

SoCS Graduate Updates

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Congratulations to Our Recently Completed Graduate Students!

PhD Defences (F23/W24)

- Wenjing Zhang (CS)– Oct 19th
- Abbas Yazdinejad (CSCI)– Nov 17th
- Amin Azmoodeh (CSCI) – Jan 25th
- Akshay Chadha (CSCI) – Jan 26th

Master's Defences (F23)

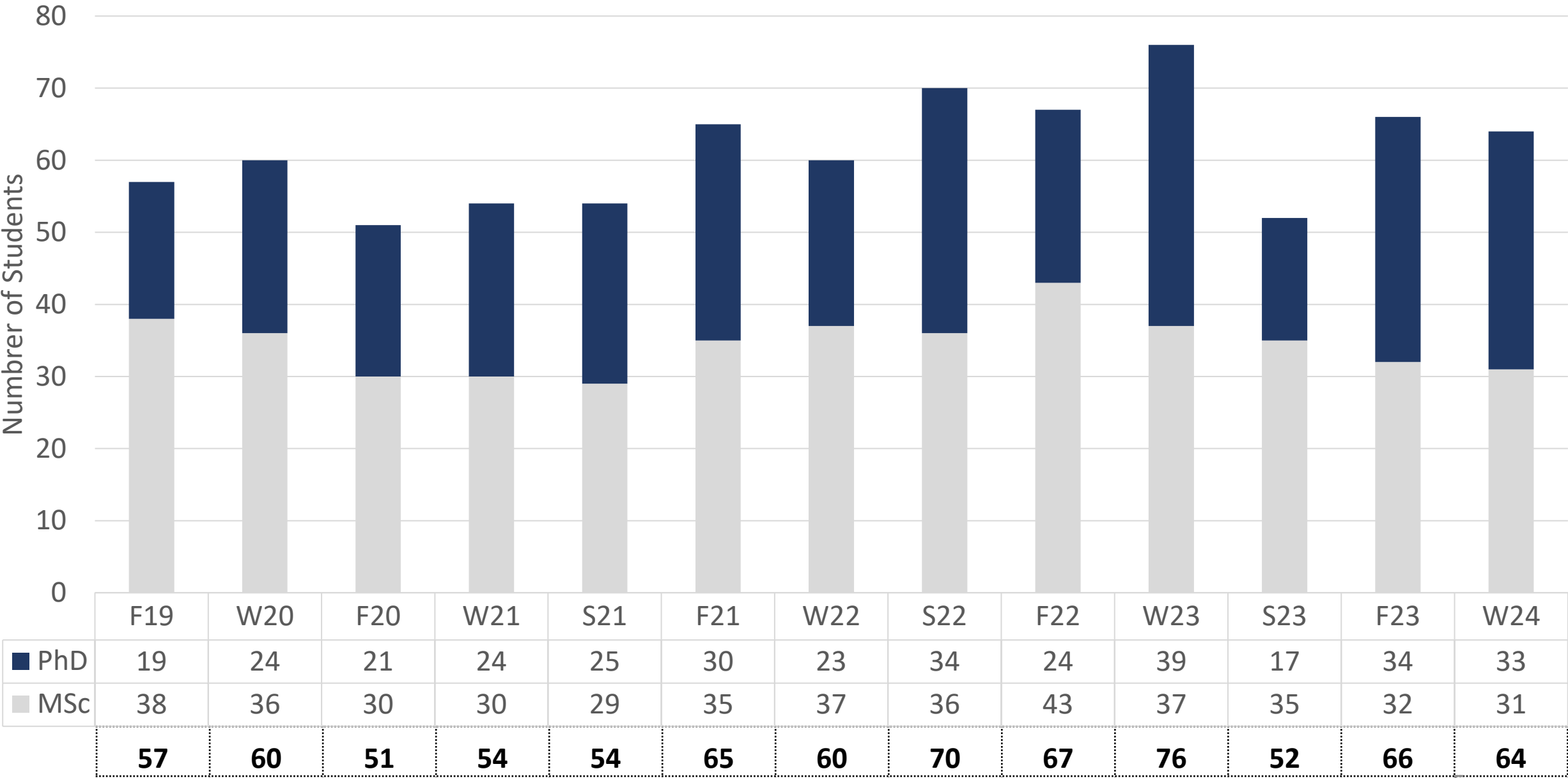
- Sina Radpour - September 5th
- Mahmoud Hazari - September 8th
- Stephen French – Dec 4th
- Abdul-Muizz Kelani – Dec 13th



