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\*The [Application Instructions webpage](#) has a link to the “Screenshots” of the OGS online application form, available to students and their referees for their reference

# 1. PROPOSED STUDY FOR 2025-2026

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## Proposed Study for 2025-2026

Please provide information regarding the graduate unit and program to which you will (or intend to) be registered in for the next academic year. The information provided will determine where your OGS application will be sent for consideration at the University of Toronto. Please review the [OGS Application Instructions](#) for additional information.

**Faculty (required)**

Required.

# 1. PROPOSED STUDY FOR 2025-2026

- In this section, applicants should be describing the program they intend to be registered in for the 2025-26 academic year (not the current year)
- For example, there is a question that asks: **Year of Study**
  - Applicant should enter the year of study that they will be in for the **2025-2026 academic year**.
  - Therefore, if the applicant is currently in first year of the program (just started this September) they would enter “2”
  - If the applicant is applying for admission into a program to start next September 2025, they would enter “1”

## 2. APPLICANT PROFILE

- In this section applicants will need to declare their citizenship status in order for administrators to determine which competition the application will be reviewed in
  - Applicants who select their citizenship status as Protected person, permanent resident, or temporary resident visa/student study permit, will need to indicate the date residency status was received
  - **Note:** Applicants applying for other awards that use the OGS application form and do not need to demonstrate citizenship status may select “No status at time of application (ineligible for OGS/QEII-GSST)”
- Additionally, applicants will be asked if they self-identify as Indigenous or Black. If an applicant self-identifies as Indigenous or Black they may be considered for other award opportunities
  - Particularly for Indigenous to Canada students, in order to be considered for the OGS Indigenous competition, applicants must indicate they self-identify as Indigenous First Nation (Status/Non-Status), Métis, or Inuk (Inuit) in this section
  - Self-identification information is only available for administrative purposes and is not present on the PDF application view, and should not be seen by those adjudicating the application

### Status

#### Current citizenship status (required)

Canadian citizen

Permanent resident

Protected person

Temporary resident visa/student study permit

No status at time of application (ineligible for OGS/QEII-GSST)

Indigenous students (Status or Non-Status).

#### Do you self-identify as an Indigenous Person? (required)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

By providing this information you may be considered for awards available for Indigenous students (Status or Non-Status).

#### Do you self-identify as a Black student? (required)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

By providing this information you may be considered for awards available for Black students.



### 3. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Enter **all degrees** completed, in progress, or withdrawn from in the “Current and Previous Studies” section for a complete academic history
- Upload a single PDF file that includes transcripts from all postsecondary studies including transcripts from study abroad sessions, if the grades are not present in the “home” university transcript
- U of T transcripts must be uploaded even if the student is currently enrolled in a graduate program at U of T
- Legends must be included for all transcripts outside of U of T
- Digitally signed / certified / encrypted transcripts must **not** be uploaded. You may use freely available PDF software such as Adobe Acrobat Reader or a web browser such as Chrome to “print to PDF” in order to create an unencrypted “copy” of the file to upload
- Scanned unofficial, student-issued, or web transcripts (e.g., ACORN academic histories) are permitted

Do not upload digitally signed, certified or encrypted transcripts!

Instead, make a copy using Adobe Acrobat Reader (open with Reader and “print to PDF”).

\*College, CEGEP and certificate program transcripts are optional and may be included if applicant finds it appropriate (e.g., relevant to program)



## 4. AWARDS & FINANCIAL AID

- Applicants must declare:
  - if they have previously held OSAP or CSL loan and if they are in good standing or not
  - how many previous federal and provincial awards they have held, declined awards should not be included in this section
- Applicants **must** indicate if they would like to be considered for other graduate award competitions – particularly the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarships in Science & Technology competition and/or awards for Black and/or Indigenous students

Would you like this OGS application to be considered in other graduate award competitions (e.g. QEII-GSST, awards for Black and/or Indigenous students) for which you may be eligible at the University of Toronto?  
Separate application requirements may be necessary. (required)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Previous

