Ontario Graduate Scholarships
QEII-Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology

October 22, 2019
Faculty of Graduate Studies
Agenda

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OGS/QEII GSST

OGS - to encourage excellence in graduate studies at the master’s and doctoral levels in all disciplines

QEII-GSST - to encourage excellence in graduate studies at the research master’s and doctoral levels in science and technology
Eligibility to Apply

• Canadian/Permanent Resident by application deadline (Jan 10, 2020)
• International students (up to 3 awards)
• 0-12 months of study at Master’s level at any institution
• 0-36 months of study at PhD level at any institution
• Enrolled in/plan to be enrolled in a full-time graduate program at Windsor
Eligibility to hold the Scholarship

- Max 6 years of gov’t funded graduate awards allowed
- Full-time graduate student
- Must hold award for at least two consecutive academic terms
- Employed for no more than 15 hours per week
- 0-12 months of study at Master’s = 3 terms of funding
- 16+ months of study at Master’s = must be registered in the PhD program when award taken up
- 0-36 months at PhD = 3 terms of funding
- 40 months at PhD = 2 terms of funding
Selection Criteria

Weighting:

• Academic excellence (30-60%)  
  GPA; Scholarships

• Research/Professional potential (20-50%)  
  Publications; presentations; creative/professional activity; referees’ comments; Research/program statement; referees’ comments

• Communication/Leadership skills (10-20%)  
  Research/program statement; referees’ comments
Evaluation process

• Departmental application quotas
• Departments rank and send to Faculties
• Faculties review and rank together all of the applications submitted by their departments.
• Each Faculty forwards ranked applications to Graduate Studies by February 28, 2020
• Graduate Awards Committee reviews all applications and makes final decisions
Application form

• Refer to application on the:

OGS/QEII-GSST website:
Scholarships and awards

• Government funded graduate scholarships (Page 6)
• Other competitive scholarships (Page 7)
• No high school awards
• Do not include Dean’s Roll, President’s Roll
• Non-monetary but prestigious, e.g., Governor General’s Medal
**Student Name:** Last Name , First Name

**UWindsor Student #** (if known): Insert ID

**Optional (do not include if blank)**

List a maximum of 10 competitive undergraduate or graduate scholarships (no high school), fellowships, prizes, academic or professional awards you have received starting with the most recent. These are awards you think would be the most pertinent to the adjudication of your application. If an award was declined, note this after the award name (see example below).

**Do not duplicate awards listed on previous page.**

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Also list any awards or prizes that do not have a monetary value or a duration but were awarded in recognition of exceptional performance, e.g., Governor General’s Medal.
Research Proposal/Statement

• Written by you; ideas and/or texts belonging to others must be properly referenced
• Describe in detail research program or project during the period in which you will hold the award
• Provide background information to position your proposed research/project within the context of the current knowledge in the field
• Be specific and state your objectives
• Outline your experimental or theoretical approach to be taken
Research Proposal/Statement

Thesis-based program:

• Outline methods and procedures
• Use plain language - must be understood by someone with a background in the discipline but with no specific knowledge of your particular field of research
• State the significance of your research or project
• If you have not decided on a specific project, describe a research project that interests you - be as specific as possible
Research Proposal/Statement

Course-based program:

- Describe your plan of studies, including proposed course work and any research work you may undertake
- Explain why you want to do graduate-level work
- If already in a course-based program outline current stage in your program and what you have left to complete
Relevant Professional Activity

- Only to be used for practicum placements, internships or co-op experience related to your program

- Must have a related course number

- Indicate the duration and the location
RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY (if applicable) Page 9

**Student Name:** Last Name, First Name

**UWindsor Student # (if known):** Insert ID

**NOTE:** Maximum of 1 page. Follow the guidelines provided in the Application instructions.

Enter the information on each activity in the table below. Relevant professional activity must be relevant to your degree program and have a course number.

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Publications and Presentations

• Master’s-level award - max of 1 page (10a)
  Doctoral-level award - max 2 pages (10a and 10b)

• Group into two categories: refereed and non-refereed

• Clearly label each, e.g., journal articles, posters, conference presentations, exhibitions, etc.

• Include only work that has been submitted, accepted, in-press, or published, and clearly label them as such
Publications and Presentations

• Do not include:
  • your thesis
  • work term reports
  • articles that are currently in progress
  • work on which you do not appear as an author
  • articles in preparation

• If the work has been published you must include the complete citation

• Use a citation format commonly accepted in your department
Special Circumstances

• Max 100 words at the end of the Publications and Presentations page (starting a new page if needed)
• Describe special circumstances that have affected your performance (health problems, family responsibilities, disabilities, etc.)
• Any weight given to any special circumstances will be determined by UWindsor’s ranking committees
Who will write your references?

Pick someone who knows you
- may have to explain anomalies in your transcript or publication record
- should have time to meet with you and write an assessment of your abilities with examples
- give referees your resume, transcript, proposal, scholarship criteria and proposal before meeting

Pick someone who can/will make your case
- reference letter speaks for you at committees
- give them time to do a good job
How to apply?

• Access application form from Grad Studies website (http://www.uwindsor.ca/graduate-studies/620/ogs)

• Order official transcripts

• UWindsor students may submit copies of transcripts, including those printed from UWinsite Student, as long as your name and ID number are added to the copy

• Ask referees and make sure you tell them the deadline – January 10, 2020
Good luck!

Any questions? 
Contact your department or Graduate Studies

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