

GSE Feedback—Academic Excellence

Areas for Improvement	Criteria	Areas Where Application is Strong	Score (0.0-5.0)
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1 Scholarships, Awards and Distinctions</u> (amount, duration and prestige)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Does the applicant have a history of funding? International>national>provincial>local, generally \$ Duration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Has the applicant but the award in context? Or the lack of awards in context (e.g. went to an undergraduate institution with no merit-based awards)?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trajectory!</p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2 Academic Record</u> (transcripts; duration of previous studies; program requirements and courses pursued; course load; relative standing in program (if available))</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Context is important (all A's are great, but all A's in the classes where class average is a 65 is stronger, for example) Where is important, keep in mind that different countries especially have different standards Life experience is important, what else was the applicant doing while earning these grades Did the applicant take more courses than necessary and do well?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trajectory!</p>		

If an applicant has not sent all documents, please write N/A on those you don't feel you can comment on.

Scoring Guide

Descriptor	Range	Descriptor	Range	Descriptor	Range
Outstanding	4.5-4.9				
Excellent	4.0-4.4	Good	3.0-3.4	Below Average	1.0-1.9
Very Good	3.5-3.9	Average	2.0-2.9	Not Acceptable	0.0-0.9

CIHR's traditional rating scale.