- Applicants applying for other awards that use the OGS application form may upload additional application documents as an attachment to the application form

Would you like this OGS application to be considered in other graduate award competitions (e.g. QEII-GSST, awards for Black and/or Indigenous students) for which you may be eligible at the University of Toronto? Separate application requirements may be necessary. (required)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Has the particular award competition(s) to which you are applying requested specific documents to be uploaded to this form? (required)

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ I'm not applying to any particular competition at the moment

Please attach the required documentation as per the award instructions as a single PDF file, not exceeding 2 MB. (required)

Upload



## 5. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS

- Enter all Scholarships and Awards that are competitive, include their value
  - Include all awards you have been offered, even if the offer was later declined, that you think would be most pertinent to the evaluation of your application

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### Academic Achievements

List scholarships, fellowships, prizes, and other academic awards you have received and think would be most pertinent to the adjudication of your application (most recent first). Include those indicated in the 'Previous Government Awards' section.

### Scholarships and Awards

Add



## 5. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS: RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS, RELEVANT EXPERIENCE & ACTIVITIES

- Maximum 2 pages, pdf attachment/upload
- Part 1.

**Research Contributions:** List of publications, presentations, posters, or other significant work that was submitted to an external organization (e.g., a consulting report), applicants may use the referencing style for their discipline

- Part 2.

**Relevant Experience & Activities:** Applicants should describe the research/academic abilities that they have gained through their past research/academic experience. If they have relevant work experience, discuss the relevance of that experience to their proposed field of study/research and any benefits they gained from it.

Applicants may describe their professional, academic and extracurricular activities, interactions and collaborations that best demonstrate their communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.



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### Research Contributions, Relevant Experience and Activities

Please attach a copy of your Research Contributions, Relevant Experience and Activities as a single PDF document. It must meet the following requirements provided below.

General presentation:

- Body text in a minimum 12pt Arial (or similar) font
- Single-spaced, with no more than 6 lines of type per inch
- All margins set at a minimum of 3/4" (1.87 cm)

File requirements:

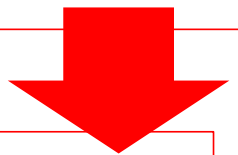
- File size cannot exceed 1 MB.
- 8 1/2" x 11" (216 mm x 279 mm) or A4 (210 mm x 297 mm)
- Maximum 2 pages (All information exceeding this limit will be omitted.)

For Research Contribution content requirements review the [OGS Application Instructions](#).

(required)

Upload

The selected file must be a PDF document and cannot exceed 1 MB



(required)

Research Contributions.pdf



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# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS: APPLICATION TIPS

- Reviewers look heavily at **PROGRESS**. Ongoing awards look good. Publications, historical grade trends, and **PRODUCTIVITY**
- Your contributions/role in a project, impact of the work, awards, presentations, research background, communication achievements, leadership roles (volunteer, elected positions, clubs, sports, etc.)
- Limit to university level achievements

Check out the Academic Achievements section on the [SGS OGS Application Instructions webpage](#) for tips on how to put together the *Research Contributions, Relevant Experiences & Activities* 2-pager.

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND/OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- OGS adjudication committees take into consideration special circumstances that may have interrupted or delayed the completion of an applicant's current or a previous degree, affected applicants' research, professional career, record of academic or research achievement.
  - Specify the dates of the delay or interruption.
  - Relevant circumstances could include maternity/parental leave, child-rearing, illness, disability, cultural or community responsibilities, socio-economic context, health-related family responsibilities, trauma and loss, or the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Indigenous applicants are encouraged to use this section to describe special circumstances that could have had an impact on their academic or career paths.

All information provided to U of T is subject to the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#). Applicants are reminded that the information included in this section of their application will be shared with selection committee members for consideration as part of their application. OGS reviewers cannot share this information outside of the merit review process.