Overview of Recent Graduate Activity

Graduate Activity	F23	W24 (In Progress)	Total (to date)
PhD Defences	2	2	4
MSc Defences	4		4
Qualifying Exams	4	1	5
MSc Seminars	4		4
PhD Seminars (1, 2)	3	1	4
Withdrawals	1		1

Graduate (Thesis-based) Enrollment Summary, past 5 years



Current Graduate (Thesis-based) Enrollments

Semester	MSc	MSc+AI	PhD.CS	PhD.CSCI	PhD+ONEH	Total	Domestic/Int'l
F19	35	3	1	18		56	36/26 (46%)
W20	33	3	1	23		62	40/22 (35%)
F20	25	5	1	20		51	
W21	24	6	1	23		54	36/18 (33%)
S21	23	6	0	24	1	54	34/20 (37%)
F21	27	8	1	28	1	65	42/23 (35%)
W22	30	7	9*	22	1	69	48/21 (30%)
S22	27	9	14	19	1	71	48/23 (32%)
F22	32	11	17*	23	1	84	58/26 (31%)
W23	28	9	17	21	1	76	53/23 (30%)
S23	26	9	16	19*	1	71	51/20 (28%)
F23	20	12	17	16	1	66	45/21 (32%)
W24	20	11	16	17	0	64	45/19 (30%)
Semester	MSc	MSc+AI	PhD.CS	PhD.CSCI	PhD+ONEH	Total	Domestic/Int'l
New F22	7	2	4	3		16	11/5 (31%)
New W23	1					1	1/0 (0%)
New S23	2					2	2/0 (0%)
New F23	2	3	2	2		9	3/6 (67%)
New W24	1			1		2	1/1 (50%)

Impact of new gov't regulations on int'l student enrollment

- New federal and provincial government regulations recently announced for international students due to housing crisis
- Federal regulations so far aimed at **undergraduate students**
 - Caps, limit/elimination on post graduate work permits
 - Limit private / public partnership programs aimed at international students
- Ontario regulations aimed at universities guaranteeing housing for int'l students
 - Unclear yet what impact this will have...will be replace domestic students?

Grad Reminders & Upcoming Deadlines

- F23 Progress Reports: student-initiated online Gryphform: due **Feb 2nd**
- W24 Defences:
 - MSc Defence Schedule: Minimum 4 weeks in advance of the target defence
 - PhD Defence Schedule: Minimum 8 weeks in advance of the target defence
 - Last day to defend in W24 is **April 30th**
 - Last day for students to have thesis approved in Atrium for W24 is **May 8th**
- W24 Major Scholarships:
 - **Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)/QEII-GSST:** (\$15,000) Application (student) and references (faculty) due to GPA (Jennifer) by **TOMORROW Jan 31st**
 - **Vector Scholarships in AI** (\$17,500 entrance scholarship) – S24, F24, W25 incoming students – deadline **March 21st (internal deadlines may be earlier)**

New SoCS Doctoral “Summer” Scholarship for PhD Students (new & existing)

MCTI revenue shares will be used for **\$2,500 Doctoral Scholarship** for all PhD students each **Summer Semester**

- Aims to help PhD students during summer term when no GTAs
- Funding provided during student’s guaranteed funding period
- Funding counts towards minimum funding requirements

Brief MCTI Updates

- W24 enrollments:
 - 23 accepted offers
 - 8 deferrals to F24 (many 2nd deferrals due to delays in study visas)
 - 4 withdrawals (some due to lack of housing)
 - 11 enrolled students
- Admissions F24 (application deadline Feb 1st)
 - So far, we've received 123 applications
 - Target is 60 incoming for F24 (currently have 9 spots filled by deferrals)
 - Aiming to make ~100 offers based on expected acceptances and possible deferrals
 - Currently changing gov't regulations may impact things
- Mitacs MCTI projects: 12+ internships across 9 companies / gov't agencies

Questions?