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**The Vivekananda Graduate Prize (OSOTF) 2009-10**

**Donor:** The Vedanta Society of Toronto

**Value:** \$700.00

**Number of Awards:** One

**Eligibility Criteria:** Domestic (award is OSOTF) students registered in a full-time graduate program in the University of Toronto who demonstrate financial need and best exemplify Vivekananda's ideal of education.

Vivekananda (1863-1902), a philosopher and saint, said "Education...is not the amount of information that is put into your brain and runs riot there, undigested all your life". He did not consider people as educated just because they could pass some examinations and deliver good lectures. In his words, "The education which does not help the common mass of people to equip themselves for the struggle for life, which does not bring out strength of character, a spirit of philanthropy, and the courage of a lion – is it worth the name?...We must have life building, man-making, character-making assimilation of ideas".

**Application/Nomination procedure:**

- The Vivekananda Graduate Prize (OSOTF) application form
- A completed OSOTF Financial Needs Assessment Form
- One copy of most recent graduate transcript (photocopy or ROSI printout – original transcripts are not required)
- A brief statement from the applicant addressing the relevance of their application with regard to Vivekananda's ideal of education
- A brief letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with the applicant's studies

**Deadline:** Friday, May 22, 2009

If you have questions regarding this award or require assistance, please contact Michelle Ryan at 416 978 2386 or [ma.ryan@utoronto.ca](mailto:ma.ryan@utoronto.ca)



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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student #:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Master's Year of study 09-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 PhD Year of study 09-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for/received any other awards in the 2009-10 academic year?  
 If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

**✓ Ensure the following document(s) are submitted with this form:**

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**This section is for use by those departments collecting and ranking applications. This is NOT required, merely an option some departments may choose. Disregard this section and submit your application directly to the SGS Graduate Awards Office if your department has not requested that applications be submitted through them.**

Comments: (attach separate page if necessary)

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 Faculty/Staff Signature

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 Date

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 Name (please print)

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 Title

**Please attach all supporting documents and submit to the SGS Awards Office  
 attention Michelle Ryan by: Friday, May 22, 2009**

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