## 6. PLAN OF STUDY

- Maximum 1 page + 1 additional page for citations/bibliography as a PDF file upload
- Research Based programs: A detailed description of the proposed research project for the period during which the award will be held. Must be as specific as possible without being too jargon-laden – can include Objectives, Outline, Methods, Procedures, Significance
- Course Based programs: A detailed plan including proposed course and any research work. Outline current stage of studies and what remains to be done and a rationale for engaging in graduate level studies

# PLAN OF STUDY: TIPS

- Write a clear and concise research proposal that an **educated non-expert** could understand
- Give your proposal to as many people as possible to review – ideally a professor/ senior graduate student who can critique it
- Read the proposal **out loud** to yourself and others. If it doesn't sound natural, then it needs more work
- Engage the reviewer by highlighting the **Importance/Significance** – you want your reviewer to advocate for your application
- Max of 1 page PDF upload

Go the Plan of Study section on the [SGS OGS Application Instructions webpage](#) for suggested guidelines on writing your Plan of Study for those applying or currently in a [thesis](#) or [non-thesis](#) graduate program.

# WRITING SUPPORT

- The following departments/faculties offer writing support through one-on-one consultations:
  - Architecture
  - OISE
  - Dentistry
  - Nursing
  - Pharmacy
  - Physical Education
  - Social Work
- You may also visit the **Graduate Centre for Academic Communication**: <https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/resources-supports/gcac/>

# GRADUATE CENTRE FOR ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION

- GCAC offers bootcamp/ intensive courses and workshops for proposal writing. They also offer one-on-one appointments to help review proposals
- <https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/resources-supports/gcac/>

## Graduate Centre for Academic Communication

Accessibility	→
FAQs for Current Students	→
Research and Academic Resiliency and Adaptation Tool Kit	→
Supervision Support	→
Graduate Centre for Academic Communication	→
Current Term's Courses	
Annual Course Schedule	
Workshops	
Writing Centre	
Boot Camps and Writing Intensives	
Additional Resources: Writing & Speaking	
Registration Instructions & Attendance Policies	
The GCAC Team	
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)	
GCAC Contacts	
SGS Innovation in Graduate Professional Development Fund	→

Welcome to the Graduate Centre for Academic Communication (GCAC). GCAC provides graduate students with advanced training in academic writing and speaking.

We are now located on the first floor of the McMurich Building (12 Queen's Park Crescent West). For general inquiries, please contact us at [sgs.gcac@utoronto.ca](mailto:sgs.gcac@utoronto.ca).

Graduate students need to be able to communicate sophisticated information to sophisticated audiences. As you prepare to attend your first conference, to write your first proposal, or to publish your first paper, you will need stronger communication skills than those needed in undergraduate work. By emphasizing professional development rather than remediation, GCAC can help you cultivate the ability to diagnose and address the weaknesses in your oral and written work.

GCAC offers five types of support designed to target the needs of both native and non-native speakers of English: non-credit courses, single-session workshops, individual writing consultations, writing intensives, and a list of additional resources for academic writing and speaking.

All of our programs are free. [Courses](#), [workshops](#) and [writing intensives](#) require registration. [Writing Centre consultations](#) require an appointment.

### Notes

- **International Visiting Graduate Students (IVGS) and Postdoctoral Fellows** are welcome to attend GCAC workshops; however, **they are ineligible for GCAC courses and Writing Centre appointments.**
- If you need to know the location of a course in which you are registered, please check your registration confirmation email. That email is sent to the address that is listed in your official U of T profile.

### I would like to learn about...

<a href="#">Current Term's Courses</a>	<a href="#">Registration Instructions &amp; Attendance Policies</a>	<a href="#">Workshops</a>
<a href="#">Boot Camps and Writing Intensives</a>	<a href="#">Writing Centre Appointments</a>	<a href="#">Annual Course Schedule</a>

## 7. ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

- Each application must be accompanied by two Academic Assessments
- Faculty members or individuals who have had sufficient opportunity to assess the student's academic and research potential
- Current doctoral and master's level applicants with a supervisor/advisor should include their previous and current thesis supervisors/advisors as their referees
- Contact referees early to inquire about a positive reference
- Email them a summary of contributions and information you would like to have in the letter; the information should be different for your two referees; [Referee Instructions link](#)
- Send requests well before finishing your application and set a referee deadline at least a week or two before your graduate unit deadline – referees will not be able to see your online OGS application
- Check the status of the assessments & follow-up prior to the deadline
- Remember to give them a big thank you.





