

2025-2026 Office of the Vice Dean, Research and Health Science Education (OVDHSE) Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF) Award

Award Overview:

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| Graduate Unit (Internal Deadline): | Friday, March 21st at 11:59 PM (EST) |
| Level of Study: | Master's or Doctoral (Depending) |
| Required Legal Status: | Domestic or International (Depending) |
| RHSE Results: | August 2025 |

Purpose:

Through the generous support of numerous donors, several endowed awards have been established at the Temerty Faculty of Medicine. This year, 23 awards with individual eligibility criteria and values are offered within the OVDHSE OSOTF and Other Endowed Awards Competition.

Eligibility:

| Criteria: | Details: |
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| Awards are open to U of T graduate students | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Primarily thesis-based MSc and PhD in the Temerty Faculty of Medicine, in year 1-2 of their M.Sc. or year 1-5 of their Ph.D. in 2025-26 |
| Awards categorized as "OSOTF" are only open to eligible applicants who must also meet the following criteria (see right): | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate financial need for the upcoming academic year through the completion of the OVDHSE OSOTF Financial Needs Assessment online form; 2. Are Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada or protected persons under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) at the time of the application; and 3. Are residents of Ontario at the time of the application, as defined by one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student has always lived in Ontario; ○ Ontario is the last province in which student has lived for 12 months in a row without being a full-time postsecondary student; or ○ Student lives in Ontario now and has lived in Canada for less than 12 months in a row. |
| If student is married/common-law, student can be considered an Ontario resident if (see right): | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spouse has always lived in Ontario; or ▪ Ontario is the last province in which spouse has lived for 12 months in a row without being a full-time postsecondary student; or ▪ <u>Both</u> of these statements are true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student lives in Ontario now; and ○ Student and spouse have lived in Canada for less than 12 months in a row. |

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| <p>If student qualifies as a dependent student, student is considered an Ontario resident if (see right):</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ontario is the last province in which parent(s) have lived for at least 12 months in a row; or ▪ <u>Both</u> of these statements are true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Student lives in Ontario now; and o Student and parent(s) have lived in Canada for less than 12 months in a row. |
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- Awards categorized as “Other Endowed Awards” do not have the Canadian citizenship requirement.
- Each individual award has additional specific eligibility requirements.
- The funding period is for the 2025-26 academic year, generally September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026.
- OSOTF and/or other endowed funding may be provided on top of the external and/or internal awards, up to the amount of the total base funding commitment offered by the student's Graduate Unit.

Application Package:

[Applications](#) are accessible from the Division of the Vice-President and Provost.

When applying for OSOTF and OTSS awards, financial need can be demonstrated by applying for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) or by completing and attaching a [Needs Assessment Form](#), available from RHSE or your graduate unit.

If you have already been assessed for the OSAP or the University of Toronto Advance Planning for Students (UTAPS), complete the indicated sections of the Needs Assessment Form. If you have not applied for OSAP, or you applied for OSAP but have not received the result of assessment, complete the entire Needs Assessment Form.

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| Required Items: | Details: |
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| <p>1. Curriculum Vitae</p> | <p>Use the CV template provided here. Save as a PDF file and then upload (maximum of 4 pages).</p> |
| <p>2. Research Description - Attached Parts A and B in ONE PDF Document</p> | <p>Part A - In easily understandable terms provide a 1 page (maximum) research description or statement of intent, including hypothesis, methods, and expected outcomes. Include your research title on top of the page. Bibliographies, endnotes and references are generally not necessary.</p> <p>Part B - For each award that you are applying for, include a clear statement of how your research conforms to the conditions of the award. To review the conditions of eligibility for each award, view the list of awards above. Include the name of the award and have no more than 1 paragraph per award.</p> |

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Questions?

- For more information, visit the OVDRHSE [OSOTF and Other Endowed Awards webpage](#).
- Questions regarding the nomination process: sf.medscience@utoronto.ca
- For technical support and questions about the application: **OVDRHSE, Temerty Faculty of Medicine** at rhse.awards@utoronto.ca

Thank You & Good Luck!