

## Graduate Sources of Funding

If you have any additional questions, contact [gradscholarships@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:gradscholarships@ontariotechu.ca) or your Academic Advisor.

### Student Awards and Financial Aid

SAFA is here to support you with any questions regarding funding and can assist you in person, over the phone or via email. Find our office hours and additional information [here](#).

Phone: 905-721-3190

Email: [connect@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:connect@ontariotechu.ca)

- Include your full name and student ID number with your message. We will not be able to respond to your email without this information.
- Please only email once. It will be placed in our work queue and answered in sequential order. Multiple emails may result in a delayed response.
- A team member will respond to you within 3 to 5 business days.

### OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)

The amount of money you can get depends on your education expenses, registration status and personal financial situation. Note that at the Graduate level, your full-time/part-time status is determined by how you register, not by how many courses you take per term. For example, a student may be registered full-time, only take one course per term, and still be considered at 100% course load with OSAP.

Eligibility:

- Immigration Status
  - Canadian residence, permanent resident or Convention Refugee or protected person.
- Ontario Residency
  - You are an Ontario resident. (You may also qualify if your spouse or parents are Ontario residents)
- Income
  - You can only be eligible for OSAP if you don't have enough money from other sources to cover your university expenses.

Check out the [OSAP estimator](#) to see how much OSAP you may attain.

## *Bursaries and Grants through OSAP*

- [Indigenous Student Bursary](#)
- [Ontario Indigenous Travel Grant](#)
- [Métis Student Bursary Program](#)
- [Bursary for Students with Disabilities](#)

## **OSAG (Ontario Student Access Guarantee)**

Under the SAG, post-secondary institutions' responsibility is to ensure that graduate students can receive enough financial aid to cover the costs of tuition, materials and resources, compulsory fees, and supplies when they are above the range of expenses covered by OSAP.

### Eligibility:

- The Student Access Guarantee is for **full-time graduate students who have applied for OSAP** and submitted a Student Financial Profile to identify their needs and request institutional aid.

### Details:

1. Go to [MyOntarioTech](#) and select the Current Students box.
2. Navigate to the Student Awards and Financial Aid box, and select OSAP
3. In the left-hand side navigation menu, click the More arrow beside OSAP. Then select [OSAP Student Access Guarantee](#). Or visit the [Graduate Funding page](#) here.
4. Contact [gradscholarships@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:gradscholarships@ontariotechu.ca) with specific questions and details.

## **OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program)**

This scholarship is merit-based and for graduate students in thesis-based graduate studies. Applications are submitted through the university and typically are available in October. Details on the application, funding and other requirements can be found on the Ontario Tech [Ontario Graduate Scholarship webpage](#).

### Eligibility:

- Status & Citizenship
  - To be eligible, you must be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person. International students studying in Ontario with a student study permit are eligible for the international student award.
- You must be within your standard program length.
  - Recipients cannot be enrolled in a make-up year or be on paid educational leave or sabbatical.
- You must be enrolled in or planning to enroll in a full-time program at Ontario Tech for the academic year following the year of application.
- Minimum Academic Requirements:

- Students entering either first or second year at the time of the application deadline must have a 3.70 GPA or higher on a 4.30 scale (A- average) in each of the last two completed years of study.
- Students entering the third year or more in their graduate studies at the time of application must have an overall average of A- or equivalent in all completed graduate courses.
- Two academic assessment reports are required, along with your transcript.

## CGS (Canada Graduate Scholarship)

The Canada Graduate Scholarship program is awarded through national competitions by granting agencies, including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

## Doctoral Program (Canadian Graduate Scholarships)

Application procedures and details are on the [CGS-D Government of Canada](#) webpage.

Eligibility for CGS-D is based on the number of months of full-time study, including summer months, toward the degree for which you are requesting funding. An eligible doctoral program must include a significant research component that leads to the completion of a thesis, major research project, dissertation, scholarly publication, performance, recital and/or exhibit that is merit/expert-reviewed at the institutional level as a requirement for completion of the program.

### Eligibility:

- You must be a Canadian Citizen, a permanent resident of Canada, or a Protected Person as of the application deadline.
- You must have completed no more than 24 months of full-time study in your doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application
  - if previously enrolled in a graduate program.
  - if enrolled in a joint program, such as MD/D, MA/D.
  - If enrolled directly from a bachelor's program into a doctoral program (without completing another graduate program).
- You can submit a **maximum** of one scholarship or fellowship application per academic year to either of the granting agencies above. Only the first application will be retained if more than one is submitted.
- You cannot have previously received a doctoral-level scholarship from the granting agencies above (CIHR Fellowships are excluded).
- You cannot hold a tenure or tenure-track appointment concurrently with a CGS-D award.

## Master's Program (Canadian Graduate Scholarships)

Application procedures and details are on the [CGS-M Government of Canada](#) webpage.

- [Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council](#)
- [Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council](#)
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research

## Graduate Student Finances

Apply for external and internal awards for international and domestic students and Assistantships through the Ontario Tech School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. There are many options available with differing eligibility requirements.

How to Access:

1. Go to [gradstudies.ontariotechu.ca/current\\_students](http://gradstudies.ontariotechu.ca/current_students)
2. Navigate to and select the Student Finances box.
3. From here, you can select **Graduate Student Awards** or **Graduate Student Funding**.
  - a. Graduate Student Awards include information about external and donor awards requiring an application.
  - b. Graduate Student Funding has details for assistantships (TA, RA, GRA) and internal funding packages, such as the Indigenous Graduate Scholarship.

