



**2021-2022 ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (OGS) PROGRAM
Application Form**

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES, NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

Overview

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.

Funding Sources

Scholarships are jointly funded by the Ontario government and participating institutions. The government contributes two thirds of the value of the awards and the university provides the remaining one-third.

For the 2021-22 program year, the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development ('ministry') will provide \$30 million in funding for the OGS program. Universities will contribute \$15 million to match the \$30 million to fund their portion of the scholarships.

Each university may allocate up to two (2) OGS awards to Indigenous graduate students to recognize excellence and promote equitable access and participation in the scholarship program by Indigenous applicants. For the purposes of the scholarship, an Indigenous person is a person who self- identifies as a First Nations (Status/Non-Status), Métis, or Inuit.

Eligible Students

In order to be considered for an OGS award, a student must be:

- A Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) at the time of the application deadline [Exception: see note on international students below];
- Enrolled at a publicly-assisted university in Ontario in a full-time program of study that leads to a graduate degree and is approved for operating grant purposes by the ministry; and
- Enrolled as a full time student.

Visa Students

Foreign students who are studying in Ontario under a temporary resident visa – student study permit, under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) are eligible for the allotted visa student awards.

Minimum Academic Requirements

The applicant must, at the minimum, meet the following OGS requirements:

- If entering the first or second year of graduate studies at the time of application the student must have an overall average of at least A- or the equivalent on the last 20 one-term/semester courses, or equivalent, completed.
- If the applicant is entering the third year of graduate studies at the time of application the student must have an overall average of at least A-, or the equivalent, on all graduate courses completed.
- If master's or doctoral degree 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 university's Registrar's Office will use the most recent available undergraduate or graduate marks to calculate a student's GPA.

Scholarship Value

Each award through the OGS program is \$5,000 per term to a maximum of \$15,000 per academic year. Consistent with the 2:1 ratio of government funding to institutional funding, the Ontario government portion of the scholarship to an individual student is a maximum of \$10,000 annually. The remaining funds are to be provided by the university.

Concurrent Support

Recipients may not concurrently hold an OGS award and a tri-council award, including:
The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Program (SSHRC);
The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Program (NSERC); and
The Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR).

At the institution's discretion, recipients may receive an award and also accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other paid employment that does not affect their status as a full-time graduate student.

Maximum Support

Master's students can receive an award for a maximum of two academic years and doctoral students for a maximum of four academic years.

Students cannot exceed a lifetime maximum of six (6) years of government-funded graduate awards. Awards under the following programs are counted toward this lifetime maximum:

- Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program (OGS)
- Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST)
- Ontario Trillium Scholarships (OTS)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
- Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR)
- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)

Applicants should note that meeting or exceeding the minimum stated requirements does not guarantee an offer of funding.

Allocations will be based on the number and quality of applicants. All decisions are final.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th, 2021

Please submit your application electronically to sgs@nipissingu.ca.