

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH GRADUATE STUDIES
ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025-2026
Deadline for ALL Department of English OGS submissions (domestic & international):
5:00 pm, Friday, January 17, 2025

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) program is administered by individual universities. The University of Toronto is responsible for the awarding of the Ontario Government Scholarships held at U of T and provides a centralized online application which is accessible via the [School of Graduate Studies](#) website.

Note: Students must submit an OGS application to each institution for which they are seeking admission. OGS awards are NOT transferrable from one university to another.

The U of T OGS application form is available from the [School of Graduate Studies \(SGS\)](#) site.

1. Students are limited in the number of years that they may hold an OGS. **MA students** may receive the scholarship for a **maximum of 2 years** and **PhD students** may receive the scholarship for a **maximum of 4 years**. No student can hold the award (or a combination of SSHRC/OGS awards) for more than 6 years during their lifetime. *Please see the [SGS site](#) for more information about restrictions and to determine if you are eligible to apply for and hold an OGS award.*
2. Applicants must be in **good standing with the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)**. Applicants who have defaulted on a Canada or Ontario Student Loan or have failed to make satisfactory repayment on a loan overpayment are ineligible. Students who have never applied for OSAP are in good standing.
3. Applicants may be either **domestic** students (Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or protected persons) or **international** students (foreign students studying in Ontario under a temporary resident visa / student study permit), although the *number of awards for international students is limited*. Applicants must be registered or intend to register in an eligible program on a full-time basis. An eligible program is defined as a full-time program of study of two or three terms at the University of Toronto leading to a graduate degree. A full-time student is one who is in at least 60% of a full course load (40% for students with a permanent disability) or as defined by their institution.
4. At minimum, applicants must meet the **OGS academic requirement of an A- (80%) average**. 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, in the last 20 one-term/semester 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, in all graduate courses completed. If MA or PhD 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 will use the most recently available undergraduate or graduate marks to calculate a student's GPA.
5. The following materials are required:
 - **Online OGS application form** (please *read through the instructions and requirements carefully* before starting)
 - **Two academic references** (referees will be required to submit online)
 - **Complete scanned-digital official transcripts** (NOT MADE WITH A CELLPHONE) from ALL post-secondary institutions INCLUDING your current year, even if you are at the University of Toronto

NOTE: if you are currently a U of T, you may generate and upload a PDF of your “ACADEMIC HISTORY” from ACORN and/or request a scanned copy of non-U of T transcripts; ALL Transcripts MUST be UP-TO-DATE, COMPLETE, and include a guide/legend for interpretation; if you have already submitted final transcripts to the Department of English and these are on file in our offices, please contact deptofenglish.graduate@utoronto.ca for scans.

- **Plan of study** (approx. 500 words or one 8.5”X11” page, with an additional one page for works cited)
- **Previous awards/publications/conference/research experience**

6. The **START DATE** of all awards should be **September 1, 2025**.

For any questions regarding the Ontario Graduate Scholarship application, or if you experience technical problems while completing the form, please contact Debbie Chau at ogs@utoronto.ca and/or deptofenglish.graduate@utoronto.ca.

Please note that it is your responsibility to **“Submit”** the application when all components are completed. You will need to keep checking your online application to make sure that your referees have uploaded their letters.

Only after all components are completed should you then submit your application.