

TERMS OF REFERENCE

ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND QUEEN ELIZABETH II GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UOTTAWA 2023-2024

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SUMMARY

Value of the Award:	Max. \$15,000 (\$5,000 per term, up to 3 terms)
Number of Awards:	Limited, based on provincial quotas
Frequency of the Award:	Annual
Level or Program of Study:	Graduate
Application Location:	Online Scholarships Portal, accessible via uOZone External Candidates: Request account creation
Application Contact:	Financial Aid and Awards Service
Application Deadline:	December 5, 2022 (11:59 p.m. ET)

INTRODUCTION

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) and the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST) programs encourage excellence in graduate studies at publicly assisted universities in Ontario. Since 1975, the OGS program has been providing merit-based scholarships to Ontario's best graduate students in all disciplines of academic study. In 1998, the Ontario government introduced the QEII-GSST, a merit-based scholarship program targeted specifically toward graduate students in science and technology.

PURPOSE OF FUND

Students in graduate studies at the master's and doctoral levels can apply for a merit-based scholarship through the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Program.

Awards are available to graduate students for all disciplines of academic study at [participating schools in Ontario](#).

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

1. Citizenship

- o For OGS:
 - Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) at the time of the application deadline;
 - Foreign students who are studying in Ontario under a temporary resident visa or student study permit, under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) are eligible for the allotted OGS international student awards. Applicants who do not have a valid temporary resident visa or student study permit at the time of application will be required to provide proof of a valid one at the time of taking up the award.
- o For QEII-GSST:
 - Be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person [under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protections Act (Canada)] at the time of submitting the application. International students are not eligible for QEII-GSST awards.

2. Minimum Academic Average

- o For OGS and QEII-GSST:
 - Applicants having completed **zero to twenty-four months** of graduate studies at the time of the application deadline: must have achieved a minimum average of at least A- (8.0/10), in each of the last two years of completed studies (full-time equivalent).
 - Applicants entering the **third year or beyond** of graduate studies at the time of the application deadline: must have an overall average of at least A- (8.0/10) on all graduate courses completed, including graduate courses taken while completing an undergraduate degree or as a special student.

Examples of one-year full-time equivalent

- o Undergraduate studies: enrolled full-time for the fall and the winter terms.
- o Graduate studies: enrolled full-time for three consecutive terms.
- o Undergraduate and graduate studies: two terms of part-time studies are equivalent to one term of full-time studies.

3. Enrolment Requirements

- o For OGS and QEII-GSST:
 - Be enrolled full-time in, or expect to be enrolled full-time, in a graduate program during the academic year 2023-2024 (May 2023 to April 2024) at the University of Ottawa.
 - **Master's program:** applicants cannot have completed more than four terms of their master's program at the time that the award is disbursed.
 - **PhD program:** applicants cannot have completed more than 13 terms of their PhD program at the time that the award is disbursed.
- o For QEII-GSST only:
 - Be enrolled in a research master's or doctoral program in science and technology disciplines, [as per the eligible disciplines](#)

VALUE AND DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Value of the Award: Max. \$15,000 (\$5,000 per term, up to 3 terms)

Number of Awards: Each university is assigned an OGS and QEII-GSST allocations according to its share of eligible full-time domestic graduate enrolments.

The allocation breakdown of domestic and international OGS and QEII-GSST awards for 2023-2024 will be made available when institutional allocations are received from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU).

Funding Limitations: Master's students can receive the scholarship for a maximum of two years and doctoral students for a maximum of four years.

In addition, there is a lifetime maximum of six (6) years of government-funded student awards not to be exceeded. Awards under the following programs will be counted toward this lifetime maximum:

- o the Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program (OGS)
- o the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST)
- o the Ontario Trillium Scholarships (OTS)
- o the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC, includes Vanier)
- o the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC, includes Vanier)
- o the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR, includes Vanier)

Recipients may not concurrently hold an OGS, QEII-GSST award or a tri-council award, including:

- o The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Program (SSHRC);
- o The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Program (NSERC);
- o The Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR).

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

uOttawa Students (past, present or with an active admission application at uOttawa):

Applications must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, which can be accessed through [uoZone](#).

External Candidates (who do not have a uOttawa student number, uoAccess, and no active admission application at uOttawa): External candidates must request an account creation to the Online Scholarships and Bursaries portal by emailing loansandawards@uOttawa.ca, with the following details:

- o Subject line: "Request for access to Online Scholarships Portal (OGS)"
 - o Given Name and Surname
 - o Email address (this will be used for correspondence and as the username/login)

- Language Preference (Français or English)

Once their account is created, external candidates will receive an email inviting them to access their account and reset their password.

Competitions

There are ten (10) OGS competitions available on the Online Scholarships Portal:

uOttawa - Faculty of Arts

uOttawa - Faculty of Education

uOttawa - Faculty of Engineering

uOttawa - Faculty of Health Sciences

uOttawa - Faculty of Law

uOttawa - Telfer School of Management

uOttawa - Faculty of Medicine

uOttawa - Faculty of Science

uOttawa - Faculty of Social Sciences

Saint Paul University

- Candidates must apply to the competition of their proposed host faculty (where they would receive the scholarship).
 - Click here to consult [uOttawa's Academic Units](#)
- Candidates may apply to more than one competition.
- Candidates submit one application per competition.

