

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Program and Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST)

2024-2025

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| Value of the Award: | Max. \$15,000 (\$5,000 per term, up to three (3) terms) |
| Number of Awards: | Limited, based on provincial quotas. |
| Frequency of the Award: | Annual |
| Level or Program of Study: | Graduate Studies |
| Application Location: | Online Scholarships Portal, accessible via uOZone External Candidates: Request account creation |
| Application Contact: | Financial Aid and Awards Service |
| Application Deadline: | December 4, 2023 (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.

The fund's objective is to award scholarships to master's and doctoral students from all academic fields within participating Ontario institutions, with the aim of acknowledging and recognizing student excellence.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

1. Citizenship

For OGS:

- Be a 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 student study permit are eligible for the allotted OGS international student awards. Applicants who do not have a valid student study permit at the time of application will be required to provide proof of a valid one at the time of accepting the award.

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 Requirements

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 the equivalent of one year of full-time studies

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

3. Enrollment Requirements

For OGS and QEII-GSST:

- Be enrolled full-time, or expect to be enrolled full-time, in a graduate program during the academic year 2024-2025 (May 2024 to April 2025) at the University of Ottawa.
- Master's program: applicants cannot have completed more than four (4) terms of their master's program by the start date of the scholarship.
- PhD program: applicants cannot have completed more than thirteen (13) terms of their PhD program by the start date of the scholarship.

For QEII-GSST only:

- Be enrolled in a research master's or doctoral program in science and technology disciplines, [as per the pre-determined 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 a QEII-GSST allocation according to its share of eligible full-time domestic graduate enrollments. The number of awards for 2024-2025 will be made available as soon as received from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU).

Funding Limitations: master's students can receive the scholarship for a maximum of two (2) years and doctoral students for a maximum of four (4) 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:

- the Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program (OGS)
- the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST)
- the Ontario Trillium Scholarships (OTS)

- the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC, includes Vanier)
- the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC, includes Vanier)
- the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR, includes Vanier)

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

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

OGS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENOUS CANDIDATES

At the University of Ottawa, we are dedicated to empowering Indigenous graduate students. To honour this commitment, we proudly offer two exclusive OGS awards specifically for Indigenous students one at the master level and one at the PhD level. Within the OGS application, there is a designated section where eligible applicants can self-identify as Indigenous to be considered for these prestigious scholarships. Please note that applicants who self-identify on the application form will be required to provide a [document](#) confirming their Indigenous identity. For more information, consult the document [Eligibility for Focused Admissions, Scholarships and Bursaries for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people](#).

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uOttawa students (past, present or with an active admission application at uOttawa): must apply through Online Scholarships and Bursaries portal, which can be accessed through [uoZone](#).

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

- Subject line: “Access request to the Online Scholarships Portal (OGS)”
 - Given Name and Surname
 - Email address (it will be used for future correspondence and as the username login)
 - Language preference (French or English)

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

Competitions

There are nine (9) OGS competitions available on the Online Scholarships Portal:

- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Telfer School of Management

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](#).
- may apply to more than one competition. If you plan to apply to more than one faculty, you must complete an application for each faculty (competition).
- may submit only one application per competition (faculty).

Application Contents

- The OGS application 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. 1250 words)
- Supporting Documentation
 - Transcripts: Upload complete transcripts of **ALL** postsecondary institutions you have frequented. 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.” Please note that students who have not secured sponsorship can still submit an application and must include a letter stating that they have not found a suitable sponsorship opportunity.
 - Documented proof of Indigenous identity, as per the requirements of the University of Ottawa Eligibility for Focused Admissions, Scholarships, and Bursaries for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis People administrative procedure. Required only if you answered "Yes" to the statement "Declaration of Status: I hereby state that I identify as an Indigenous student (...)".
- Notice of Collection, Applicant's Consent and Applicant's Declaration

Academic Assessment Report (OGS / QEII-GSST)

All applicants to the OGS-QEII competitions require two (2) evaluation reports from two distinct referees.

As of Fall 2023, applicants can submit the referee names, email addresses through the Online Scholarship portal. Referees will receive an email inviting them to download and complete the candidate’s assessment form. The referee will then upload their document directly to the portal, using a link included in the original email.

Candidates will not have access to the referee’s completed assessment report. However, the candidate can verify, in the ‘Referee’ section of the application, whether the referee has submitted their report.

