



**2025-2026 ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (OGS) and
QUEEN ELIZABETH II GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (QEII-GSST) PROGRAM
Application Form**

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES, NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

Overview

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) and Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST) program encourages excellence in graduate studies at publicly-assisted universities in Ontario. Since 1975, the OGS program has been providing merit-based scholarships to Ontario's best graduate students in all disciplines of academic study.

Funding Sources

Scholarships are jointly funded by the Ontario government and participating institutions. The government contributes two thirds of the value of the awards and the university provides the remaining one-third.

Each university may allocate up to two (2) OGS/QEII-GSST awards to Indigenous graduate students to recognize excellence and promote equitable access and participation in the scholarship program by Indigenous applicants. For the purposes of the scholarship, an Indigenous person is a person who self-identifies as a First Nations (Status/Non-Status), Métis, or Inuit.

Eligible Students

In order to be considered for an OGS/QEII-GSST award, a student must be:

- A Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) at the time of the application deadline [Exception: see note on international students below];
- Enrolled at a publicly-assisted university in Ontario in a full-time program of study that leads to a graduate degree and is approved for operating grant purposes by the ministry; and
- Enrolled as a full time student.
- Visa Students: Foreign students who are studying in Ontario under a temporary resident visa – student study permit, under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) are eligible for the allotted visa student awards.

Minimum Academic Requirements

The applicant must, at the minimum, meet the following OGS/QEII-GSST requirements:

- If entering the first or second year of graduate studies at the time of application the student must have an overall average of at least A- or the equivalent on the last 20 one-term/semester courses, or equivalent, completed.
- If the applicant is entering the third year of graduate studies at the time of application the student must have an overall average of at least A-, or the equivalent, on all graduate courses completed.
- If master's or doctoral degree marks used for calculating an applicant's grade point average (GPA) are not available (for example, courses were graded on a pass-fail basis), then the university's Registrar's Office will use the most recent available undergraduate or graduate marks to calculate a student's GPA.

Scholarship Evaluation Process

Please visit <https://www.nipissingu.ca/academics/school-graduate-studies/graduate-scholarship-evaluation-policy> to learn more about the Ontario Graduate Scholarship evaluation process at Nipissing.

Scholarship Value

Each award through the OGS/QEII-GSST program is \$5,000 per term to a maximum of \$15,000 per academic year. Consistent with the 2:1 ratio of government funding to institutional funding, the Ontario government portion of the scholarship to an individual student is a maximum of \$10,000 annually. The remaining funds are to be provided by the university.

Concurrent Support

Recipients may not concurrently hold an OGS/QEII-GSST award and a tri-council award, including:
The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Program (SSHRC);
The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Program (NSERC);
The Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR); and
Nipissing University Graduate Scholarship (NUGS) funding.

At the institution's discretion, recipients may receive an award and also accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other paid employment that does not affect their status as a full-time graduate student.

Maximum Support

Master's students can receive an award for a maximum of two academic years and doctoral students for a maximum of four academic years.

Students cannot exceed a lifetime maximum of six (6) years of government-funded graduate awards. Awards under the following programs are counted toward this lifetime maximum:

- Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program (OGS)
- Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST)
- Ontario Trillium Scholarships (OTS)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
- Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR)
- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)

Applicants should note that meeting or exceeding the minimum stated requirements does not guarantee an offer of funding.

Allocations will be based on the number, quality, and completeness of applicants. All decisions are final.

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th, 2025

Please submit your application electronically to sgs@nipissingu.ca.

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Student Information

Name (First name and Last name): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

All correspondence regarding the status of your application will be communicated to you by email

Nipissing University Student ID (if applicable): _____

Do you self- identify as Indigenous, Aboriginal, First Nations (Status/Non-Status), Métis, or Inuit? Yes: No:

Do you self-identify as Black, Indigenous, or Person of Colour? Yes: No:

Address

Street name and number: _____

Apartment: _____

City, town, or post office: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Area code and telephone number: _____

Other Personal Information

Your citizenship status (**please attach proof to citizenship to your application**):

Canadian Citizen

Permanent Resident

Protected Person

Temporary Resident visa-Student study permit

If you selected Permanent Resident, Protected Person or Temporary resident visa - student study permit, please provide the date your residency status was received: _____

Proposed Studies at Nipissing University

Program name: _____ Faculty or Department: _____

Proposed level of study for 2025-2026

Master's – first year

Master's – second year

Doctorate – first year

Doctorate – second year

Doctorate – third year

Doctorate – fourth year

Previous studies (Start with your most current/ recent studies first)

Please provide information on all of your previous studies. Include both studies in Canada as well as outside Canada. If you have additional studies, please provide the information below on a separate sheet and include it in your OGS/QEII-GSST Application Package.