Application Contents

- The OGS Form
- Resume (CV)
 - This application will only accept a resume that was created through the Online Scholarships and Bursaries portal
- Research/Program Statement and Contributions: provide your research/program statement in the space provided (max. 700 words).
- (Optional) Bibliography and Citations (max. 500 words)
- Supporting Documentation
 - Official Transcripts: Upload complete official transcripts of all postsecondary institutions you have frequented. uOttawa students can upload an unofficial uOttawa transcript. Please ensure to include the back of the documents, should they contain legends. [Click here for complete details regarding transcripts.](#)
 - Letter of Sponsorship or Letter of Interest of Sponsorship (QEII-GSST). Required only if you answered “Yes” to the question, “I have read the eligibility criteria for the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST) and wish to have my candidacy considered for this scholarship.”
- Notice of Collection, Applicant's Consent and Applicant's Declaration

Academic Assessment Report (OGS / QEII-GSST)

In addition, candidates will require an Academic Assessment Report, sent by a referee of their choice.

- o Candidates applying to a Master's program: one (1) Academic Assessment Report is required.
- o Candidates applying to a PhD program: two (2) Academic Assessment Reports are required.

Download the [Academic Assessment Report \(OGS / QEII-GSST\)](#) and complete the Student Information section. Save the form, then send it to your referee.

The referee is responsible for completing the "Academic Assessment", "Additional Information" and "Referee Information" sections and submitting the Academic Assessment Report by email to loansandawards@uOttawa.ca with the subject "Academic Assessment Report".

The Awards Office will notify candidates by email once their referee has submitted their report. Note that these reports are not shared with the candidates.

STATUS OF APPLICATION AND COMPETITION RESULTS

Application

At all times, candidates can monitor the status of their application on the Online Scholarships Portal, in the *My award application* tab.

Once the candidate has submitted their application, they will receive a confirmation email and their online application status will display "Application Submitted".

Application Submitted

General Information

Application ID
104933

Award Name
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (712210301434) / Example OGS - Faculty of

Program
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (712210301434)

Competition
Example OGS - Faculty of X

Submission deadline (dd-mm-yyyy hh:mm)
05-12-2022 23:59

Once the Awards Office has received all the required [Academic Assessment Reports](#) for the application, the candidate will be notified by email and their online application status will change to "Under Review".

Under Review

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Results

The results will be announced in the spring of 2023. OGS and QEII-GSST decisions are final; there will be no appeals accepted.

Please note that the OGS and QEII-GSST scholarships will only be offered when the University of Ottawa has received the funding confirmation from the Province of Ontario.

Eligible Disciplines for QEII-GSST Purposes

Applied Sciences

- Aerospace (may include Aeronautical Engineering)
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering and Architecture (may include Landscape Architecture)
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Science (may include Engineering, Engineering Physics and Nuclear Engineering)
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mining, Metallurgy, and Materials Science (may include Metallurgical Engineering)
- Systems and Industrial Engineering (may include Systems/Design Engineering and Operational Research)

Biological and Life Sciences

- Biochemistry and Biophysics (may include Medical Biophysics)
- Environmental Sciences (may include Agriculture, Ecology, Forestry, and Toxicology)
- General Biological Sciences (may include Biology, Botany, Entomology, Microbiology, Mycology, Plant and Animal Biology, and Zoology)
- Genetics, Cell, and Molecular Biology
- General Health Science (may include research-oriented programs in Epidemiology, Human Kinetics, Hygiene, Nutrition, and Rehabilitation disciplines such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Audiology, and Speech Pathology)
- Human Biology (may include Anatomy, Biomedical Sciences, Food Science, Immunology, Neuroscience, Pathology, Pharmacology, and Physiology)
- Medical and Veterinary Sciences (may include research-oriented programs in Dentistry, Medical Sciences, Nursing, Optometry, and Pharmacy)

Physical Sciences

- Chemistry
- Computer Science (may include Information/Systems Science)
- Earth Sciences (may include Geology and Geophysics)
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Physics (may include Astronomy, Meteorology, and Space Science)

Official Transcripts

You must include up-to-date transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies in accordance to the following criteria:

- o Transcripts must be issued by the Registrar's Office.
- o Up-to-date transcripts include final grades for your last term of studies.
- o For University of Ottawa transcripts only, you may submit a PDF copy of your UO transcript available via uoZone.
- o If your transcript is in a language other than English or French, you must submit a certified translated version.
- o One copy of the legend (reverse of each transcript) must be included except for Canadian transcripts.
- o If you took a course or courses in another university or if you participated in an exchange, you must submit the transcript even if the marks appear on your home university.(This does not apply to candidates admitted to a program at the University of Ottawa).
- o If your previous institution does not provide transcripts because of the pandemic, you can submit, in lieu of a transcript, a letter bearing the official institution seal/stamp or a letter signed by the dean of graduate studies or an equivalent confirming 1) their program of study, 2) their registration status and 3) the fact that the institution does not provide transcripts. In this case, the unofficial transcript will be accepted.
- o If transcripts are not provided for all study listed in your OGS application, the selection committee(s) will have less information on which to base their assessment, which may put your application at a disadvantage.
- o Scan and download all your transcripts into one single document using a PDF format. Please note that opening the envelope to scan the transcript will not render it unofficial for the OGS-QEII competition.
- o Retain the paper copy of any uploaded transcripts, as you may be asked to provide it for verification purposes.
- o The University of Ottawa acknowledge that the widespread disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic may hinder the ability of some institutions to provide applicants with official and up-to-date transcripts in advance of the deadline date, particularly at institutions which do not currently provide official electronic versions of these documents. Thus, we will show as much flexibility as possible in terms of the transcripts.