

OGS/SSHRC/NSERC 2012-2013

Please be advised that the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) program has undergone an operational change and the administration of the competition has been transferred to universities. The major shift in the delivery of the OGS program now means that **students must apply for an OGS to the graduate program of the university they plan to attend the following year**, rather than to a central application centre.

It is important to note that each Ontario University will have its own application process. Some universities may have an on-line application system, while others may have a paper application system. Also, application deadlines may differ: for example, Western's OGS new application will be available on November 1, 2012 and will close February 1, 2013. Queen's website states that details regarding their application process will be available shortly with a note to revisit the website on October 2nd.

Further information can be found at the following links:

* OGS website: https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/PRD1346626.html#P131_8833

* Eligible Ontario Institutions: http://ocgs.cou.on.ca/_bin/home/memberInstitutions.cfm

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL 4TH YEAR STUDENTS AT KING'S WHO ARE CONSIDERING GRADUATE STUDIES:

If you are applying to Graduate School, here is information about external scholarship funding opportunities you need to know about:

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)***

- Value: approx. \$17,500/year for up to 4 years
- 80% minimum average in each of last two years of study
- Must be applying for a research based plan of study
- **Info Session: Thursday, September 20th in Conron Hall, 2nd Floor of University College from 4:30-6:00 pm**
- **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO KING'S: OCTOBER 5th, 2012**

*** There **might** be Psychology students who apply for this award, please check your eligibility at <http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=FEE7261A-1#NSERC1>

Social Science and Humanities Research Council-Canada Graduate Scholarship (SSHRC-CGS)

http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programmes-programmes/fellowships/cgs_masters-besc_maitrise-eng.aspx

- Value: approx. \$17,500/year for up to 4 years
- 80% minimum average in each of last two years of study
- Must be applying for a research based plan of study
- **Info Session: Thursday, September 27th in Conron Hall, 2nd Floor of University College from 4:30-6:00 pm**

- **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO KING'S: OCTOBER 29th, 2012**

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS):

- Value: approx. \$15,000/year for up to 4 years
- 80% minimum average on last 10.0 courses completed
- Must be attending Ontario university to receive funds
- **Info Session: TBA**
- **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO KING'S: TBA**

Applications require plans of study/research, as well as Reference Letters, which will require time for faculty to prepare.

For more information, please go to:

http://grad.uwo.ca/sgps_development_series/student/scholarship.htm

Consult the Expert Series

The "Consult the Experts" Series offers support to scholars who are writing research proposals for competition. Scholarship and fellowship applicants are required to write a detailed description of their proposed research project for the period during which they would hold the award. A well-structured and well-written proposal is critical to the success of the application. Applicants are encouraged to bring a one-page draft of their research proposal with them to have it read and critiqued by an available expert from a similar research area. Our contingent of volunteer experts is made up of senior award-winning doctoral students, postdoctoral scholars, research officers and faculty members.

There will be a total of **ten (10) 3-hour sessions**. Each of the first six (6) sessions will have a mixed panel of experts in CIHR-, NSERC-, and SSHRC-related fields. The next set of four (4) sessions will focus on the provincial scholarship programs such as the Ontario Graduate Scholarships. There is no registration required and scholars may attend any session that best fits their schedule. Return visits are encouraged. Consultations with a volunteer expert will be limited to 20 minutes each and will take place on a 'first come, first served' basis. Wait times will vary. Session facilitators will ensure the timely flow of traffic throughout each session.

The sessions will be held on the **3rd floor of Stevenson Hall**, inside the main entrance and up the stairs, from **1:00pm-4:00pm** on the following dates:

Six (6) CIHR-NSERC-SSHRC sessions:

- Friday, Sep 21
- Friday, Sep 28
- Friday, Oct 5
- Friday, Oct 12
- Friday, Oct 19
- Friday, Oct 26

Four (4) provincial scholarship sessions:

- Friday, Nov 2
- Friday, Nov 9
- Friday, Nov 16
- Friday, Nov 23

The SGPS website is continually updated with current external scholarship competition information as it becomes available from the agencies.

Scholarship Library

The [Scholarship Library](#) website was developed to equip students with the necessary knowledge and resources to put forth an excellent funding proposal for external competitions. The architecture and content of the site was built using a student-centred approach and is accessible only by current Western students through our secure Grad Portal. Visitors are able to access a wealth of knowledge surrounding the application process and proven recommendations and strategies for success. Furthermore, past applications and successful research proposals are available for students to consult (these have been donated to SGPS by various "Consult the Experts" volunteers). While "Consult the Experts" is exclusively for current graduate students, the Scholarship Library can be accessed by current undergraduate students.

All visitors to the [Scholarship Library](#) must adhere to strict policies in regards to viewing past research proposals, and all information pertaining to students' identity and sensitive research is censored.

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