

SGS Award Announcement

Award Overview

Student Deadline to Graduate Unit:	March 1, 2017
Graduate Unit Deadline to SGS:	March 31, 2017
Value/Duration:	\$5,000 per term for 3 consecutive terms
Level of study:	Master's or Doctoral
Required Legal Status:	International (valid study permit)
Results:	July 2017

Purpose

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) program encourages excellence in graduate studies at the master's and doctoral levels. The OGS is a merit-based scholarship available to students in all disciplines of academic study. Since 1975, the OGS program has been providing merit-based scholarships to Ontario's best graduate students in all disciplines of academic study.

Each year, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) allocates a number of OGS awards to the University for both domestic and International students. Due to the limited number of OGS awards available for international students, each graduate unit will receive a quota, ranging from 1-3 applications, to be submitted to and adjudicated centrally by SGS.

Eligibility to Apply

To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

- Hold a valid study permit effective as of the graduate units' OGS (international) application deadline;
- Be registered or intend to register in an eligible program on a full-time basis in 2017-2018;
 - 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
- Have not exceeded the lifetime maximum of government-funded support or maximum OGS support available for their current level of study (see [website](#) under maximum support); and
- Have achieved at least A- (or equivalent) in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent); or if the student has completed two years of graduate studies at the time of application, the student must only demonstrate an overall average of at least A- (or equivalent) on all graduate courses completed.

Note: If marks used for calculating an applicant's grade point average (GPA) are not available (for example, courses were graded on a pass-fail basis), then the next most recent available undergraduate or graduate marks should be used to determine eligibility.

To be eligible to hold the OGS, recipients:

- Must register and remain enrolled as a full-time student at U of T 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;
- 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 paid employment are not eligible to receive an OGS from the University of Toronto; and
- Cannot hold an OGS award at the same time (or during any session) as an OGS or Vanier scholarship from any given year.

Application Process

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

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

Results

Graduate unit adjudication results should be updated on the U of T OGS Online Application system by graduate units in June 2016. Official award offers will be sent out by SGS in July 2017.

Contacts & Resources

Please direct questions regarding the OGS competition or nomination process to Sharon Bewell, FIFSW Registrar, Room 252, Phone: 416-978-6364 or sharon.bewell@utoronto.ca.

Questions of a general nature or regarding the competition at the SGS level may be directed to:

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