## 7. ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

### Sending an Academic Assessment Request (email invitation):

Referees

Delete

First name (required)

Required

Last name (required)

Required

Email address (required)

Delete

First name (required)

Required

Last name (required)

Required

Email address (required)

Required

Previous

Save

Next

For each referee, ensure to enter First name, Last name and their Email in their respective field. All three fields are required before the referee email will be sent.

Both referees' information must be entered before you may click Next to complete this component and go the next page.

Two options:

1. Enter both referees' information to send their invitations at the same time.
2. If you would like to send one academic assessment email invitation first, complete one referee's information and click the SAVE button. When you are ready to enter your second referee, return to the Academic Assessment page of your OGS Form, enter the second referee's information and click NEXT.



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## 7. ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

- To **check the status** of an Academic Assessment, return to the My Forms page and select the form's row to display the **application components**.

**My Forms**

Search Search

Collection: Ontario Graduate Scholarship Cycle: 2025-2026 Progress: Draft, Submitted, Completed, Cancelled

Last Modified Date Range Submitted Date Range

Apply Filters Clear Filters

Collection	Initiator	Cycle	Last Modified ↓	Submitted	Progress	Status	Outcome	Actions
Ontario Graduate Scholarship Faculty of Arts and Science, Psychology, MA-Psychology, Canadian citizen	Harry Potter (stud @gmail.com)	2025-2026	Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft	Waiting on Academic Assessment(s).		

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## 7. ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

- Each Academic Assessment will have a setting displayed in the **Progress** column, either **Draft** or **Completed**.

Collection	Initiator	Cycle	Last Modified ↓	Submitted	Progress	Status	Outcome	Actions
Ontario Graduate Scholarship Faculty of Arts and Science, Psychology, MA-Psychology, Canadian citizen	Harry Potter (st [redacted] +1@gmail.com)	2025-2026	Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft	Waiting on Academic Assessment(s).		
Applicant Form	Harry Potter (st [redacted] 1@gmail.com)		Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft	Waiting on Academic Assessment(s).		<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
Academic Assessment	Holmes, Sherlock		Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft	Sent: Oct 11, 2024 10:24 AM		<a href="#">Resend</a>
Academic Assessment	Storm, Susan		Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM	Oct 11, 2024 10:33 AM	Completed			<a href="#">Unsubmit</a>
Graduate Unit			Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft			

## 7. ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

- To **resend** an **Academic Assessment** (email invitation), in the **Actions** column, there will be a **Resend** button. Click the resend button and a new email invitation will be sent to the referee and the Sent date in the Status column will be updated.
- **Note:** Referees have 60 days from the sent date of email request to complete their Academic Assessment. After 60 days, referees will need to email you (i.e., applicant) to 'Re-send' request.

Collection	Initiator	Cycle	Last Modified ↓	Submitted	Progress	Status	Outcome	Actions
Ontario Graduate Scholarship Faculty of Arts and Science, Psychology, MA-Psychology, Canadian citizen	Harry Potter ([redacted]1@gmail.com)	2025-2026	Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft	Waiting on Academic Assessment(s).		
Applicant Form	Harry Potter ([redacted]1@gmail.com)		Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft	Waiting on Academic Assessment(s).		<button>View</button> <button>Delete</button>
Academic Assessment	Holmes, Sherlock [redacted]		Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft	Sent: Oct 11, 2024 10:24 AM		<button>Resend</button>
Academic Assessment	Storn, [redacted]		Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM	Oct 11, 2024 10:33 AM	Completed			<button>Unsubmit</button>
Graduate Unit			Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft			

