

Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)

SUMMARY

Value of the Award:	Max. \$15,000 (\$5,000 per term, up to 3 terms)
Number of Awards:	Limited, based on provincial quotas
Frequency of the Award:	Annual
Level or Program of Study:	Graduate Studies
Application Location:	Apply
Application Contact:	ogs-beso@ustpaul.ca
Application Deadline:	January 31st, 2026 (11:59 p.m. ET)

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) encourages excellence in graduate studies at the master's and doctoral levels.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

OGS awards are merit-based scholarships available to students in all disciplines of academic study. Since 1975, the OGS program has been awarding merit-based scholarships to the top-performing graduate students in Ontario across all academic disciplines.

The main objective of these funds is to award scholarships to master's and doctoral students in all academic fields within participating Ontario institutions. This initiative aims to recognize, value, and encourage academic excellence.

The selection committee's decisions are final.

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VALUE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Each OGS is valued at a maximum of **\$15,000 (\$5,000 per term)** and must be held for a minimum of two consecutive terms with a full-time student status. Awards can be taken up either in **May 2026, September 2026** or **January 2027**. The awards are non-renewable.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOR OGS

The Government of Ontario will fund two thirds of the award (i.e., a maximum of \$10,000 per year or \$3,333 per term); the remaining one third (i.e., a maximum of \$5,000 per year or \$1,667 per term) will be financed by the Saint Paul University.

DEADLINE

January 31st, 2026 - 11:59 p.m. (ET)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be considered for an OGS, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Citizenship

- Be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person [under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protections Act (Canada)] at the time of submitting the application.
- Foreign students who are studying in Ontario under a temporary resident visa or student study permit, under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) are eligible for the allotted OGS international student awards. Applicants who do not have a valid temporary resident visa or student study permit at the time of application will be required to provide proof of a valid one at the time of taking up the award.

2. Minimum Academic Average

- Applicants having completed **zero to twenty-four** months of graduate studies at the time of the application deadline: must have achieved a minimum average of at least **A-(8.0/10)**, in each of the last two years of completed studies (full-time equivalent).
- Applicants entering the **third year or beyond (25 months or more)** of graduate studies at the time of the application deadline: must have an overall average of at least **A- (8.0/10)** on all graduate courses completed, including graduate courses taken while completing an undergraduate degree or as a special student.

Examples of one-year full-time equivalent:

- **Undergraduate studies:** enrolled full-time for the fall and the winter terms.
- **Graduate studies:** enrolled full-time for three consecutive terms.
- **Undergraduate and graduate studies:** two terms of part-time studies are equivalent to one term of full-time studies.

3. Enrolment Requirements

- **Be enrolled full-time in, or expect to be enrolled full-time,** in a graduate program during the academic year **2026-2027 (May 2026 to April 2027)** at Saint Paul University.
- **Master's program:** applicants cannot have completed **more than four (4) terms** of their master's program at the time that the award is disbursed.
- **PhD program:** applicants cannot have completed **more than thirteen (13) terms** of their PhD program at the time that the award is disbursed.

FUNDING LIMITATIONS

- You can't exceed the maximum number of scholarships for your level of study;
- **Master's students** can receive the scholarship for a **maximum of two (2) years**;
- and **doctoral students** for a **maximum of four (4) years**.

In addition, there is a **lifetime maximum of six (6) years** of government-funded student awards not to be exceeded. Awards under the following programs will be counted toward this lifetime maximum:

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

Recipients may not concurrently hold an **OGS, and Admission Scholarship from SPU or 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).

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

The OGS are not transferable between Ontario universities. It must be held at the university that awarded it. Students must apply for the OGS at the institution where they will be registered for the **2026-27 academic year**.

Applicants who do not know at the time of applying for an OGS which university they will be attending, will have to submit an OGS application to each Ontario University where they are seeking admission.

Each Ontario University now has its own specific deadlines, with its own application forms and application process. Applicants must respect the deadlines and processes of each university.

TRANSCRIPTS

- You must include up-to-date transcripts of **ALL** undergraduate and graduate studies. Only **official** transcripts are accepted. An official transcript is not a screenshot or a copy directly from your student account (copy and paste).
- Official transcripts are defined as transcripts issued by the Registrar's Office. Transcripts from other sources, such as those printed from the student's account on the institution's website, are not official.
- Up-to-date transcripts are defined as transcripts dated or issued in the fall session of the year of application (if currently registered) or after the last term completed (if not currently registered).
- For Saint Paul University and University of Ottawa transcripts only, you may submit a PDF copy of your transcripts available via [uoZone](#).
- If your transcript is in a language other than English or French, you must submit a certified translated version.
- One copy of the legend (reverse of each transcript) must be included except for Canadian transcripts.
- If you took a course or courses in another university or if you participated in an exchange, you must submit the transcript even if the marks appear on your home university. (This does not apply to candidates admitted to a program at Saint Paul University or University of Ottawa).
- If you have **not** provided **ALL** your up-to-date **official** transcripts needed to determine whether you have achieved a first-class average (full-time equivalent), your application will be deemed ineligible. If transcripts are not provided for all study listed in your OGS application, the selection committee(s) will have less information on which to base their assessment, which may put your application at a disadvantage.
- Scan and download all your transcripts **into one single document** using a **PDF format**. Please note that opening the envelope to scan the transcript will not render it unofficial for the OGS competition.
- If your previous institution does not provide transcripts, you can submit, instead of a transcript, a letter bearing the official institution seal/stamp or a letter signed by the dean of graduate studies or an equivalent confirming 1) their program of study, 2) their registration status and 3) the fact that the institution does not provide transcripts. In this case, the unofficial transcript will be accepted.
- If your transcripts include transfer credits from another institution, the original transcript with the grades shown should be included, or your application may be deemed ineligible.
- Retain the paper copy of any uploaded transcripts, as you may be asked to provide it for verification purposes.

QUOTAS

Each university is assigned an OGS allocation according to its share of eligible full-time domestic graduate enrolments.

The allocation breakdown of domestic and international OGS awards for **2026-2027** will be made available when institutional allocations are received from the Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research, Excellence and Security.

The Saint Paul University allocations for last year was:

- Domestic allocation (Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents) OGS: 18 recipients
- International allocation OGS (students with visa or study permit): 2 nominations by the Committee for the competition to be submitted to the University of Ottawa.

APPLY NOW

- Please read carefully the OGS Instructions before completing your application
- The scholarship competition is now open.
- [Submit your application through the OGS portal.](#)

RESULTS

The results will be announced in the spring. OGS decisions are final; there will be no appeals accepted.

Please note that the OGS scholarships will only be offered when Saint Paul University has received the funding confirmation from the Province of Ontario and the University of Ottawa.