## 2022-2023 Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) - International Deadline: January 31, 2022

### Award Overview

Student Deadline: Value/Duration: Level of study: Required Legal Status: Results:

#### January 31, 2022 at 11:59 PM (ET)

\$5,000 per session for 2 or 3 consecutive sessions Master's or Doctoral International (valid study permit) May 2022

# Purpose

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) program encourages excellence in graduate studies at publiclyassisted 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 Colleges and Universities (MCU) 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; COVID-19 exception: Currently registered international graduate students who have not yet been able to obtain a study permit due to COVID-19 circumstances are eligible to apply;
- Be registered or intend to register in an eligible program on a full-time basis in 2022-2023;
  - 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/QEII-GSST support available for their current level of study (see SGS OGS <u>website</u> under maximum support); and
- Have achieved at least A- (or equivalent) in <u>each</u> of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent); <u>or</u> 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.

<u>Note:</u> 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 a scholarship from SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR, QEII-GSST, or another OGS.

The eligibility criteria provided above are the minimum requirements only.

# **Application Process**

Applicants must submit an OGS application using only the U of T OGS Online Application, accessible through the <u>SGS OGS webpage</u>.

Each graduate unit will have their own internal submission deadline to which applicants must adhere. <u>The</u> deadline for the IMS is **January 31, 2022**. No late applications will be accepted. Applicants should review the U of T <u>OGS Application Instructions</u> prior to starting an OGS application.

Note: Applicants must submit transcripts for current graduate studies at U of T, even if they have not yet received grades. Applications without a transcript without their current year of study will be deemed incomplete.

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 2022. Official award offers will be sent out by SGS in May 2022.

## Contacts & Resources

For more information, visit the <u>SGS OGS webpage.</u>

Please direct questions regarding the OGS competition or nomination process to Kaki Narh Blackwood, IMS Student, Faculty Affairs and Awards Officer at <u>sf.medscience@utoronot.ca</u>

Questions regarding the administration of the award at SGS and technical support for the application may be directed to:

Stacey Kwan Graduate Awards Officer (Provincial) Phone: 416-978-2205 ogs@utoronto.ca