Overview

- The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) program encourages excellence in graduate studies.
- This is a merit-based scholarship provided to Ontario’s best graduate students in all disciplines of academic study.
- The Province allocates OGS awards to universities specifying the number of awards that each may offer to their students.
Indigenous Scholar Awards

- Graduate students who are Indigenous to Canada (recognized in the Constitution Act, 1982 as a person who identifies with First nations (Status/Non-Status), Métis, or Inuit) and have indicated this status on their OGS application will be eligible to be considered for one of two (2) OGS Indigenous Scholar Awards and potentially other Indigenous awards offered by the School of Graduate Studies.

- Aim is to recognize excellence and promote equitable access and participation in the OGS program by Indigenous applicants.
Value and Duration

- $5,000 per session for 2 or 3 consecutive sessions
- Must register and remain enrolled as a full-time student in the graduate unit from which the OGS was awarded.
- Recipients who withdraw, transfer to part-time status, complete degree requirements prior to the end of their award, or fail to complete the full term, will be required to pay any funds received for the incomplete term. Please let your Graduate Liaison Officer (GLO) know so that we can communicate with SGS.
- If you request a leave of absence, please send your GLO a copy of your approved form so that we can forward to SGS.
Eligibility to Apply

- Domestic competition: Be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) by your graduate unit deadline (March 18, 2019).

- International competition: Hold a valid study permit effective as of the graduate unit OGS (international) application deadline (March 18, 2019).
Eligibility to Apply

- Be registered or intend to register in an eligible program on a **full-time** basis in 2019-20 (when the OGS is awarded).
  - MA, MEd, MT, PhD, PhD Flex, EdD

- Have not exceeded lifetime maximum of government-funded support or maximum OGS support available for your current level of study.
  - Master’s students may receive the scholarship for a maximum of two years.
  - Doctoral students may receive the scholarship for a maximum of four years.
  - Both are subject to a lifetime maximum of six years per student.

- OGS guidelines restrict students to a lifetime maximum of six years of government-funded awards and prohibit students from holding an OGS and another government-funded award concurrently.
Eligibility to Apply: Minimum GPA

- Applicants must have achieved at least A- (or equivalent) in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent); or if the student has completed two years of graduate studies at the time of application, the student must only demonstrate an overall average of at least A- (or equivalent) on all graduate courses.

- Note: If marks used for calculating an applicant’s grade point average (GPA) are not available (e.g. courses were graded on a pass-fail basis), then the next most recent available undergraduate or graduate marks should be used to determine eligibility.
Eligibility to Apply: GPA (translated)

- < 2 years of Graduate studies
  - At least A- in last year of study: YES

- 2 or more years of Graduate Studies
  - At least A- in second last year of study: YES
  - At least A- on ALL graduate courses: YES
Attention PhD FT Funded Students

- As per the current terms and conditions of the Graduate Base Funding Package:
  - PhD students in year 1, 2 and 3 of their program are required to apply for and accept any external awards for which they are eligible.
  - OGS is the last opportunity to apply for a major external award this academic year
- If you are awarded an OGS (or any other major external scholarship), you will receive the value of your Graduate Base Funding Package differently. Pay attention to your funding letter in the summer as it will outline how you will receive your funds. Don’t expect the same process!
Eligibility to hold the OGS

- Recipients must register and remain enrolled as a full-time student in an eligible program at the graduate unit (department) from which the OGS was awarded.

- Must be in good standing with the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).

- Cannot hold an OGS award at the same time as a scholarship from SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR, QEII-GSST, OGS, Ontario Trillium Scholarship, or Vanier.
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Employment

You may accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other paid employment that does not affect your status as a full-time graduate and is in line with your graduate unit policies.

Typically, students holding full-time paid employment are not eligible to receive an OGS from the University of Toronto.
Tips: Academic Assessments

- Ask academic faculty who know your work well and can write with authority about the significance of your research purpose and research methods.
- Give referees your proposal and your CV so they have as much information as possible to draw upon when writing the letters.
- Allow referees enough time to write a supportive letter (minimum 2 weeks suggested).
Tips: Transcripts

- Up-to-date transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies (including those from U of T) must be scanned and uploaded by the applicant.
- Include the program you are currently registered in to demonstrate registration in the program.
- Scanned unofficial, student-issued, or web transcripts are permitted. i.e. Academic History from ACORN.
- Official transcripts must be previously submitted (as part of your admissions application). If not, they should be submitted to your Graduate Liaison Officer.
- OGS will accept certified copies of transcripts from foreign universities. See your Graduate Liaison Officer.
Tips

- Your “Graduate Unit” is your Department (APHD; CTL; LHAE; SJE)
- OGS Deadline is March 18, 2019
- Do not exceed word count limits
- If we can’t view an attachment (i.e. the PDF won’t open), your application may be deemed ineligible.
- Referees must complete the Academic Assessment Report online
- You cannot submit your application until the academic assessment report is received
If you hold an award that is valued over $12,000, you cannot hold a Fall/Winter Graduate Assistantship at the same time (CUPE 3907 collective agreement).

If you have a Graduate Base Funding Package, the award will be incorporated. The value remains the same.
Information and Contacts

▶ OGS application and information: [http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/currentstudents/Pages/Ontario-G Graduate-Scholarship.aspx](http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/currentstudents/Pages/Ontario-G Graduate-Scholarship.aspx)

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