

A GUIDE TO THE OISE APPLICATION

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CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT

To apply to OISE, go to:

admissions.sgs.utoronto.ca/apply

If this is your first time applying, click "Create an account."

If you are a returning user, click "Log in".



Application Management

Returning users: First-time users:

Log in to continue an application. Create an account to start a new application.

To apply to OISE you need to create an account. Enter your email address, first and last name, and birthdate.

- All official correspondence from the University of Toronto and OISE will go to the email address you enter.
- Enter your full legal first and last names.
- International students should enter your first and last names exactly as they appear on your passport.
- If necessary, you can enter your preferred or former names later in the application.
- Click continue to start a new application

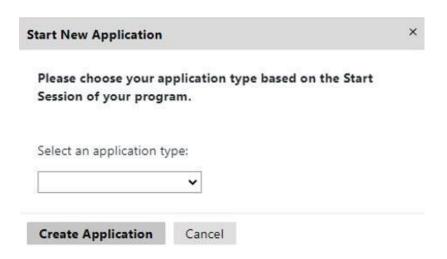
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Last Name				
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SELECTING A PROGRAM

Choose a start session.
For example, if you are planning to begin studies in the September 2026 Fall session, select Fall 2026 to Summer 2027, then Fall 2026. Then click Create Application.



Select the graduate unit and the program of study.

There are 4 graduate units at OISE:

- Applied Psychology and Human Development Please use the drop-down menus below to select the degree program to which you wish to apply.
- Curriculum, Teaching and Learning
- Leadership, Higher and Adult Education
- Social Justice Education

A list of open programs, as well as admission and application requirements, can be found here.

If the program of study is no longer accepting applications, the GradApp system will show that the program is closed.

You may be able to choose a collaborative specialization depending on your program of study.

Fall Term - Graduate Unit Selection

If you cannot find a particular degree program, please confirm with the graduate unit which programs are currently being

Based on the round or term that you selected when you began your application, only graduate units and programs that are accepting applications for that term will appear in the drop-downs below. Should you wish to change your term of entry, please return to the "Home" page using the options on the left and change your application round selection.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

You can view your application progress on the left menu and toggle between different parts of the application.

Required fields:

- Legal Given Name (your first name)
- Surname/Family Name (your last name)
- Permanent Address
- Mailing Address

Note: If you have legally changed your name and it appears differently on your transcript(s), add your name as it appears on your transcript.

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Personal and Contact

Please provide your name, citizenship, and contact information. The email address you provide will be used by the graduate unit to contact you concerning your application.

You must use your **complete official name** as shown on official government documents. Pay attention to spelling and capitalization, as changing this information once your application has been submitted requires official documentation.

Name	
Legal Given Name	
Middle	
Surname/Family Name	
Suffix	~
Preferred First Name	
Previous Surname/Family Name	

Required fields are:

- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Gender Identity
- Birthdate
- Native Language (your first language; mother tongue)
- Primary Citizenship (citizenship at the time of birth)



ACADEMIC HISTORY

Add each post-secondary institution previously attended, including dates attended, degree and transcript(s).

You must submit unofficial transcripts for all post- secondary studies at the time of application.

You are required to submit official transcripts only if you are offered admission.

Note: any document uploaded through the application system is considered unofficial.

You can upload unofficial transcript(s) after the application has been submitted and the fee paid.

** Degree field - please do not leave this as the default "No Degree Awarded or Expected" unless you did not complete the program or you do not plan to complete it.

IMPORTANT:

Current or former U of T Students

We require current or former U of T students to submit an unofficial U of T transcript. If admitted, an official transcript is typically not required as a condition of admission because the student record is accessible to OISE Admissions.

Academic History

Please provide details of all post-secondary study you have undertaken, including current studies, even if a degree has not been awarded. Begin with the most recent (or current) institution attended, and continue in reverse chronological order.

