OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship)

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- Number of Scholarships: approximately 3000 across all fields
- Value: approx. $15,000/year, $5000 per term (3 terms of study)
- Duration: 2 years max/Master’s program
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Eligibility:

1. Full-time enrollment in an eligible program leading to a master’s or doctoral degree at an eligible institution in Ontario

2. Canadian citizen, Protected Person, or Permanent Resident or have received a Temporary Resident Visa – Student Class

3. Applicants who are entering the first or second year of graduate studies at the time of application, must have an overall average of at least A– (80.0% at King’s), or the equivalent, on the last 10 full course equivalents
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Participating Ontario Schools

- Brock University
- Carleton University
- University of Guelph
- Lakehead University
- Laurentian University
- McMaster University
- Nipissing University
- OCAD University
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology
- University of Ottawa
- Queen’s University
- Ryerson University
- University of Toronto
- Trent University
- University of Waterloo
- Western University
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- University of Windsor
- York University

http://cou.on.ca/key-issues/education/graduate-education/ogs/
Acceptance Conditions

- You must be enrolled as a full-time student in an eligible graduate program for the tenure of the award.

- You may change disciplines or eligible programs during the tenure of the award, but only if your eligible institution approves the change.

- You may hold other awards that, together, have a maximum value of $10,000 per year. You may also accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other employment that does not affect your status as a full-time graduate student.
How To Apply for OGS

- You must contact the Graduate Studies Office at an eligible Ontario institution to apply for an OGS.

- If you wish to apply to more than one graduate program at different institutions, you must complete each institution’s OGS application.

- Important: the deadlines vary by school. Please carefully check the Graduate Studies website at each institution.
Anatomy of an OGS Application

- Application Form
- Academic Assessment Reports (2)
- Statement of Interest
- List of Scholarships and Awards
- List of Significant Academic Accomplishments
- Transcripts
- Summary Sheet
Contents & Organization

1. **Opening Paragraph** → Define the problem you want to study
2. **Contextualization** of your problem → Show that you are already familiar with the grounding research
3. **Methodology** → How do you plan to tackle this project?
4. **Qualifications & Background** → Why are you a good candidate to undertake this study?
5. (Short) **Conclusion** → Why *this* program is best suited for you
The Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) offered by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

Joseph–Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships: SSHRC

- Value: $ 17,500 for 12 months, non-renewable (up to 2500 offered Canada-wide)

- Deadline: **December 1, 2017, 8pm ET**

- Tenable: At a recognized Canadian university

- Eligibility:
  - Be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada
  - Have achieved an first-class average (80%) in each of the last two years of study
  - Be entering a program with a **significant research component**
Evaluation Criteria

Academic excellence – 50%
- Academic record (first class average)
- Scholarships and awards held
- Type of program and course load

Research potential – 30%
- Quality, originality, significance, feasibility and merit of proposed research
- Relevance of work & academic training proposed research
- Judgment and ability to think critically

Personal Characteristics – 20%
- Work, leadership, and volunteer experience
- Ability to communicate logically both verbally and in written work
Evaluation Criteria

Proposed Host Institution

- You must indicate the institution at which you intend to hold the award.
- You can select up to five institutions at which you will apply for full-time admission to an eligible program of study.
- Any institution may only be selected once. Additionally, only one department per institution may be selected.
Canada Graduate Scholarship

- Application Form (online)
- Program of Study (1 page for research summary & 1 page for bibliography)
- Transcripts (scanned together as a single document)
- Reference Assessments (2 – sent electronically)
- Common CV
- Agree to Terms and Conditions
Canada Graduate Scholarship

- Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement
- Up to $6000 for 3 to 6 months, non-renewable
- Deadline: June 10 and October 10 each year

- Applicant must hold an active CGS at the time your study period abroad starts;

- Be registered full time in a graduate research studies program at a Canadian institution for the duration of the time abroad;

- Return to complete your graduate degree in Canada.
Other Scholarships & Bursaries

- Upon acceptance, check with your department and your school’s financial aid office to see if there are further scholarship/bursary options.
- Not all bursaries are selected on grade standing (e.g. travel bursaries, group-specific bursaries).
- International schools will have their own scholarship system.
Questions?