## 7. ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

- To **unsubmit** a completed **Academic Assessment**, in the **Actions** column, there will be an **Unsubmit** button. Click the unsubmit button and an email will be sent to the referee to inform them that they can now access the form they previously submitted to make changes

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Ontario Graduate Scholarship Faculty of Arts and Science, Psychology, MA-Psychology, Canadian citizen	Harry Potter (s[REDACTED]1@gmail.com)	2025-2026	Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft	Waiting on Academic Assessment(s).		
Applicant Form	Harry Potter (s[REDACTED]1@gmail.com)		Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft	Waiting on Academic Assessment(s).		<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
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Academic Assessment	Storm, Susan		Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM	Oct 11, 2024 10:33 AM	Completed			<a href="#">Unsubmit</a>
Graduate Unit			Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft			

## 7. ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

- To delete/change a referee, return to the **Academic Assessments** page of the applicant form. Above and to the right of each referee's name there will be a blue **Delete** button. Click **Delete** which will clear the referee's contact information and then click **Save** before entering any new information.
- Only after clicking Save, should you then enter the new referee's information. Please be very cautious when selecting these buttons as deleting a referee will permanently remove a completed academic assessment attached to your application. If you accidentally delete a referee and click **Save**, the assessment form will be deleted and the referee will need to complete the assessment again.



The screenshot shows a portion of a web form. At the top right, there is a blue button with the word "Delete" in white text, which is highlighted by a red rectangular border. Below this button, on the left side, are two text input fields. The first field is labeled "First name (required)" and the second field is labeled "Last name (required)". Both fields are currently empty.



# RETURNING TO YOUR APPLICATION

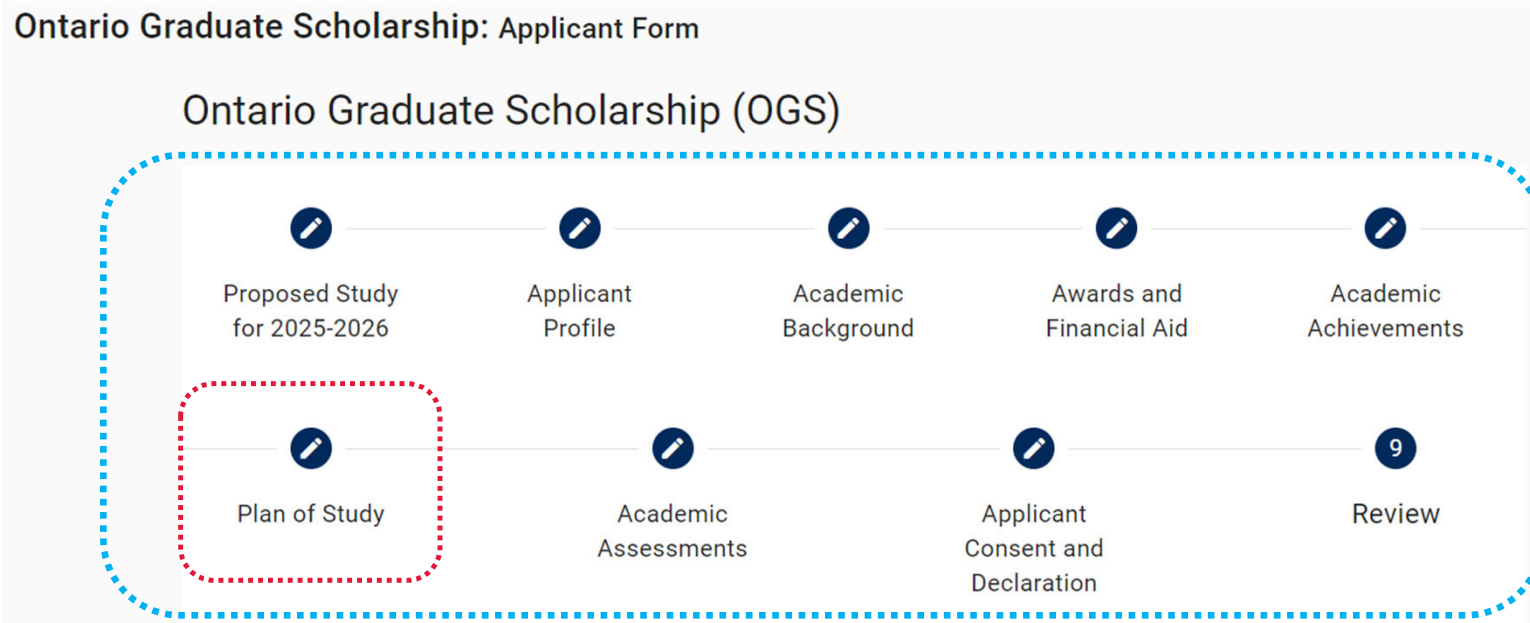
- You can save and leave your application and return to it at a later time
- Return to your “My Forms” page and **click** your application row to display the application components
- In the **Actions** column select the **View** button