Official transcripts are required for each university, college, CEGEP, junior college, graduate school or other postsecondary institution that you are currently attending and that you previously attended. Documents that you submit via the upload process are considered unofficial. Please check the graduate unit's application instructions

Institution	Degree	Dates Attended	
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Memorial Univ Of Nfld	Bachelor of Arts, 02/2024	09/2009-06/2013	Edi
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Institution	
Country	Canada
City	
Province	Select Province
Dates Attended	v to v
Level of Study	Undergraduate 🗸
Degree	No Degree Awarded or Expected
Area of Concentration	
GPA	on a scale of (e.g., 4.0, 4.3, 5.0, 15, 100)
	Please report the average grade of courses in your final year of full- time study. If you were not studying full-time, please enter the average of your most recent courses equivalent to a full course load. Please use your university's grading scale, and do not attempt to convert it to the University of Toronto's scale.
Degree (Other)	
Language of Instruction	~
Program Length in Years and/or Months (please indicate)	i.e. 1 year 3 months; 4 months, etc.
Submit Transcript	

page as an image file. You must ensure that the files uploaded by you are legible. Your scanned document may be large and may take several minutes to upload depending upon the speed of your connection.

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Cancel

ACADEMIC HISTORY: Adding Your Current Courses

Academic History

Continue

Please provide details of all post-secondary study you have undertaken, including current studies, even if a degree has not been awarded. Begin with the most recent (or current) institution attended, and continue in reverse chronological order.

Official transcripts are required for each university, college, CEGEP, junior college, graduate school or other postsecondary institution that you are currently attending and that you previously attended. Documents that you submit via the upload process are considered unofficial. Please check the graduate unit's application instructions to determine at what point in the application process you will need to provide official transcripts.

Institution	Degree	Dates Attended	
Add Institution			
York University	Masters of Arts, 11/2020	01/201909/2020	Edit
Memorial Univ Of Nfld	Bachelor of Arts, 02/2024	09/2009-06/2013	Edit

Please provide details of any courses currently in progress at your most recent institution. If you are <u>not</u> currently enrolled, please leave this section empty.

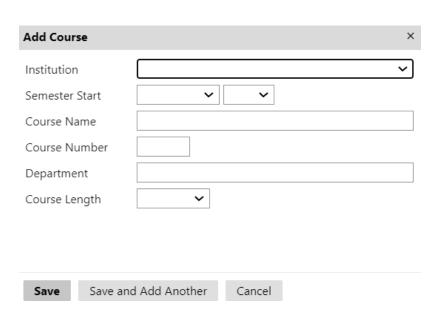
Course

Semester Start
Institution

Course Semester Start In
Add Course

Add course name, semester and institution of all courses that do not show on current, submitted transcripts, but that you will complete by the start of the program.

This information is helpful in assessing your application.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

As English is the primary language of instruction and communication at the University of Toronto, you must demonstrate an adequate level of proficiency in English, regardless of citizenship status or country of origin.

Note: The "admitting degree" for OISE programs is a bachelor's degree for an application to master's studies, and a master's degree for an application to doctoral studies. Other programs completed in English will not meet the requirement for an exemption.

In responding to the question "do any exemptions above apply to you?": If you answer "Yes", indicate which exemptions apply. If you answer "No", you must self-report ELP scores.

When in doubt it is better to respond "No" and provide appropriate scores.

ELP Requirement Check

English Language Requirement Check

Normally, if applicants meet any one of the following conditions, they are not required to submit proof of proficiency in English (please consult the graduate unit to determine whether proof of ELP will still be required):

- · Native language is English (language first learned and still used on a daily basis).
- Canadian citizen who studied at a Canadian university where the language of instruction is French
- · Obtained their admitting degree from an institution recognized by the University of Toronto and where the language of instruction and examination is uniformly English.
- Completed their admitting degree in one of the following countries/regions: Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Ghana, Guyana, Hong Kong, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Malta, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

Note: Some applicants from the above mentioned countries/regions may be required to provide proof of English proficiency as English is not the sole language of instruction at all universities

The language of instruction and examination must be verified by the graduate unit and/or the School of Graduate Studies. Applicants should provide an official academic transcript with a note confirming the use of English as the language of instruction and examination. If the official academic transcript does not have this note, applicants should make arrangements for an official statement to be sent from their institution directly to the graduate unit confirming the use of English as the primary language of instruction and examination. Please consult the graduate unit to determine whether proof of English-language proficiency will still be required.

If you do not meet one of the above-mentioned conditions you will need to submit an English proficiency test as part of your application. Do any of the exemptions above apply to you?

O No

Continue

If you do not meet one of the above-mentioned conditions you will need to submit an English proficiency test as part of your application. Do any of the exemptions above apply to you?

Please indicate which of the following exemption or exemptions apply to you:

Native language is English.

