

Information on the 2020-21 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) awards for **international** students is provided below. The announcement for OGS awards for domestic students was sent out last week. For international students, the deadline is **March 16, 2020**. All students will be using the University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies, centralized online OGS application. Please review the U of T [OGS Application Instructions](#) prior to starting an OGS application.

Applicants should note that OGS awards are not transferrable between universities or between units at U of T. Accordingly, applicants must submit an OGS application to each graduate unit for which they are seeking admission at U of T and to each Ontario institution if applying to multiple universities (each institution will have its own unique OGS application and process). Applicants are asked to select their Faculty and Department from drop down lists. Applicants interested in Forestry should select the following options:

**Faculty:** John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design

**Department:** Forestry

For the international OGS competition, each graduate unit will receive a quota, ranging from 1-3 applications, to be submitted to and adjudicated centrally by SGS.

Funded MScF and PhD students are reminded that they are required to apply for all awards for which they are eligible, except with written consent from their supervisor.

Please contact Deborah Paes ([deborah.paes@utoronto.ca](mailto:deborah.paes@utoronto.ca)) with questions.

# 2020-2021 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (for international students)

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## Award Overview

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| <b>Student Deadline to Graduate Unit:</b> | <b>March 16, 2020</b>                               |
| <b>Value/Duration:</b>                    | \$5,000 per session for 2 or 3 consecutive sessions |
| <b>Level of study:</b>                    | Master's or Doctoral                                |
| <b>Required Legal Status:</b>             | International (valid study permit)                  |
| <b>Results:</b>                           | May 2020  |

## Purpose

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) program encourages excellence in graduate studies at publicly-assisted universities in Ontario. Since 1975, the OGS program has been providing merit-based scholarships to Ontario's best graduate students in all disciplines of academic study. The scholarship program at U of T is jointly funded by the Province of Ontario and the University of Toronto. The Province allocates OGS awards to universities specifying the number of awards that each may offer to their students annually.

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) has allocated 22 OGS awards to the University for International students. Accordingly, each graduate unit will receive a quota, ranging from 1-3 applications to be submitted to and adjudicated centrally by SGS.

## Eligibility

### 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 2020-2021;
  - 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 SGS [OGS 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 competed 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 (e.g. 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 in the same session (overlapping) or from the same award year as an Ontario Trillium Scholarship, Vanier CGS, or another OGS.

The eligibility criteria provided above are the minimum requirements only. Graduate units may impose additional criteria to apply, receive, or hold an OGS. Please inquire with your graduate unit regarding any additional requirements or conditions to those listed here.

## 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. Applicants should verify the [graduate unit application deadline](#) and review the U of T [OGS Application Instructions](#) prior to starting an OGS application.

Once the entire application has been completed and submitted online, it will be made available to the proposed graduate unit for review and consideration.

**Important note for International students:** Applicants holding a valid study permit by the graduate unit's OGS international application deadline are eligible to apply following the same application process and internal deadlines set by their current or proposed graduate unit. Graduate units will select and forward a limited number of applications to the School of Graduate Studies to compete in a centralized adjudication.

## Results

Graduate units will update their competition results on the OGS application system, viewable by applicants mid-April 2020. Official award offers will be sent out by SGS in May 2020.

## Contacts & Resources

For more information, visit the [SGS OGS webpage](#)

Please direct questions regarding the OGS competition or nomination process to your graduate unit. Questions regarding the administration of the award at SGS and technical support for the application may be directed to:

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