Queen Elizabeth II Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST) 2016-17

Award Holders’ Terms & Conditions

- Students must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.
- Students must take up the QEII-GSST award for two or three consecutive terms.

**Registration:** Students must be registered in a full-time in a graduate-level program in order to hold a QEII award. Those who withdraw or change their full-time status (e.g., to part-time, special student, qualifying, or make-up) will no longer be eligible and will be required to repay the funds received for the incomplete term.

- A QEII-GSST award may be deferred or interrupted for University-approved medical, parental, or compassionate leave for a maximum of four sessions. A QEII-GSST award may be interrupted for a maximum of one session for University-approved relevant work experience. Students should consult the Graduate Awards Office for further information if this pertains to them.

**Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) Restrictions:** Students must remain in good standing with OSAP; e.g., not be restricted from receiving OSAP assistance, have defaulted on student loans, or have an overpayment.

**Duration of Support:** Students may hold a QEII-GSST for any two years in a master's program or for any four years of the doctoral program, but must not exceed a combined lifetime maximum of six years of government-funded student awards including QEII-GSST. Awards received 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) (formerly OGSST)
- 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)

**Funding from Other Programs:** Students may not hold a QEII-GSST award at the same time (or during any session) as a scholarship from SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR, an OGS or a QEII-GSST that is continuing from a previous year.

- Students 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 U of T.

- In some graduate units, eligible students must apply for an OGS/QEII-GSST, SSHRC, or NSERC in order to qualify for internal funding from their department; please consult your department for its particular funding policies.

- The eligibility criteria provided here are the minimum requirements only. Graduate units may impose additional criteria to apply, receive, or hold a QEII-GSST. Please inquire with your graduate unit regarding any additional requirements or conditions to those listed here.

**Responsibilities**

QEII-GSST award holders must:

- Accept and activate the payment of their award with the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) by completing, signing, and submitting the SGS Payment Activation Form to their graduate unit. Payment activation is conditional upon the Graduate Awards Office receiving this completed form.

- Abide by all conditions of eligibility and acceptance which govern this award for its full duration. Students who fail to meet or maintain any condition of the award will forfeit the remainder of its funds and be required to repay any payments that might have been received while they were ineligible.

- Inform both their department and SGS of any change to their registration status (e.g., withdrawal from the program, leave of absence, transfer to part-time status, change in program of study, or early completion of the program).

- Maintain accurate and current mailing information on Student Web Services (ACORN/ROSI) at [http://www.rosi.utoronto.ca/](http://www.rosi.utoronto.ca/).

For more information regarding the Payment Schedule of the award (i.e. when and how payments are made), please consult the SGS Payment Policy.
If you have any questions regarding your award, please contact your Graduate Administrator or Stacey Kwan—Awards Officer (Provincial) at the Graduate Awards Office at staceym.kwan@utoronto.ca or 416-978-2205.

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