

THE REPORT

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
& STUDENT SERVICES
NEWSLETTER

Everyone in the Office of the Registrar and Student Services (ORSS) hopes that all members of the OISE community, their families and friends, remain safe and healthy. New information continues to come in from many sources and so we are sending out another themed issue of our newsletter.

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Recipients **WILL NOT** be penalized because they withdrew from studies or dropped some of their courses because of COVID-19. There will be no academic penalties for students who fully or partially withdrew (i.e., reduced their course load below OSAP's minimum course load requirements for funding for full-time studies) because a student was ill, self-isolating, quarantined, caring for an immediate family member, or withdrew due to mental health issues resulting from COVID-19.

Summer 2020

Use the U of T [Summer 2020 full-time OSAP extension](#) application if you received full-time OSAP at the University of Toronto in the 2019-2020 Fall and/or Winter term(s) and you're applying for additional funding for full-time Summer studies.

- You must have full-time registration status (or at least a 40% course load with an OSAP profile permanent disability).
- Students in lower course loads should apply for Part-Time OSAP for the summer term. The part-time application can be accessed from the [OSAP](#) website.

Fall/Winter 2020-21

We do not have information about any COVID-19 related changes in the 2020-21 OSAP program at this time, but will add it to our [COVID Update](#) website as information becomes available. Note that there is information included in the Government of Canada announcement (below) that affects Ontario residents as well as residents of other provinces and territories who are eligible or might be eligible to receive government financial assistance.

- Prepare to apply for your Fall/Winter application in Spring 2020. Check back on the [OSAP](#) website and apply early so as to give your application sufficient processing time.
- Domestic students who are from outside of Ontario should apply early for financial aid through their home province. Check on the financial aid website of your home province in Spring 2020 for the new information on Fall/Winter 2020-21 applications.

Government of Canada announces \$9 billion in new supports for students and new grads affected by COVID-19

The Government of Canada announced approx. \$9 billion in new supports for students and new grads affected by COVID-19. The measures will provide financial support this summer and assist students to continue with studies in the fall. The announcement also provides new funds to extend federal research grants and expiring scholarships and fellowships.

Initiatives Announced

- Creation of the **Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)**, which would provide support to students and new graduates who are not eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit. This benefit would provide \$1,250 per month for eligible students or \$1,750 per month for eligible students with dependents or disabilities. The benefit would be available from May to August 2020. Once up and running, the CESB will be delivered by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- **Double the Canada Student Grants** for all eligible full-time students to up to \$6,000 and up to \$3,600 for part-time students in 2020-21. The Canada Student Grants for Students with Permanent Disabilities and Students with Dependents would also be doubled.
- **Broaden eligibility for student financial assistance** by removing the expected student's and spouse's contributions in 2020-21, in recognition that many students and families will struggle to save for school this year.
- **Enhance the Canada Student Loans Program** by raising the maximum weekly amount that can be provided to a student in 2020-21 from \$210 to \$350.
- **Extend expiring federal graduate research scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships, and supplement existing federal research grants**, to support students and post-doctoral fellows, by providing \$291.6 million to the federal granting councils. In addition, the government intends to enhance work opportunities for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows through the National Research Council of Canada.
- **Create the Canada Student Service Grant**, which will help students gain valuable work experience and skills while they help their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. For students who choose to do national service and serve their communities, the new Canada Student Service Grant will provide up to \$5,000 for their education in the fall.
- **Increase existing distinctions-based support for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation students** pursuing post-secondary education by providing an additional \$75.2 million in 2020-21.
- For International Students, the Government of Canada will **remove the restriction that allows international students to work only a maximum of 20 hours per week** while classes are in session, provided they are working in an essential service or function, such as health care, critical infrastructure, or the supply of food or other critical goods.

A link to the announcement can be found here: [GC Support for Students and New Grads affected by COVID-19](#).

Some additional details on implementation can be found at: [Department of Finance](#)

Summer 2020 Work Study Program

The University of Toronto work study program will operate remotely this summer. The Work Study Program offers paid, (normally on-campus, but this summer telecommuting) positions that provide you with an opportunity to deepen your knowledge, strengthen your skills and explore how your academic studies translate to career possibilities.

Key program dates are:

- Student Application period: April 30 – May 29

- Hiring period: May 4 – June 5
- Program period: May 11 – August 7

For more information and to apply visit: [CLNx](#)

OISE Summer Bursary Program

The OISE Bursary Program provides financial assistance to full-time OISE students who demonstrate financial need. The bursary is non-repayable, and intended to assist you in financing your education.

- Note that students are expected to rely on OSAP or other government assistance (including special COVID supports) before requesting bursary assistance.

Most years the summer bursary is only available to full time OISE graduate students in teacher education programs (MT and MA CSE). However, all OISE students whose employment income has been disrupted due to the COVID-19 situation and who are experiencing immediate financial hardship, can apply for an OISE Emergency Bursary. The [application](#) for summer bursary assistance will open in early May.

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