Current/ most recent academic institution and department:

Time period you attended this school: _____ to _____

Level (undergraduate/ master's/ doctoral): _____

Did you receive a degree? Yes No

If "Yes", what is the date you received the degree: _____

Previous academic institution and department:

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Previous OGS/QEII-GSST and Other Government Awards

One of the eligibility requirements for OGS/QEII-GSST is that you must not have exceeded the lifetime maximum of 6 years of government-funded student awards. Please indicate if you have ever been in receipt of any of the following awards, and the number of years for which you held this award:

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC): _____

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERCC): _____

Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR): _____

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS): _____

Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship Science & Technology (QEII GSST): _____

Ontario Trillium Scholarships (OTS): _____

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Vanier CGS): _____

Other(s): _____

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Academic Assessment Report

Part of the Academic Assessment requires an academic reference. The student must complete the “Student Information” and “Submission Information” sections and forward this report to their referee to complete. The referee is responsible for completing “Academic Assessment” and “Referee Information” sections and signing this report. The referee should send his or her assessment directly to sgs@nipissingu.ca and notify the student so that the student can verify that the OGS/QEII-GSST Application Package is complete. The complete application must be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies (sgs@nipissingu.ca), by Wednesday, January 15th, 2025. Failure to do so will disqualify the student from the competition.

Student Information

Student Name	
Student Number	
University attending or planning to attend	
Department	
Discipline	

Submission Information

Deadline date:	
Send to:	

Academic Assessment

Carefully mark the category that best describes the student’s academic performance in relation to all students at a similar stage that you have previously evaluated. Please apply the strictest interpretation of the rankings indicated below. For example, the ranking of a student in the top category is expected to occur infrequently. In addition, if you wish to elaborate on the assessment or provide other relevant comments please complete and sign the attached form.

	Top 2%	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 20%	Top 50%	Lower 50%	Unable to evaluate
Background preparation							
Originality							
Present ability at research							
Research potential							
Industriousness							
Judgement							
Oral and written skills							
Overall ability							

Additional Information from Referee

Please submit any additional comments on a separate document, saved as a PDF. These comments are not to exceed the two-page limit.

Referee Information

I know/ knew the student in my capacity as:

During the following period:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Institution: _____

Department: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

Information requested from students and applicants is collected under the authority of the Nipissing University Act, 1992.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act you are hereby notified that: "By applying for admission to Nipissing University and by registering in programs or courses at the University, you are accepting the University's right to collect pertinent personal information. The information is needed to assess qualifications for entry, establish a record of performance in programs and courses, provide the basis for awards and government funding, and to assist the University in the academic and financial administration of its affairs". Additionally, personal information may be used by University staff in many offices on a "need to know" basis to identify and contact students who require their services. Personal information is also provided to the Nipissing University Student Union in order to enroll students in their Health Care Plan.

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Master's Statement of Interest/ Doctorate Research Proposal

-Nipissing University requires scholarship applicants to write their own research proposal/statement of interest independently

-texts must be properly cited; do not refer to URLs as the selections committee will not look up the information

-please provide a detailed description of the research you plan for the duration of the time you will hold this award

-be as specific as possible, whilst using plain language so that it can be understood by someone with a background in your discipline but no specific knowledge of your particular field of research

-place your proposed research with the context of your field's current knowledge

For applicants with a research background:

- State the objectives

- Outline the experimental or theoretical approach to be taken

- State the methods and procedures that will be used

If a specific project has not been decided upon, the applicant must still provide a detailed description of a research or project statement that interests them. Be as specific as possible.

The proposal must not exceed two standard letter sized pages in length excluding the bibliography/ reference list.

List of Significant Academic Accomplishments (i.e. internships, research projects, involvement in student organizations, relevant volunteer work)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for listing significant academic accomplishments.

