RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND GRADUATE STUDIES

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

2027-2028 OGS and QEII-GSST Application Information

OVERVIEW

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) and Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST) program encourages excellence in graduate studies at publicly assisted universities in Ontario. Since 1975, the OGS/QEII-GSST program has been providing merit-based scholarships to Ontario's best graduate students in all disciplines of academic study.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION

Deadline: **Friday, January 15, 2027**
Submission format: Electronically in PDF format to sgs@nipissingu.ca.
Application Forms: www.nipissingu.ca/ogs/

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.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

Each award through the OGS/QEII-GSST 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 provided by the university.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

In order to be considered for an OGS/QEII-GSST 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 or,
- An international student who is studying in Ontario under a temporary resident visa/student study permit, under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada). International students are eligible for the allotted visa student awards (see our Scholarship Evaluation Process website for yearly quotas).
- 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.

MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must, at the minimum, meet the following OGS/QEII-GSST requirements:

- Graduate students at the time of application must have an overall average of at least 80% or the equivalent on the last 20 one-term/semester courses, or equivalent, completed.
- If the degree 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 university will use the most recent available undergraduate or graduate marks to calculate a student's GPA.

CONCURRENT SUPPORT

Recipients may not concurrently hold an OGS/QEII-GSST award and another major funding source that prohibits concurrent support including:

- The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Program (SSHRC);
- The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Program (NSERC);
- The Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR);
- Nipissing University Graduate Scholarship (NUGS);
- Any other funding opportunity that stipulates concurrent support with OGS/QEII-GSST.

At the institution's discretion, OGS/QEII-GSST recipients may receive an award and also accept research and teaching 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 OGS/QEII-GSST 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)

SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION AND ALLOCATION

Please visit our Scholarship Evaluation Process website to learn more about the OGS/QEII-GSST evaluation and allocation process at Nipissing University.

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, quality, and completeness of applicants. All decisions are final.