- ☐ Canadian citizen at a Canadian university where the language of instruction is French.
- Admitting degree is from an institution recognized by the University of Toronto where the language of instruction is
- ☐ Admitting degree is from one of the countries/regions listed in the question above.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY: Test Scores

Submit official scores as soon as possible. Self-reported scores are not official.

You must request electronic official scores be sent to the University of Toronto as soon as possible. Failure to do so will result in a delay of an admission offer.

If you have not taken an ELP test yet, indicate the type of test you will take and when you plan to take the test.

This step is required before submitting your application.

English Proficiency Requirement

If your primary language is not English and you graduated from a non-Canadian university where the language of instructions and examination was not English, you must provide proof of English-language proficiency. Please report your test scores below, and arrange for your official results to be sent directly to the University of Toronto. A list of acceptable tests, minimum requirements, and **instructions on how to submit your official scores** are available here. This requirement should be met at the time you submit your application.

You may be exempt from this requirement if you meet the following conditions outlined here. If you are exempt from this requirement, please leave this section blank and proceed to the next step.

Note: English Language Facility test scores are only valid for **two years** from the date of testing. If you have not yet completed one of these tests, please consult the graduate unit you are applying to as soon as possible. Your application cannot be assessed without this information.

Secondary Note: This page is for submission of English Language Proficiency scores. If your program requires GRE or GMAT scores, you will submit them on your application status page after submitting your application.



Add Test

Type

IELTS

Test Date

Overall Band Score

Listening

Reading

Writing

Speaking

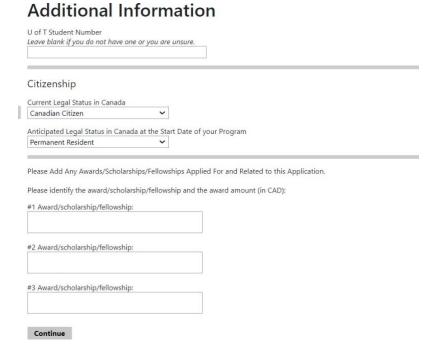
Test Report
Number (if applicable)

Cancel

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Some additional information is required, such as:

- Current Legal Status in Canada
- Anticipated Legal Status



FACULTY QUESTIONS

The number and type of Faculty Questions vary across programs and your responses will be evaluated with the rest of your application.

Enter your responses to each Faculty Question directly in the text box provided. We encourage you to formulate responses that are as concise and succinct as possible.

In addition to the guidelines provided on this page, you may consult the program's website for program specific guidelines to these Faculty Questions.

If you have questions about responding to faculty questions, connect with the program directly.

Note: You must upload a copy of your current resume or curriculum vitae when applying.

Some programs require a sample of written work. Details can be found on the specific program's website.

Faculty Questions

Upload sample of written work that demonstrates engagement with the humanities, or social sciences, and social justice in education.

Applicants are asked to answer each question in an essay format (please do not use point form and limit your responses to 200-250 words maximum). The content of your responses will be used in the assessment of the application, as well as the quality and clarity of your writing.

What research interests do you intend to pursue in your graduate studies? (200-250 words max.)

1500 words remaining

Please upload a copy of your Resume/CV.

Choose File No file chosen

Continue

IMPORTANT

Applicants will be unable to make changes to the Faculty Questions once you click "Continue" on the application review page.

You can upload the sample of work and resume at this stage or after you have submitted the application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Click on "Add Recommender" to add each recommender. Provide contact information including a valid institution/organization email address (do not include Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo! or other anonymous email addresses).

Communicate with prospective referees in advance to confirm current contact information and ensure the referee is willing and able to provide a timely letter of recommendation.

After you click "Send to Recommender", the system will email each recommender an invitation to upload a recommendation letter. Your designated referees will then upload letters of recommendation (also known as reference letters).

Note: The system will allow you to add up to 5 recommenders. Unless specified on the program website, OISE requires 2 recommendations. Do not designate more than the required number of recommenders.

Check the program's website for details before designating recommenders.

https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/futurestudents/programs

Recommendations

The University of Toronto will invite your referees to submit an electronic reference via email using the information provided below. Please note that different programs have different reference requirements: some will only accept academic references, while others may require a professional reference as well. It is your responsibility to select your referees with these requirements in mind.

We strongly recommended that you contact your referees before you supply their information, confirm that they are available to submit a reference, and confirm the institution/organization email address that they wish you to use. Email addresses from Gmail, Hotmail, Yahool, or other anonymous email service providers are not allowed. References submitted through dossier services such as Interfolio are not accepted.

