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## The Skelton-Clark Economics Fund

For many years, the graduate programs in Economics at Queen's have been among the very best in Canada. This is important for all aspects of the Department. Having excellent graduate students makes it easier to recruit and retain excellent faculty members. Moreover, graduate students play key roles in undergraduate education by serving as teaching assistants and, in the case of some senior Ph.D. students, as course instructors. In order for the QED to attract high-quality students to its M.A. and Ph.D. programs, in competition with other Economics departments in Canada and elsewhere, the Department must be able to offer competitive levels of financial support. This has been a challenge in recent years.

The Department aims to admit about 40 M.A. students and 10 Ph.D. students each year. The M.A. program has an outstanding record of placing its graduates in the federal public service, in the private sector, and in doctoral programs at Queen's and elsewhere. The doctoral program has been extraordinarily successful in producing graduates who have gone on to distinguished careers in academia and in the public and private sectors.

Support for graduate studies in the QED comes from a variety of sources, the largest of which are under severe downward pressure at the moment. One relatively small but important source is the Department's **Skelton-Clark Economics Fund**. This endowed fund is named after the distinguished Queen's graduates, professors, and public servants Oscar Skelton (1878–1941) and Clifford Clark (1889–1952). Skelton was Undersecretary of State for External Affairs from 1925 to 1941, and Clark was Deputy Minister of Finance from 1932 to 1952.

The Skelton-Clark Economics Fund provides the most flexible way for the Department to support graduate students. Funds from it can be used for fellowships, research assistantships, or teaching assistantships, and they can also be used to fund research expenses or conference attendance by graduate students.

For more information about how you can contribute to the Skelton-Clark Economics Fund, or to any of the QED's other funds, please contact Juanita Dennie, Alumni Coordinator ([denniej@econ.queensu.ca](mailto:denniej@econ.queensu.ca), 613 533-3122).