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Applicant Form	Harry Potter (s.....1@gmail.com)		Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft	Waiting on Academic Assessment(s)		<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
Academic Assessment	Holmes, Sherlock		Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft	Sent: Oct 11, 2024 10:24 AM		<a href="#">Resend</a>
Academic Assessment	Storm, Susan		Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM	Oct 11, 2024 10:33 AM	Completed			<a href="#">Unsubmit</a>
Graduate Unit			Oct 11, 2024 12:43 PM		Draft			



# NAVIGATING THROUGH YOUR APPLICATION

- If you save and exit the application, when you return to the application to edit, it will bring you to the last saved page when the form is loaded. You may review and edit any pages that you previously saved/validated by clicking the page you wish to view on the breadcrumb menu at the top of the page.





# SUBMITTING

- Once both your Academic Assessments have been **completed** and you have completed all other components of the application, in order to submit, return to your application and go to the **Review** page. If you need to make a change, click on the **Edit** link.

Collection	Initiator	Cycle	Last Modified	Submitted	Progress	Status	Outcome	Actions
Ontario Graduate Scholarship Faculty of Arts and Science, Psychology, MA-Psychology, Permanent resident	Hermione Granger (s.....?@gmail.com)	2025-2026	Oct 30, 2024 11:25 AM		Draft	Ready for submission.		
Applicant Form	Hermione Granger (s.....@gmail.com)		Oct 30, 2024 11:25 AM		Draft	Ready for submission.		<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
Academic Assessment	Watson, Joan		Oct 30, 2024 11:25 AM	Oct 17, 2024 3:04 PM	Completed			<a href="#">Unsubmit</a>
Academic Assessment	Strange, Stephen		Oct 30, 2024 11:25 AM	Oct 17, 2024 3:02 PM	Completed			<a href="#">Unsubmit</a>

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Edit

Please provide information regarding the graduate unit and program to which you will (or intend to) be registered in for the next academic year. The information provided will determine where your OGS application will be sent for consideration at the University of Toronto. Please review the [OGS Application Instructions](#) for additional information.

# SUBMITTING

- If one or both of the Academic Assessments have not yet been submitted, a message will appear and the “Submit” button will not be available.

**Not Ready to Submit**  
The form cannot be submitted for the following reason(s):

- Waiting on Academic Assessment(s).

- Once all components are complete, the error message will no longer be shown and the Submit button will turn blue and be available. **Remember, once an application is submitted, no changes can be made.**

Previous

Save

Submit

- Once the application has been submitted, a submission confirmation page will appear, and the status of the application should show “Received by Administrator”:

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

**Your form was successfully submitted.**  
CONFIRMATION #: [REDACTED]



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If you need to edit your submitted application, email your Graduate Unit to ‘unsubmit’ the OGS application form to you to make changes and resubmit.

# WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR OGS APPLICATION

- Once submitted, applications will be received and reviewed at the University (graduate department at U of T) where you intend to hold your OGS
- Internal departmental results (i.e., Outcome) available on application site by mid April (OGS international) and early June (OGS domestic)
- Official award notifications sent out by SGS end of May (only for Nominated OGS international) and July (only for Recommended OGS domestic)
- Payments are issued through ACORN

<input type="checkbox"/>	Collection	Initiator	Cycle	Last Modified	Submitted	Progress	Status	Outcome
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ontario Graduate Scholarship Faculty of Arts and Science, Psychology, PhD in Psychology, Canadian citizen	Hermione Granger (s ?@gmail.com)	2025- 2026	Oct 30, 2024 11:49 AM	Oct 17, 2024 10:31 AM	Submitted		Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ontario Graduate Scholarship Faculty of Arts and Science, Psychology, MA-Psychology, Canadian citizen	Harry Potter (: l@gmail.com)	2025- 2026	Oct 30, 2024 11:48 AM	Oct 17, 2024 4:06 PM	Submitted		Alternate

# WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR OGS APPLICATION

- It is correct for your Graduate Unit form to show “Draft” **Progress**

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Ontario Graduate Scholarship Faculty of Arts and Science, Psychology, MA-Psychology, Canadian citizen	Harry Potter (_____.@gmail.com)	2025-2026	Oct 11, 2024 12:58 PM	Oct 11, 2024 12:58 PM	Submitted	Received by Administrator		
Applicant Form	Harry Potter (_____.@gmail.com)		Oct 11, 2024 12:58 PM	Oct 11, 2024 12:58 PM	Submitted	Received by Administrator		<a href="#">View</a>
Academic Assessment	Holmes, Sherlock		Oct 11, 2024 12:58 PM	Oct 11, 2024 12:48 PM	Completed			
Academic Assessment	Storm, Susan		Oct 11, 2024 12:58 PM	Oct 11, 2024 10:33 AM	Completed			
Graduate Unit			Oct 11, 2024 12:58 PM		Draft			



# **ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR MERIT-BASED APPLICATIONS**

# WHAT MAKES A GREAT MERIT BASED APPLICATION?

Advice from Graduate Awards Office & Prof. Malcolm Campbell - Former Vice-Principal Research, UTSC:

- Reviewers spend 6-8 minutes on each application. You have a short period of time to sell yourself on paper.
- Know the Selection/Evaluation Criteria – make sure you “hit” them all
- Review the [SGS OGS Application Instructions webpage](#)

# WRITING STYLE/FORMATting

- Make it easy for the reviewer to find key information
- Use headings
- Apply boldface or underlined text strategically
- Be clear, succinct, scholarly but understandable
- Be straight forward, emphasize strengths, not a time to be shy
- Follow formatting standards

# REFERENCE LETTERS (AKA ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT)

- Must be very strong
- Be enthusiastic
- Provide additional information (skills and past achievements) and specific examples to demonstrate how your attributes and qualifications surpasses selection criteria & are worthy of the award
- Remind your referees to review the [Referee Instructions](#) webpage with additional details have been added to help guide referees on what to include in the content for the Assessment Details section

**REMINDER:** You can only submit your online OGS application when both assessments are complete.

You should give yourself enough time (e.g., at least a couple of days or even two weeks in advance) to receive the assessments and complete your application before your graduate unit deadline.

**Tip:** You can first send requests to referees well before finishing your application.





# QUEEN ELIZABETH II GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (QEII-GSST)

- The Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST) program is designed to encourage excellence in graduate studies in science and technology.
- The University of Toronto issues approx. 170+ awards each year.
- Applicants must submit an OGS application to their proposed graduate unit using the U of T OGS Online Application and select “Yes” that they would like to be considered for other graduate award competitions in the “Governmental Award Applications in Progress” section of the Awards and Financial Aid step of the application.
- In addition to the OGS application, some departments/Faculties may have additional steps or forms to be completed in order to be considered for the QEII-GSST, particularly the Temerty Faculty of Medicine, please be sure to verify with the department/faculty
- For full TFoM QEII-GSST details please check out RHSE’s website:  
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# THANK YOU!

## Questions?

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