If you cannot provide an institution/organization email address for a referee, contact the graduate unit to which you are applying and let them know that your referee does not have an institutional email address. The graduate unit has the option to either approve a non-institutional email address for the referee, or to require that the reference be submitted in hard copy.

If the graduate unit requires a hard copy of the reference, it is your responsibility to contact your referee to make this request. The referee may provide you with the reference or send it directly to the graduate unit. Either way, the reference must arrive at the graduate unit in a sealed envelope, with the referee's signature across the seal, by the posted deadline. Some units provide specific templates for references; please contact the graduate unit or check their website for additional instructions.

Name State

Add Recommender

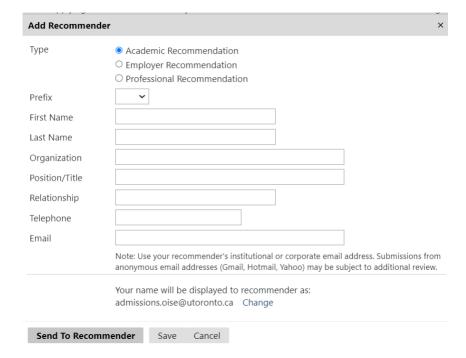
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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Designating Recommenders

For most programs, two letters of recommendation are the standard: one academic and one professional. When entering your recommender, you must designate that they are either Academic or Professional. If applicants do not have one of each, it is recommended that one is labeled as the missing category. An Academic Recommender is an instructor who has recently taught you a course and/or who has supervised your academic work. A Professional Recommender is someone who has supervised and/or is familiar with your work and/or professional employment.

Employer Recommendation option is not used by any OISE program. **Please do not use this designation.**

You can save and review Information before submitting. Once you click "Submit to Recommender", an email will be generated, even if you haven't submitted your application.



IMPORTANT:

By default, the system will use the legal first and last name entered at the beginning of the application. Applicants have the option to change the name that will display when the request is emailed to the recommender.

OPTIONAL SURVEY

Before finalizing your application, you can fill out an optional demographic survey.

Optional Survey

Where did you hear about our program?

The School of Graduate Studies is interested in finding out what resources applicants use to obtain information about U of T and its graduate programs. Your answers to the following three questions will assist in improving the dissemination of information for future applicants.

information for future applicants.	
How did you learn about the gr	aduate program to which you are applying? (Please select all that apply)
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☐ Faculty/program website	
☐ Friend/relative	
☐ Google	
☐ GradSchools.com website	
☐ Information session	
☐ Open house	
□ Other	
☐ Recruitment fair	
$\ \square$ School of Graduate Studies we	bsite
☐ U of T faculty/staff	
 U of T general website 	
☐ U of T student/alumnus	
Please indicate which of the foll graduate studies at U of T. (Plea	lowing printed materials, if any, you consulted in researching or applying for select all that apply)
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SIGNATURE AND REVIEW

We require you confirm that all statements made in the application are true, correct, and complete. Before signing, we strongly recommended you thoroughly read the statement.

The review page allows you to review all sections of the application to ensure all information is correct and complete. You will not be able to continue or submit the application if there are errors or any required fields are missing.

Once you submit the application, you will not be able to make any changes to any portion of your application.

Signature

I agree that all statements I make in this application and all information in any material that will be filed in support hereof are true, correct and complete and all material information will be disclosed. I furthermore confirm that all materials, except references, will be submitted by me, and that all statements will be written by me, without the assistance of any third parties, including consultants educational agencies, relatives, or friends. I understand that if the university finds to the contrary, my association with, admission to or registration in the university may be rescinded and cancelled after notice i writing to me at my home or sessional address. In addition, other Canadian universities may be contacted. I understand that the University of Toronto may contact my previous educational institutions or referees to confirm the accuracy and authenticity of supporting documents. The name used in this application is the complete name by which I am legally and correctly known. I understand that if I have not previously applied to or registered at the university this name will be officially recognized in academic records of the university, and it will not be changed there without a formal verification. I understand that if I have previously applied to or registered at the university and the name in this application is other than that by which I am known in academic records of the university, I must complete a change of name form. If the information I provide in an application is revealed to be invalid, the university reserves the right to terminate my account.

