

# Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program (OGS) and Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST) 2025-2026

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## Summary

<b>Value of the Award</b>	Max. \$15,000 \$5,000 per term, up to three (3) terms
<b>Number of Awards</b>	Limited, based on provincial quotas
<b>Frequency of the Award</b>	Annual
<b>Level or Program of Study</b>	Graduate Studies
<b>Application Location</b>	Online Scholarships Portal, accessible via <a href="#">uOZone</a> External Candidates: <a href="#">Request account creation</a>
<b>Application Contact</b>	Financial Aid and Awards Service
<b>Application Deadline</b>	November 14, 2024 (11:59 p.m. ET)

## Introduction

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) programs and the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST) aim to promote academic excellence in Ontario's publicly assisted universities. Since 1975, the OGS program has been awarding merit-based scholarships to the top-performing graduate students in Ontario across all academic disciplines. In 1998, the Ontario government introduced the QEII-GSST, a merit-based scholarship program specifically designed for graduate students in science and technology.

The main objective of these funds is to award scholarships to master's and doctoral students in all academic fields within participating Ontario institutions. This initiative aims to recognize, value, and encourage academic excellence.

# Scholarship Details

## Eligibility Criteria

### 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.

### 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.

## 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 2025-2026 (May 2025 to April 2026) 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 predetermined 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 2025-2026 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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## Application Procedure

### **uOttawa students**

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

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)

Request an account creation to the Online Scholarships and Bursaries portal by emailing [loansandawards@uOttawa.ca](mailto: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 Medicine
Faculty of Education	Faculty of Science
Faculty of Engineering	Faculty of Social Sciences
Faculty of Health Sciences	Telfer School of Management
Faculty of Law	

## 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

Please note that all documents to be uploaded to the portal must be in PDF format. This format ensures better readability and compatibility for all users. Please convert your files to PDF before uploading them.

1. The OGS application form
2. Resume (CV): This application will only accept a resume that was created through the Online Scholarships and Bursaries portal.
3. Research/Program Statement and Contributions: provide your research/program statement in the space provided (max. 700 words).
4. (Optional) Bibliography and Citations (max. 1250 words)
5. Supporting Documentation
  - 5.1. 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.](#)
  - 5.2. 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.
  - 5.3. [Documented proof](#) of Indigenous identity, as per the requirements of the University of Ottawa academic regulation, Eligibility for Focused Admissions, Scholarships and Bursaries for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. Required only if you answered "Yes" to the statement "Declaration of Status: I hereby state that I identify as an Indigenous student (...)".
6. 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) academic assessment reports from two distinct referees. Academic assessment reports are submitted by the referee via the portal.

The applicant must:

- Download the [Academic assessment report](#) (or the [French version](#))
- Complete the “Student Information” section of the form and save the file on your electronic device. Be sure to name your pre-filled document so that your sponsor can identify you. Example: LastName\_FirstName\_OGSReport.pdf
- For each referee, enter your referee's name and e-mail address, and attach your saved file.
- Click “Send request”.

Please note that the language of the correspondence sent to the referee will be the same as your current language in your Online Scholarships interface. If you wish to change the language of correspondence, change the language of the portal (by clicking on FR/EN at the top right of the interface before clicking “Send request”).

The email will include a hyperlink for uploading the evaluation report.

Two (2) academic assessment reports are required to submit an application. **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their referees provide their reports on time.** No documents will be accepted after the deadline.

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

### Important

**The Academic Assessment form must be completed using Adobe Acrobat Reader or Adobe Acrobat Pro.** Using other PDF viewers or editors may result in submission errors, including blank or incomplete forms in our portal. To ensure your form is properly filled out and fully visible to our review committee, **please download and use the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader (free) or Adobe Acrobat Pro before completing the form.** This step is crucial for the successful submission of your application.

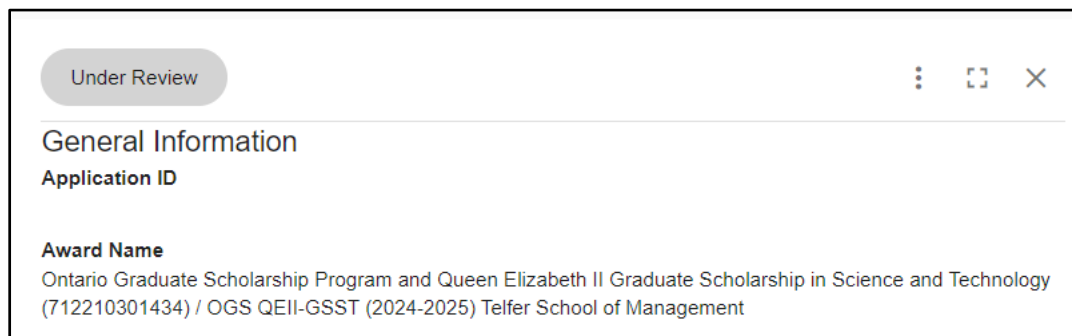
# Status of Application and Competition Results

## 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 with a grey header bar containing a pill-shaped button labeled "Under Review" and three icons (vertical dots, square, and X) on the right. Below the header, the text "General Information" is displayed. Under this heading, there are two sections: "Application ID" and "Award Name". The "Award Name" section contains the text: "Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program and Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (712210301434) / OGS QEII-GSST (2024-2025) Telfer School of Management".

## Results

The results will be announced in the spring of 2025 (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 (PDF) include final grades for your last term of studies.
- Unofficial copies (PDF) 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 (PDF).
- One copy (PDF) 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 (PDF) 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 (PDF) 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.