.g. SPGS contribution). Therefore, the SGPS work-study student activity fee supports approximately 7-15 graduate students each year.

4. When was your group established?

The Work-Study program was established in the early 1980s and the student activity fee for work-study was introduced in 1989-90.

5. If you have collected a fee in the past, what initiatives and/or opportunities have you provided the Queen's Community with the collected funds?

Work-Study comprises an important element of the financial aid offered at Queen's University. Each year Work-Study provides approximately \$700,000 in work-based financial aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The contribution from the SGPS has been, and continues to an important element supporting the sustainability of the program.