



# **Graduate School Scholarship Workshop (OGS and CGS)**

1

**October 12, 2021**



# OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship)

2

<https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/PRDR019245.html>

# Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

- Number of Scholarships: approximately 3000 across all fields
- Value: \$15,000/year, \$5000 per term (3 terms of study)
- Duration: minimum of 1 year (2 or 3 terms) and up to 2 years maximum (6 terms) for Master's program

# Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Eligibility Criteria

1. Full-time enrollment in an eligible program leading to a master's or doctoral degree at an eligible institution in Ontario
2. Canadian citizen, Protected Person, or Permanent Resident or have received a Temporary Resident Visa - Student Class
3. Applicants who are entering the first or second year of graduate studies at the time of application, must have an overall average of **at least A- (80.0% at King's), or the equivalent, on the last 10 full course equivalents or each of the last two years (check each school for average cut-off).**
4. Cannot be held simultaneously with awards from SSHRC, NSERC, OTS, CIHR, QE2GSST, Vanier CGS....
5. Must be in good standing with OSAP (no holds or restrictions).

# OGS Acceptance Conditions

- You must be enrolled as a full-time student in an eligible graduate program for the tenure of the award
- You may change disciplines or eligible programs during the tenure of the award, but only if your eligible institution approves the change
- Remember that you cannot hold simultaneous awards from from SSHRC, NSERC, OTS, CIHR, QE2GSST, other OGS
- You may accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other employment that does not affect your status as a full-time graduate student. Check for other restrictions at each school.

# Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

## Participating Ontario Schools

- Brock University
- Carleton University
- University of Guelph
- Lakehead University
- Laurentian University
- McMaster University
- Nipissing University
- OCAD University
- Ontario Tech University
- University of Ottawa
- Queen's University
- Ryerson University
- University of Toronto
- Trent University
- University of Waterloo
- Western University
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- University of Windsor
- York University

# How To Apply for OGS

- You must contact the [Graduate Studies Office](#) at an eligible Ontario institution to apply for an OGS.
- If you wish to apply to more than one graduate program at different institutions, you must complete each institution's OGS application.
- Important: the deadlines vary by school. Please carefully check the Graduate Studies website at each institution.

# Anatomy of an OGS Application

- OGS Application Form
- Academic Assessment Reports (2) (reference letters)
- Statement of Interest + Citations / Bibliography
- List of Scholarships and Awards
- List of Significant Academic Accomplishments / Research Contributions
- Transcripts (\*may or may not be needed)
- Summary Sheet



# Contents & Organization

1. **Opening Paragraph** → Define the problem you want to study
2. **Contextualization** of your problem → Show that you are already familiar with the grounding research
3. **Methodology** → How do you plan to tackle this project?
4. **Qualifications & Background** → Why are you a good candidate to undertake this study?
5. (Short) **Conclusion** → Why *this* program is best suited for you

# Sample Evaluation Criteria (they vary!)

## **U Waterloo**

- Academic Excellence (50%)
  - Transcripts; scholarships, awards, honours
- Research Ability and Potential (30%)
  - Publications, conferences, presentations, originality
- Communication and Leadership Abilities (20%)
  - Volunteer, leadership, academic work experience

## **U Guelph**

- Academic Record (40%)
  - Transcripts, awards, honours, publications
- Statement of Interest / Research Proposal (30%)
  - Motivation, creativity, significance, communication
- Assessment from Referees (30%, 15% each)
  - Critical thinking, follow-through, training



# The Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS)

offered by Social Sciences and Humanities  
Research Council (SSHRC)

[https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM\\_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM_eng.asp)

# Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's (CGS M)

- Value: \$ 17,500 for 12 months, non-renewable (up to 3000 offered Canada-wide between SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR)
- Deadline: **December 1, 2020, before 8pm ET**
- Tenable: at a [recognized Canadian university](#)
- Eligibility:
  - Be a citizen, permanent resident, or protected person
  - Have achieved a first-class average – normally **80%+ in each of the last two years of study**
  - Applying to or entering a program with a **significant research component**

# Evaluation Criteria

## Academic excellence - 50%

- Academic record (first class average)
- Scholarships and awards held
- Type of program and course load
- Relative standing (if available)

## Research potential - 30%

- Quality, originality, significance, feasibility and merit of proposed research
- Relevance of work & academic training to proposed research
- Judgment and ability to think critically; initiative and autonomy

## Personal Characteristics – 20%

- Work, leadership, and volunteer experience
- Ability to communicate logically both verbally and in written work
- Involvement in academic life, including project management

# Proposed Host Institution

- You must indicate the institution at which you intend to hold the award.
- You can select up to three institutions at which you will apply for full-time admission to an eligible program of study
- Any institution may only be selected once. Additionally, only one department per institution may be selected.

# Canada Graduate Scholarships

- Application Form (online)
- Program of Study (1 page research summary & 1 page bibliography)
- Transcripts (upload or scan as single document)
- Canadian Common CV
- Reference Assessments (2 – sent electronically)
- Agree to Terms and Conditions

# Canada Graduate Scholarships

- Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement
  - Up to \$6000 for 2 to 6 months, non-renewable
  - Deadline: June 10 and October 10 each year
- Applicant must hold an active CGS at the time your study period abroad starts;
  - Be registered full time in a graduate research studies program at a Canadian institution for the duration of the time abroad;
  - Return to complete your graduate degree in Canada.
  - Must take place at eligible host institution
  - Covers non-research expenses: travel, accommodation, meals, tuition, insurance

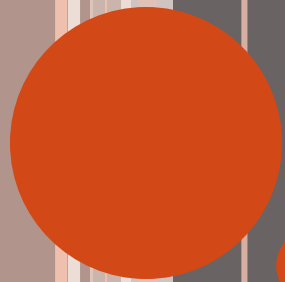


# Other Scholarships & Bursaries

- Upon acceptance, check with your new department and new school's financial aid office to see if there are further scholarship/bursary options
- Not all bursaries are selected on grade standing (e.g. travel bursaries, group-specific bursaries)
- International schools will have their own scholarship system

# Further Resources

- The Write Place Video and PDF Resources
  - Writing Standout Personal Statements ([video](#)) ([PDF](#))
  - Writing Effective Research Proposals ([video](#))



Questions?



19