The [Academic Assessment Report form is available online](#), both in English and [in French](#). The candidates must complete the Student Information section. The referee will complete the remainder of the form.

Candidates are encouraged to save their pre-filled document with a name that helps the referee identify them. The referee will also have to save the form to their device before uploading it to the portal.

The language of email correspondence and the Form page is determined by the Candidate's portal interface. Additionally, the language of the assessment report will be the same as the candidate's Online Scholarships portal. Should you wish to change these languages from English to French or vice versa, please contact the candidate directly.

The two assessment reports will have to be submitted to the portal for the candidate to submit their application.

Referees can [also consult these guidelines for more information](#).

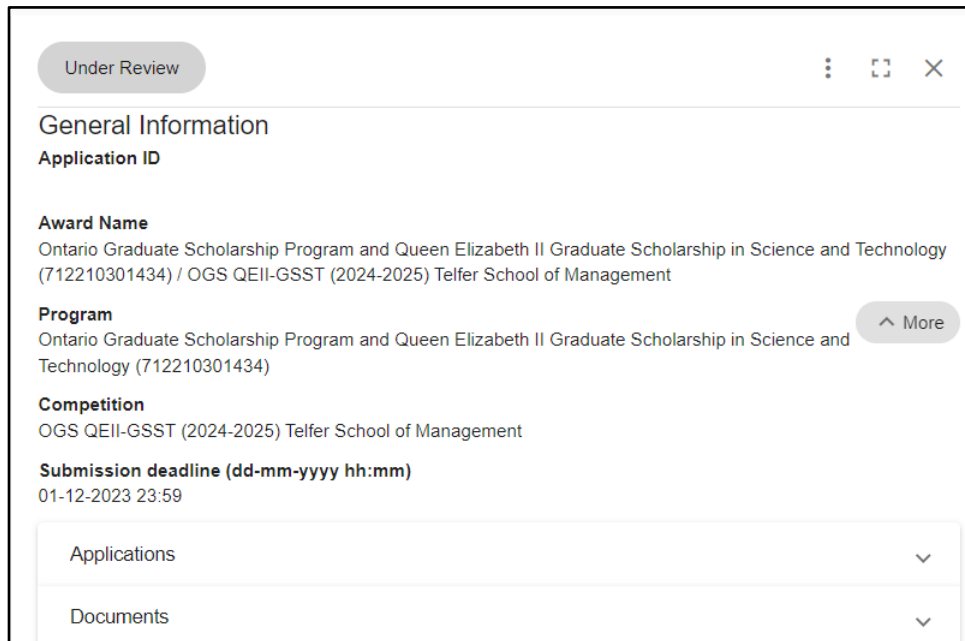
STATUS OF APPLICATION AND COMPETITION RESULTS

Application

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

Candidates will have to complete all [mandatory sections of the application](#), including the two (2) academic assessment reports submitted by the referees.

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



The screenshot shows a web interface for an application status. At the top left, there is a grey pill-shaped button labeled "Under Review". To its right are three icons: a vertical ellipsis, a square with a diagonal line, and a close 'X' icon. Below this is a section titled "General Information". Under "General Information", there are four sections: "Application ID", "Award Name", "Program", and "Competition". Each section has a "More" button to its right. At the bottom, there are two expandable sections: "Applications" and "Documents", each with a downward-pointing chevron icon.

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| General Information | | | |
| Application ID | | | |
| Award Name | Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program and Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (712210301434) / OGS QEII-GSST (2024-2025) Telfer School of Management | | |
| Program | Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program and Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (712210301434) | | ⤴ More |
| Competition | OGS QEII-GSST (2024-2025) Telfer School of Management | | |
| Submission deadline (dd-mm-yyyy hh:mm) | 01-12-2023 23:59 | | |
| Applications | | | ▾ |
| Documents | | | ▾ |

Results

The results will be announced in the spring of 2024 (April). 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)

TRANSCRIPTS

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

- Up-to-date transcripts include final grades for your last term of studies.
- Unofficial copies are acceptable. It is important to note that an unofficial copy is a copy issued by the university that does not bear the institutional seal or the registrar's signature. It is not a screenshot or a copy directly from your student account (copy and paste).
- If your transcript is in a language other than English or French, you must submit a certified translated version.
- One copy of the legend (reverse of each transcript) must be included except for Canadian transcripts.
- 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).
- 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 or render it inadmissible.
- 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.
- Retain the paper copy of any uploaded transcripts, as you may be asked to provide it for verification purposes.