

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ENDOWED FUND

NAME OF ENDOWED FUND (OSOTF^[1])

Gaston Héon Memorial Fund in Canadian and Indigenous Studies

INTRODUCTION

This fund was established in 1999 as a result of the generous bequest from the late Gaston Héon. Mr. Héon (1934-1993) took up his studies anew in 1991, registering for an honours degree in history at the University of Ottawa. He was awarded the degree posthumously in October 1998. An ardent defender of a balanced, humanist education, Mr. Héon donated a considerable amount to the University through his will for the creation of scholarships designed to meet the financial needs of deserving students. Since October 1998, the building at 157 Séraphin Marion Street, which previously housed the Department of History, carries the name Gaston Héon House.

The University of Ottawa acknowledges the generosity of the Government of Ontario through its Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund initiative in matching Mr. Héon's contribution.

PURPOSE OF FUND

To provide financial assistance to undergraduate students with an interest in Canadian or Indigenous Studies, and graduate students working on a thesis or a dissertation on a Canadian or Indigenous topic.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

1. be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident;
2. be registered as a full-time student in an undergraduate or graduate program at the University of Ottawa;
3. be an Ontario resident, as per OSAP^[2] rules;
4. demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid and Awards Service of the University of Ottawa; and
5. demonstrate an interest for Canadian or Indigenous studies (in the case of undergraduate students), or work on a thesis or a dissertation on a Canadian or Indigenous topic (in the case of graduate students).

Value of the award: Minimum \$1,000

Number of awards: Variable

Frequency of the award: Annual

Level or program of study: Undergraduate and graduate

Application contact: Financial Aid and Awards Service

Application deadline: October 31

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, which can be accessed through the uoZone portal, and should include:

1. the Financial Questionnaire; and
2. a letter from the applicant (max. 500 words) that outlines their interest in Canadian or Indigenous studies (undergraduate) or that summarizes their thesis or dissertation project on a Canadian or Indigenous topic (graduate).

^[1] OSOTF: Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund

^[2] OSAP: Ontario Student Assistance Program