## Internal Awards, Bursaries & Scholarships

Apply for internal awards, bursaries and scholarships through My Ontario Tech. There are many options available with different eligibility! Some are included below, and you can contact [gradscholarships@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:gradscholarships@ontariotechu.ca) for more information.

How to Apply:

1. Go to [MyOntarioTech](#) and select the Current Students box.
2. Navigate to the Student Awards and Financial Aid box, and select Apply for student aid/University Works.
  - a. Note that University Works is only for Undergraduate students; Graduate students may apply for other positions as they become available.
3. Select the appropriate aid year and aid period.
4. Select the appropriate award application and follow the steps provided.

### *Indigenous Graduate Scholarship*

This scholarship was developed by the SGPS to increase Indigenous graduate students' access to thesis-based programs and to support their academic success.

Eligibility:

- Be Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nations, Métis or Inuit.
- Be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- Be enrolled in or plan to enroll in a full-time OTU research-based program which leads to a graduate degree.
- Have obtained an A- average (3.7 GPA on a 4.3 scale).

### *Hubert Harshman - Donor Award*

This award is for a full-time graduate student in the Faculty of Education.

Eligibility:

- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be an Ontario resident and Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.
- Demonstrate good citizenship, social responsibility, and leadership in society.
- Studying full-time at the graduate level in the FEd.
- You cannot have received an OGS.
- You must submit two letters of reference, with at least one highlighting citizenship qualities:
- References
  - One must be a faculty member
  - One must be a community contact

### *Kimberley Black Graduate Scholarship - Donor Award*

This award is for students pursuing a graduate degree, full or part-time, in the FEd.

Eligibility:

- The applicant must demonstrate a commitment to issues about women.
  - Ex. women's health and wellness, safety, and career growth.
- Have a research interest in equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- Have personally experienced marginalization socially, professionally, or academically.
- Have an academic background in gender studies or professional experience in advocacy work related to gender.
- Be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.7 or higher.
- Be within your standard program length.
- At least one letter of support, from
  - A professor in the graduate program or a previous program who can speak to the applicant's personal experience relevant to this application OR
  - A professional who can speak to the applicant's professional experience relevant to this application.

## Assistantships

These positions are available to Canadian and international students and are administered by the Faculty office. If you are an international student, you must obtain a Social Insurance Number (SIN) if you plan to accept an Assistantship; [International Student Services](#) can provide more information.

To apply for Assistantships, watch for emails containing positions from your Academic Advisor before or early on in the semester. You will need to submit your resume and any other requested information.

### *Teaching Assistantships*

- TAs are assigned to qualifying full-time graduate students, giving valuable teaching experience and enabling students to build relationships with students and faculty. Specific duties will be outlined following completion of the TA employment contract and can vary depending on the professor and course.
  - You can have your name added to the TA candidate pool by responding to the email sent out by the program Academic Advisor with your resume and availability.
  - This request typically occurs via email early in the preceding semester (i.e., The email would be sent out in the Fall semester to join the TA pool for the Winter semester).

### *Research Assistantships*

- Research Assistantship opportunities require students to conduct work on a professor's research project and are paid for it from a professor's research grant.

### *Graduate Research Assistantships*

- Graduate Research Assistantships are funds paid to graduate students from research grant funding awarded to a professor. GRAships enable students to engage in scholarly activities related to their **own** coursework or the development of their thesis or major project.
  - If you change your program, research topic, or supervisor, you *may* no longer be eligible for the previously awarded GRAship.

## External Awards & Bursaries

### *Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships*

The VCGS program is to attract and retain doctoral students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in the social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, engineering, and health.

#### Eligibility:

- You must be nominated by **one** Canadian University which has received a VCGS allocation.
- Be seeking financial support to pursue your first doctoral degree.
- Intend to pursue full-time doctoral studies and research at the nominating university.
- Have completed no more than 20 months of doctoral studies as of May in that academic year.
- Achieved an A- average (3.7 GPA on a 4.3 scale) in the previous two years of full-time study or equivalent.
- You cannot hold or have held a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from CIHR, SSHRC, or NSERC for undertaking or completing a doctoral degree.
- Current OTU students must include a compelling justification for why they have chosen OTU to undertake their doctoral studies.
- Students are encouraged to take Sex- and Gender-based Analysis Plus (SGBA+) principles into account in their proposal for research.

### *Mitacs Globalink Research Award*

The MGR Award provides funding to support graduate student research projects abroad. The program is open to all disciplines and offers the opportunity to strengthen existing international research collaborations and connect with colleagues worldwide.

- Funding varies by country, and only Mitacs partner countries are eligible.
- For eligibility criteria and to apply, visit the [Mitacs website](#).

## Additional External Awards Resources

- [Council of Ontario Universities Awards](#)
- [DisabilityAwards.ca](#)
- [HigherEdPoints.com](#)
- [ScholarTree.ca](#)
- [ScholarshipsCanada](#)
- [StudentScholarships.org](#)
- [Universities Canada](#)
- [Yconic.com](#)
- [Canada Graduate Scholarships to Honour Nelson Mandela](#)

## Provincial and Territorial Financial Aid

- [Alberta Student Aid](#)
- [British Columbia Student Aid](#)
- [Manitoba Student Aid](#)
- [New Brunswick Student Financial Services](#)
- [Newfoundland and Labrador Student Aid](#)
- [Northwest Territories Student Financial Assistance](#)
- [Nova Scotia Student Assistance](#)
- [Nunavut Student Funding](#)
- [Ontario Student Assistance Program \(OSAP\)](#)
- [Prince Edward Island Student Financial Services](#)
- [Quebec Student Financial Aid](#)
- [Saskatchewan Student Loans](#)
- [Yukon Student Financial Assistance](#)