

Master's Completion Bursary (MCB)

Award Overview

Student Deadline:	Fall 2023 Application: January 15th, 2024
Value/Duration:	Bursary value is equal to the difference between part-time and full-time tuition charged in the final session of registration
Level of study:	Master's
Required Legal Status:	Domestic or International
Results:	End of February 2024 (Fall applicants)

Purpose

The Master's Completion Bursary (MCB) is a financial aid program which serves to assist master's students who must register beyond the program length required for their degree due to unanticipated factors beyond their control. The Bursary aims to assist students who must register full-time in the final session of their program to complete a small or minimal amount of remaining work that is necessary to fulfill their degree requirements.

Students who were registered in the Winter 2020 session and whose academic progress has been significantly impeded due to COVID-19 related disruptions may be eligible for an SGS tuition fee exemption. More information is available here: https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/admissions/graduate-fees/#section_13

Eligibility to Apply

Master's students who meet the following criteria may apply:

- experienced unanticipated factors or circumstances beyond their control causing a delay in their program;
- registered beyond the [program length](#) required for their degree in order to complete a minimal amount of work* (see below);
- registered full-time and charged full-time fees in the final session of their program;
- have been invoiced for additional sessions beyond the [minimum degree fee](#) for their program;
- within the [time limit](#) for their degree; and
- received little or no tuition funding support in their final session of full-time registration.

*a minimal amount of work includes the following:

- **Thesis Based Programs:** Defense or submission of a student's final thesis or Major Research Paper/Project (MRP). The thesis is defended and submitted to the ProQuest digital library repository, or MRP submitted to the department.
- **Course-Based Programs:** Completion of a 0.5 or 1.0 course, project, paper or language exam.

OISE Students: Should first seek [bursary assistance](#) through the **Office of the Registrar and Student Services (ORSS)**. Upon recommendation by the OISE Financial Aid and Awards Coordinator, OISE students may be considered for the Master's Completion Bursary.

Application Process

Applicants must:

1. Complete sections 1, 2, and 4 of the Fall 2023 [MCB application form](#).
2. Attach a letter of support written and signed by your supervisor (or Associate Chair) explaining the unanticipated circumstances beyond your control that led to the delay in progress;
3. Compile and attach any other necessary letters or supporting documents (e.g., VOI, medical note etc.);
4. Submit the completed application and any attachments to **Alicia Sam** (sf.medscience@utoronto.ca), to verify, sign and forward to SGS.

Results

MCB results are communicated via the student's U of T email address by the end of February 2024 (Fall applicants).

Contacts & Resources

Complete program information can be found on the [SGS website](#).

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