List of Publications and Presentations

[Empty box for list of publications and presentations]

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Application Checklist

Items	Inclusion Verified by Student	Inclusion Verified by SGS
Application Checklist		
OGS Application Form – Signed		
Academic Assessment Report 1		
Academic Assessment Report 2		
Proof of Citizenship, Permanent Resident, Student Visa, Protected Person (e.g., copy of passport)		
Master’s Statement of Interest/ Doctorate Research Proposal		
List of Significant Academic Accomplishments		
List of Publications and/or Presentations		
Signed Checklist and Declaration Form		
Official Transcripts*		
At least 80% average**		

***NEW: All OGS/QEII-GSST applicants are required to submit official transcripts from all institutions (including Nipissing University) with their scholarship application to sgs@nipissingu.ca. Failure to submit official transcripts to the School of Graduate Studies may result in your application being disqualified. Transcripts submitted to Nipissing University’s Registrar’s Office as part of an admission application will not be accepted.**

**If entering the first or second year of graduate studies at the time of application the student must have an overall average of at least A- or the equivalent, on the last 10 full courses, or the equivalent completed. If the student is entering the third year of graduate studies at the time of application the student must have an overall average of at least A-, or the equivalent, on all graduate courses completed. If master’s or doctoral degree marks used for calculating an applicant’s grade point average (GPA) are not available, (ex. Pass/Fail) then Nipissing University will use the most recently available undergraduate or graduate marks to calculate a student’s GPA.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Notice, Consents, Declaration, and Signature of Applicant

Collection and Use of Personal Information

Your personal information provided on this application form, in the required supporting documentation, and in all other communications related to your application and award of an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), including previous applications and awards of OGS, will be used by Nipissing University to administer and finance the OGS award. Nipissing University may be required to provide this information to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities as well as Revenue Canada. Your application will be used by the OGS Selection Board to consider your OGS application and make its report to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Administration includes: determining your eligibility for an OGS; verifying your application; verifying your OGS award; considering any requests for review; maintaining and auditing your file; collecting overpayments and repayments; enforcing the legislation associated with OGS; planning, delivering, evaluating and monitoring the OGS awards; and conducting policy analysis, evaluation, and research related to the OGS awards. Financing includes: planning, arranging or providing funding of the OGS awards.

Applicant's Consent to the Indirect Collection and Disclosure of Personal Information

- I agree that Nipissing University may, without limitation, collect, use and disclose personal information about me that is relevant to the administration and financing of OGS with: its authorized financial administration agents and auditors; my academic references; SSHRC; NSERC; bodies identified on this application form and other bodies, including government bodies within and outside Canada that administer scholarships for graduate study or student loans; the Ministry's contractors, auditors and third party administrators; Ministry of Government Services and collection agencies it operates or retains; and consumer reporting agencies.
- I agree that Nipissing University can, without limitation, collect, use and disclose personal information about me that is relevant to the consideration of my OGS application and its report to the Minister with respect to the granting of the OGS with: the Ministry, my academic references and the selection panel it appoints to assess my application.

Applicant's Declaration

- I have given complete and true information on this application form and in the required supporting documentation.
- I understand that I am responsible for providing all required supporting documentation as indicated on my application or as directed by the ministry or my eligible Ontario institution in respect of my eligibility for an OGS.
- I understand that information I provide will be verified and audited and the ministry may also conduct inspections and investigations.
- I will keep a copy of my application and all required supporting documentation in the event that I am required to produce this information for audit, verification, inspection or investigation purposes.
- I will promptly notify Nipissing University in writing of any changes to the information that I have provided and of any changes to my eligibility for an OGS/QEII-GSST, including ceasing to be enrolled in an eligible program at an eligible Ontario institution; receiving a NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR, Vanier, Trillium or QEIII-GSST or becoming employed for more than an average of 10 hours per week.
- I understand that any change to the information I provide and any change resulting from verification and audit will result in a reassessment.
- I understand that if my application is reassessed, it may affect my eligibility and the amount of my OGS/QEII-GSST and, if required by the Minister I will promptly repay all or part of my OGS/QEII-GSST.
- I have read and understood this section, including the notice of collection, use, and disclosure of my personal information and my signature attests to my consent to the indirect collection, use and disclosure of my personal information and that my declaration is complete and true. I understand that any fraudulent or misleading statement may result in proceedings for academic misconduct.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____