

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (Domestic), 2015-16

Application: Please complete the [OGS online application](#) via the SGS website

GDPHS Deadline: **Friday, January 30, 2015, 11:59pm**

Award Overview:

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| Student Deadline to GDPHS: | Friday, January 30, 2015, 11:59pm |
| Value/Duration: | \$5,000 per term for 2 or 3 consecutive terms |
| Level of Study: | Master's and Doctoral |
| Required Legal Status: | Domestic (Canadian citizen, permanent resident, protected persons) |
| Results: | July 2015 |

Purpose

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) program recognizes academic excellence in graduate studies at the master and doctoral levels in all disciplines of academic study. The OGS Program at U of T is jointly funded by the Province of Ontario and the University of Toronto. The Province of Ontario allocates OGS awards to universities specifying the number of awards that each may offer to their students annually.

Value and Duration

An OGS is awarded for one academic year, which may consist of two or three consecutive terms. The value of OGS is \$5,000 per term. Students may receive a total of \$10,000 for two consecutive terms or a total of \$15,000, for three consecutive terms.

Eligibility to Apply

- ✓ Be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person. Visa students who are studying in Ontario under a temporary resident visa (student study permit) are eligible for a set number of OGS awards and an announcement for this award will be sent shortly.
- ✓ Be registered or intend to register in an eligible program on a full time basis in 2015-16:
An eligible program is defined as a full-time program of study of two or three terms at the University of Toronto leading to a graduate degree. A full-time student is one who is in at least 60% of a full course load (40% for students with a permanent disability) or as defined by their institution.
- ✓ PhD students must be in the funded cohort to be eligible to apply.
- ✓ Have an overall average of a minimum of A- (80% or 3.7 GPA (**no exceptions**)) or equivalent, on the last 20 one-term/session completed courses (or equivalent: e.g., 10 full courses) **or** if the student has completed two years of graduate studies at the time of application, the student must demonstrate an overall average of at least A- (80% or 3.7 GPA (**no exceptions**)) or equivalent on all graduate courses completed.
Note: If marks used for calculating an applicant's GPA are not available (e.g, courses were graded on a pass-fail basis); then the next most recent available undergraduate or graduate marks are used to determine eligibility.
- ✓ Have not exceeded the lifetime maximum of government-funded support or maximum OGS support available for their current level of study (see [OGS webpage](#) under maximum support).

Maximum Support

Master's students may receive an OGS for a maximum of two years and doctoral students may receive the scholarship for a maximum of four years. In addition, students are eligible for a lifetime maximum of six (6) years of government-funded awards and cannot hold an OGS and another government-funded award concurrently. Awards included in these restrictions are: OGS, Vanier CGS, QEII-GSST, Ontario Trillium Scholarships, SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR.

To be eligible to hold an OGS, recipients:

- ✓ Must register and remain enrolled as a full-time student at UofT in an eligible program at the graduate unit from which the OGS was awarded.
- ✓ 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 repay any funds received for the incomplete term.
- ✓ PhD students must be in the funded cohort to be eligible to receive an OGS.
- ✓ Cannot hold an OGS and another government-funded award concurrently (see [Maximum Support](#)).
- ✓ **NEW FOR 2015-16:** May concurrently hold other merit-based graduate awards up to a combined total of \$10,000.
- ✓ **NEW FOR 2015-16:** If enrolled in a postgraduate MD training program and simultaneously registered in a full-time doctoral graduate program may hold other awards that, together with the OGS award, do not exceed the current level of funding for clinical training provided by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.
- ✓ May accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other paid employment that does not affect their status as a full-time graduate student and is commensurate with the graduate unit policies. Typically, students holding full-time employment are not eligible to receive an OGS from University of Toronto.
- ✓ **Must be in good standing with the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).** Applicants who have defaulted on a Canada or Ontario Student Loan, or have failed to make satisfactory repayment on a loan overpayment, are ineligible to receive the award. Students who have never applied for OSAP are in good standing. Those with an OSAP restriction may still apply for the OGS. However, if awarded, they must have the restriction cleared within 30 days of notification in order to accept the award.

Application Process

The Ministry will be responsible for setting OGS eligibility criteria and program policies and will continue to support 3000 scholarships province-wide to be allocated to participating universities based on their share of the graduate population. As of September 2013, the University of Toronto is responsible for the awarding of the scholarships held at U of T on behalf of the Province of Ontario. Individual Graduate Units will be responsible for adjudicating OGS awards and selecting eligible students based on academic excellence.

Applicants must submit an OGS application to their proposed graduate unit using the [OGS Online Application](#). Each graduate unit will have their own internal submission deadline to which applicants must adhere.

As OGS awards are not transferrable from one graduate unit to another, prospective students must submit an online OGS application to each graduate unit to which they are applying for admission.

Once completed and submitted online, the entire application will be available to the proposed graduate unit(s) for review and consideration.

To assist you in the process, we recommend that you review the following before you begin your application:

[SGS OGS Information Session](#)

[GDPHS OGS Information 2015-16](#)

[2015-16 OGS Application Instruction](#)

Application Requirements

- ✓ An [OGS online application](#)
- ✓ Two academic references (referees will be required to submit online by January 30, 2015, 11:59pm deadline)
- ✓ Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions (unofficial and student-issued transcripts are permitted, eg., ROSI printouts. The Graduate Office can provide certified copies of your transcript from universities outside of Canada. Requests can be sent to grad.dlsph@utoronto.ca (2 days notice required). **Important: Fall 2014 grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA for OGS. Please include your Fall 2014 grades (available in ROSI for UofT students on Jan 14, 2015) before uploading your current transcript.**
- ✓ Plan of study (maximum 3,950 characters including spaces)
- ✓ Previous awards/publications/conference/research experience.

Reminders

- Students should review all components of their OGS application for accuracy and completeness before submitting.
- It is recommended that you print a copy of your application for your records, including your confirmation number and date of submission.
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring that they have met all the eligibility requirements and adhered to the scholarship application guidelines.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their OGS online application is complete. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

Results

Award recommendations may be viewed on the student's UofT OGS Online Application account starting in late June 2015. Official award offers will be made by SGS and communicated to awardees starting in mid-July 2015.

Questions

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