SoCS Graduate Updates

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Accelerated Master's pathway update

- Recall: at November 2023 Council a proposed "accelerated" MSc pathway was discussed

    - Allows **excellent** UofG BComp students to complete some required MSc coursework during senior year of ugrad to enable a faster completion

    - OGPS proposed a framework that allows up to **1.0 credits to be waived** from their MSc requirements if completed as part of their ugrad degree requirements

- Solicited feedback after Nov Council meeting showed sufficient interest from faculty to pursue further

- Graduate Curriculum Committee also supports this pathway and are finalizing admission criteria and policies to bring to Council in April

Available Grad Fund to help Recruit Strong Students

- **SoCS Doctoral "Summer" Scholarship**
  - $2,500 / year (Summer term only) for duration of guaranteed funding period

- **Graduate Tuition Scholarships (Domestic):**
  - Top-up funding (above base GRA) for incoming MSc or PhD in S24, F24, W25
  - 7 awards of $4000 (one-time award)

- **Dean's Entrance Scholarship**
  - $5,000 (one-time award)

- **Competitive Matching Fundings (CMF)**
  - Competitive funding package to match (but not exceed) that from another University
  - Minimum first-class admission average 80% (A-)

- **International Doctoral Tuition Scholarship (IDTS)**
  - $12,5000 / year for 4 years
  - Minimum first-class admission average 80% (A-), or after successful completion of QE

Congratulations to our W24 MCTI Award Winners!
(all awards are $5,000)

Joshua Cepler - Long View Systems Scholarship in Cybersecurity

Aditi Venkatesh - Georgian Scholarship in Cybersecurity

Sondos Azzouz - e-Sentire Scholarship in Cybersecurity

Adegboola Adelabu - Canadian Tire Scholarship in Cybersecurity

Saifa Mahud - Bruce Power Scholarship in Cybersecurity

Shreya Bhoje - ISA Cybersecurity Inc. Scholarships in Cybersecurity

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MCTI Updates

- F24 admissions update (deadline extended to Mar 1st)
  - We've received ~200 applications
  - Target is 60 incoming for F24
  - Aiming to make ~100 offers based on expected acceptances and possible deferrals
  - Current status:
    - 8 accepted offers from deferrals from W24
    - ~80 offers on new applications (accepted offers, pending offers, offers being prepared)
    - ~45 pending decision

- Discussing with Dean's office whether to extend deadline
  - Understandable anxiety around evolving international student situation and impact on accepted offers, etc.

- Mitacs MCTI projects: ~7 internships across 6 companies

Grad Admissions Update

- College is investigating an **in-house graduate admissions system** to replace the OUAC system
  - Financial reasons (application fee would be collected by College vs. OUAC)
  - More control over application process, including deferrals (common for international students; costly and time consuming)
  - Opportunity to access more data about who's applying to which programs, their qualifications, etc.

- College is also discussing with units offering course-based Master's programs to **centralized admissions process**, as many students apply to multiple programs – early discussions

MCLC (Master of Cybersecurity Leadership and Cyberpreneurship) Update

- Reminder:
  - Executive-level Master's joint program with LANG
  - 3 courses from SoCS, 4 courses from LANG
  - OR
  - 3 courses from SoCS, 3 courses from LANG, 1 project course
- Approved by Council in June 2022
- Reviewed by Board of Graduate Studies (BOGS)
  - Requested some program revisions, including new, full-remote professional, executive seminar (originally proposed to use existing MCTI seminar for this program)
- Program will be re-reviewed in March BOGS meeting

Thanks!

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