SGS Award Announcement

To: Graduate Chairs/Directors; Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators
From: Stacey Kwan, Graduate Awards Officer (Provincial)
CC: Joshua Barker, Dean, Graduate Studies and Vice-Provost, Graduate Research and Education; Luc De Nil, Vice-Dean, Students; Laura Stathopoulos, Director, Graduate Awards and Financial Aid
Date: December 6, 2017
Re: 2018-2019 Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST)

When communicating this information to students, please provide them with your graduate unit’s information, such as your internal deadline and contact information. Please note that only specific graduate units participate in the QEII-GSST award program.

Award Overview

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<th>Student Deadline to Graduate Unit:</th>
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<td>Graduate Unit Deadline to SGS:</td>
<td>$5,000 per term for 2 or 3 consecutive terms</td>
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<td>Value/Duration:</td>
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<td>Level of study:</td>
<td>Domestic Students (Canadian citizen, permanent resident, protected persons)</td>
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**Deadline for Faculty of Medicine (FoM):** Deadline and submission details to be communicated by Debbie Chau, Office of the Vice-Dean, Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine.

Purpose

In 1998, the Ontario government introduced the QEII-GSST, a merit-based scholarship program targeted specifically toward graduate students in science and technology. The Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST) Program is designed to encourage excellence in graduate studies in science and technology. The program is supported through funds provided by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development and by funds raised by the University of Toronto from the private sector. The Province allocates QEII-GSST awards to universities specifying the number of awards that each may offer to their students annually.

Eligibility

Applicants must:
• Be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) by the student deadline as determined by each graduate unit;
• Be registered or intend to register in an eligible program on a full-time basis in 2018-2019;
• 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;
• In addition, to be considered for a QEII-GSST award, a student must be enrolled in a research master’s or doctoral program in a participating graduate unit (see list below);
• Have not exceeded the lifetime maximum of government-funded support or maximum QEII-GSST/OGS support available for their current level of study (see website under maximum support); and
• Have achieved at least A- (or equivalent) in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent); or if the student has completed two years of graduate studies at the time of application, the student must only demonstrate an overall average of at least A- (or equivalent) on all graduate courses completed.

Note: If 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 next most recent available undergraduate or graduate marks should be used to determine eligibility.

Recipients:
• Must register and remain enrolled as a full-time student at U of T in an eligible program at the graduate unit from which the QEII-GSST was awarded;
• Who withdraw, transfer to part-time status, complete degree requirements prior to the end of their award, or fail to complete the full term, will be required to repay any funds received for the incomplete term;
• 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 to receive the award. Students who have never applied for OSAP are in good standing. Those with an OSAP restriction may still apply for the QEII. However, if awarded, they must have the restriction cleared within 30 days of notification in order to accept and hold the award;
• May accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other paid employment that does not affect their status as a full-time graduate student and is commensurate with the graduate unit policies. Typically, students holding full-time paid employment are not eligible to receive a QEII-GSST from the University of Toronto; and
• Cannot hold a QEII-GSST award at the same time (or during any session) as a scholarship from SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR, OGS, or QEII-GSST.

QEII-GSST Eligible Graduate Units

Graduate units participating in the QEII-GSST competition at the University of Toronto are listed below. Please note the list is considered comprehensive and students should consult with the graduate unit to confirm eligibility of their specific program. Professional Master’s programs are not eligible for a QEII-GSST (e.g., Master of Engineering, Master of Forestry Conservation, Master of Mathematical Finance, Master of Science in Planning, Master of Heath Science, etc.)

Art and Science (Faculty) at Mississauga campus
Aerospace Studies
Astronomy & Astrophysics

Dentistry
Earth Sciences
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Electrical & Computer Engineering

Medical Biophysics
Medical Science
Molecular and Medical Genetics
Nursing Science
Nutritional Sciences
Application Process

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.

Each graduate unit will have its own internal submission deadline to which applicants must adhere. Once completed and submitted online, the entire application will be available to the proposed graduate unit(s) for review and consideration. As QEII-GSST awards are not transferrable from one graduate unit to another, prospective students must submit an online application to each graduate unit to which they apply for admission.

For Faculty of Medicine applicants only: There are three types of QEII-GSST’s through the Faculty of Medicine (please visit the Office of the Vice Dean, Graduate and Life Sciences Education website for details, which will be updated once the competition opens):

i. Awards through graduate units – applications are submitted directly to the graduate unit. Check graduate unit deadlines through unit websites;

ii. Awards through clinical/surgical departments – applications are submitted directly to the clinical/surgical departments; check the appropriate departments’ website for deadlines and application details;

iii. Awards through Faculty of Medicine, Graduate & Life Sciences Education (GLSE) – deadline and submission details to be communicated by Debbie Chau, Office of the Vice-Dean, Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine and as posted on their website.

For detailed instructions on how to complete the OGS Application, please see the OGS Application Instructions.

Results

Graduate units will communicate internal adjudication results to applicants by June 1, 2018. SGS will provide official award offers to awardees starting July 2018.

Contacts & Resources

Please direct questions regarding the QEII-GSST competition or nomination process to your graduate unit. Questions of a general nature or regarding the competition at the SGS level may be directed to:

Stacey Kwan
Graduate Awards Officer (Provincial)