In place of your signature, please type your full legal name: LegalGivenName Surname/Family

Review

Please take a few minutes to review your application before finalizing and proceeding to the payment option. You will not be able to edit any of your information after you click the 'Continue" button below. You will be asked to pay the SGS Application Fee, and if applicable, a Supplemental Application Fee. You will then be able to upload all required documents for your application. It is you responsibility to ensure that all payments and document submissions are made before the deadline specified on your applied unit's webpage, and that all information submitted is accurate and complete.

We have detected the following errors with your application. These errors must be corrected before submission.

Section	Required Field or Error
Faculty Questions: APHD	Please describe specific counselling-related work or volunteer activities.
Faculty Questions: APHD	Please describe your with diversity commitment.
Recommendations	At least 2 referees are required for submission.
Signature	Please complete prior to submission.

Continue Save for Later

APPLICATION STATUS PAGE: **Payment**

The Application Status page displays the document checklist and allows you to make a payment for the application as well as upload supporting documentation. This page is updated once an official decision has been made on your application.

We cannot assess your application until you have submitted your application and paid your application fee.

Click on Submit Payment for each application fee to pay for your application.

- Anything that is outstanding will have a red X.
- If the fee has been received, it will display a green check mark.

Fall 2026 - Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education - PhD in Adult Education and Community Development (Flex-Time;

Application Status for

Fall 2026 - Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education - PhD in Adult Education and Community Development (Flex-Time)

If you need to contact us regarding your application, provide your name and this reference number:

Thank you for submitting your application to the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto! You can upload additional materials to your application below to fulfill your outstanding checklist items. It is your responsibility to ensure that all payments and document submissions are made before the deadline specified on your applied unit's webpage.

This status page will also be where you will receive your official decision from the faculty you have applied to within the School of Graduate Studies

Application fees are non-refundable, and cannot be transferred to another program. Review your program choice, and all application and admission requirements for your program before making payment.

Newly admitted International students: Please monitor the email address you used to apply for important updates and instructions, including next steps for obtaining your Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL).

If you want to go back to the Application Management page, then click this link.

Payment Due: 240.00 CAD

★ Awaiting SGS Application Fee - Submit Payment for 130.00 CAD

★ Awaiting Supplemental Application Fee - Submit Payment for 110.00 CAD

CREATING ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS?

The Application Management (Home) page lists all active applications. To add an additional application/program, click on "Start New Application". Each application is separate and requires you to upload all of your documents, such as resume and transcripts.

You can use the same or different referees; however, if using the same referee, your referee must submit a separate letter for each application.

If you have additional applications, you can toggle through any additional applications using the drop-down menu.

IMPORTANT: The OISE application fee covers up to 3 applications.

The total application fee for an OISE application is \$240.00 CAD. Once you submit the first application, you have the option to submit up to two more OISE applications (total of three) within the same academic year without paying another fee.

APPLICATION STATUS PAGE: Application Checklist

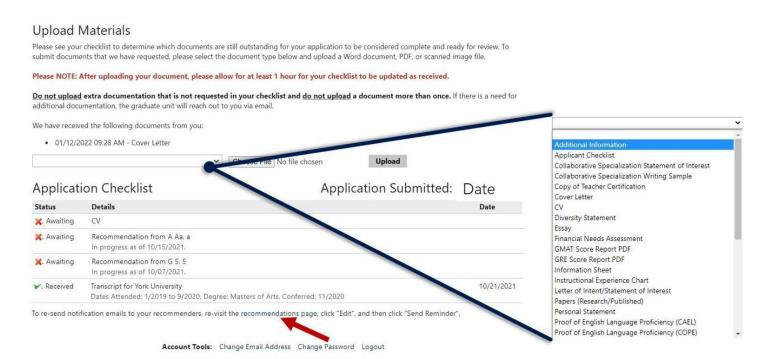
The application checklist lets you know if you need to submit

more documents. To submit any outstanding documents:

- Click on the dropdown menu
- · Select the missing document type
- · Choose the appropriate file
- Click upload

After you have submitted a new document, the status will change from awaiting to received. It can take up to 1 hour to see this status change.

Note: only submit the supporting documents listed on the Application Checklist. Additional or supplemental documents will not strengthen an application as we will not consider and/or evaluate them.



IMPORTANT:

OISE and U of T send all official communication and decisions to the email you provided on your application. Be sure to use an email that you regularly check.

If your recommenders have not submitted their required letters of reference, you can have the GradApp system send them a reminder email.