

SGS INFORMATION SESSION – 2024-25 ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (OGS) FOR STUDENTS

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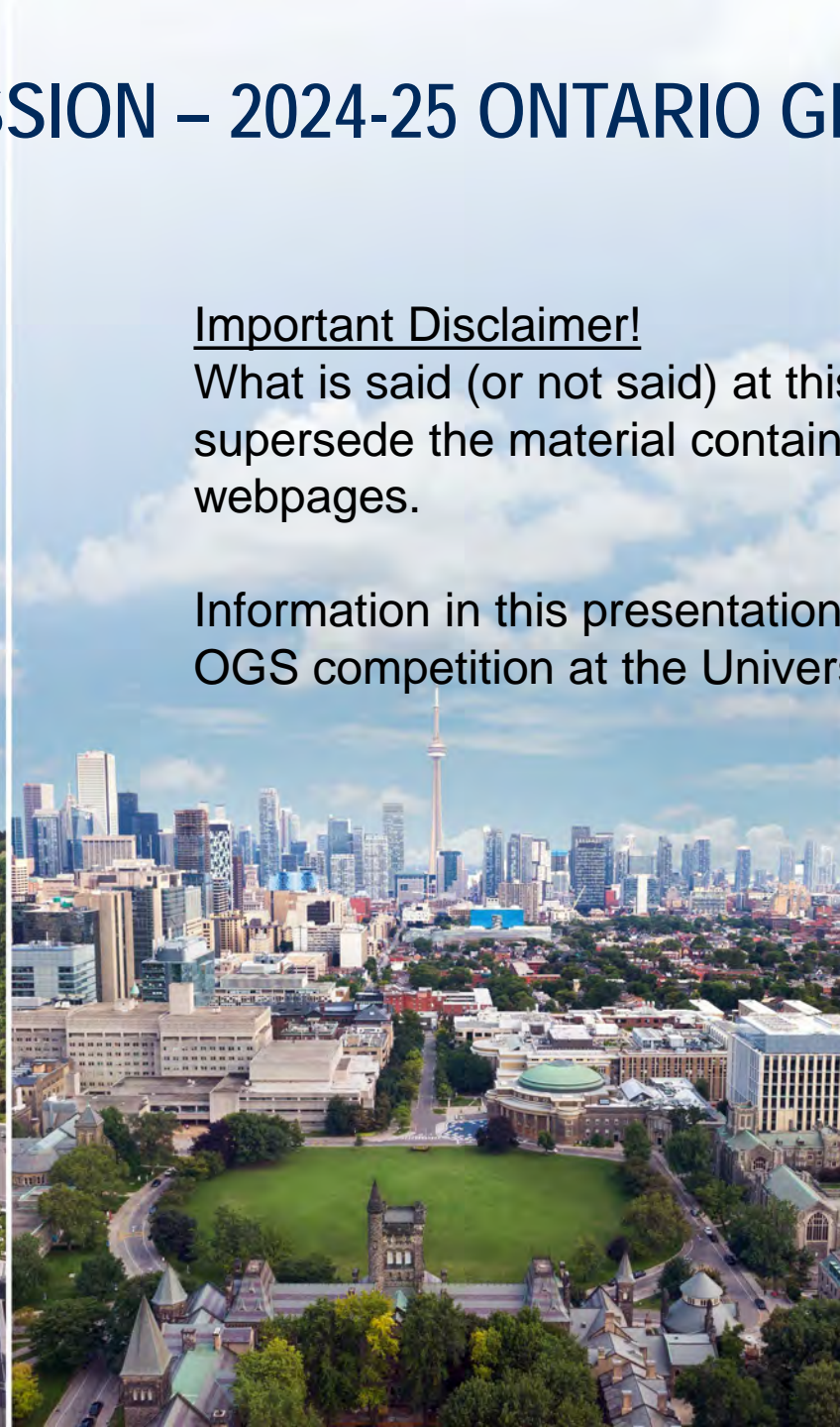
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Information in this presentation is only applicable to the OGS competition at the University of Toronto



STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL LAND

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates.

For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit River.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

MS TEAMS - ASKING QUESTIONS

- We are recording this session to be available along with this slide presentation on the SGS OGS webpage under “Additional Info”: https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/awards/ontario-graduate-scholarship/#section_5
- Quick clarification questions on a particular slide may be entered in the “chat” section during the presentation. Save all other questions to the end of the presentation
- For questions specific your personal background or eligibility, please review the eligibility requirements, then contact SGS by email if you have further questions.



AGENDA

- OGS Program Overview
 - Program Background
 - Competition Information
 - Eligibility
 - Application Process & Components
- Application Tips
- Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science & Technology
- Questions

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (OGS)

The recording and slides for this presentation will be available within 3 days on the SGS OGS webpage under "Additional Info":

[https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/awards/
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scholarship/#section_5](https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/awards/ontario-graduate-scholarship/#section_5)

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

- The OGS program started in 1975 and has been providing merit-based scholarships to Ontario's best graduate students in all disciplines.
- The OGS program is jointly funded by the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Colleges and Universities / MCU) and the graduate units at the University of Toronto.
 - 2/3rd of each award session is funded by MCU
 - 1/3rd of each award session is funded by the graduate unit
- Each year the Ministry specifies how many awards each University in Ontario can award

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

- The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) program is designed to encourage excellence in graduate studies at the master's and doctoral levels at universities in Ontario
 - Value of the OGS: \$5,000 per session
 - 2-Session award: \$10,000
 - 3-Session award: \$15,000
- Each university in Ontario has its own application and procedure
 - For students applying to graduate school, OGS applications must be submitted to each university to which they are seeking admission for 2024-25
 - Must be held at the awarding University



GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

- University of Toronto students or incoming applicants must apply for the OGS at U of T using the online OGS Application Form (SGS Forms Tool)
- Incoming applicants applying to multiple graduate units for admissions must submit separate applications to each graduate unit
- Internal deadlines are posted on the SGS OGS webpage

COMPETITIONS

- There are three OGS competitions per year.
 - International
 - Domestic
 - Indigenous



OGS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

- Two level adjudication process
 - Graduate unit adjudication
 - Graduate unit's awards committee will review all eligible applications received by their deadline and determine which applicants to nominate to SGS for central adjudication
 - SGS adjudication
 - The SGS awards committee will review all nominated applications and select the recipients of the scholarship
- U of T's allocation for OGS International awards this year is 22, and up to 20 Mary H. Beatty Fellowships (value: \$10,000 each) will also be awarded as part of the OGS International competition

OGS DOMESTIC COMPETITION

- Single level adjudication process
 - Graduate unit adjudication
 - Graduate unit's awards committee will review all eligible applications received by their deadline and select the top applicants to receive the scholarship and a short list of reversion candidates (alternates) in the event an offer is declined
 - SGS does final eligibility check to ensure the students are in good standing with OSAP and sends out official award offers
 - U of T's allocation for OGS Domestic awards is over 800 each year. Graduate units are each given a specific portion of the U of T total

OGS INDIGENOUS COMPETITION

- Single level adjudication process
 - SGS adjudication
 - All eligible applicants who have self-identified as Indigenous to Canada on their applications and have not been recommended by their graduate unit for an OGS through the domestic competition will be reviewed by the SGS awards committee
- As of 2023-24, U of T allocates:
 - a minimum of three OGS awards to Indigenous scholars.
 - McCuaig-Throop Bursaries (value: \$10,000 each for one year).
 - SGS Inclusive Excellence Graduate Scholarship – (value: \$10,000 each for one year).

OGS ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, protected person, or international student
 - International students must have a valid study permit prior to their department's OGS international deadline, **COVID-19 EXCEPTION:** Currently registered international graduate students who have not yet been able to obtain a study permit due to COVID-19 circumstances are eligible to apply. However, these applicants must have a valid study permit in order to hold the award.
- Be enrolled in, have applied for, or will apply for full-time admission to an eligible graduate program at the master's or doctoral level at U of T
- Have achieved at least A- (or equivalent) average 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, must demonstrate an overall average of at least A- (or equivalent) on all graduate course completed
- **NEW:** At the graduate unit's discretion, exceptions may be made for highly meritorious applicants who are below the required GPA minimum. Examples of cases in which a unit may consider granting an exception include (but are not limited to): applicants with documented medical issues or family care responsibilities, applicants who have pursued alternative career paths, or mature students with professional experience. Contact your proposed graduate unit(s) to confirm their use of this eligibility criterion.



GPA ELIGIBILITY EXAMPLE 1

- A- (or equivalent) in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent) **GPA Calculation example:**

	Session	# of Credits	Session Type	Sessional GPA
Most recent year of study	Winter 2023	2.5	Full-time	3.6
	Fall 2022	2.5	Full-time	3.8
	TOTAL	5.0		3.75
Second most recent year of study	Summer 2022	1.0	Part-time	4.0
	Winter 2022	1.5	Full-time	3.68
	Fall 2021	1.0	Part-time	3.5
	TOTAL	4.0		3.72

Note: You may check with the graduate unit, at which you are applying the OGS to confirm if your GPA average meets the minimum.



GPA ELIGIBILITY EXAMPLE 2

School of Graduate Studies					NFS1304Y Doctoral Seminars in Nutritional Sciences	1.00	IPR
					RST9999Y Research/Thesis	0.00	IPR
2015 FALL - MASTER OF SCIENCE - DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES							
CRS CODE	TITLE	WGT	MRK	GRD CRS AVG			
CHLS420H	Global Health Research	0.50	A				
NFS1201H	Public Health Nutrition	0.50	A-				
NFS1204Y	Master's Seminars in Nutritional Sciences	1.00	IPR				
RST9999Y	Research/Thesis	0.00	IPR				
2016 WINTER - MASTER OF SCIENCE - DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES							
CRS CODE	TITLE	WGT	MRK	GRD CRS AVG			
NFS1204Y	Master's Seminars in Nutritional Sciences	1.00	IPR				
RST9999Y	Research/Thesis	0.00	IPR				
2016 SUMMER - MASTER OF SCIENCE - DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES							
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2017 FALL - DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY - DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES							
CRS CODE	TITLE	WGT	MRK	GRD CRS AVG			
CHLS201H	Biostatistics I	0.50	IPR				
CHLS701H	Doctoral Seminar, Collaborative Specialization in Global Health	0.50	IPR				
CHLS801H	Selected Topics in Public Health Issues Planetary Health	0.25	IPR				
NFS1304Y	Doctoral Seminars in Nutritional Sciences	1.00	IPR				
RST9999Y	Research/Thesis	0.00	IPR				
2018 WINTER - DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY - DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES							
CRS CODE	TITLE	WGT	MRK	GRD CRS AVG			
CHLS701H	Doctoral Seminar, Collaborative Specialization in Global Health	0.50	IPR				

Richard Levin

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University Registrar

End of Transcript

University of Toronto Guide to Transcript

Effective September 1998

Grade Meanings	Undergraduate Grade Scale			Graduate Grade Scale	
	Refined Letter Grade Scale	Numerical Scale of Marks	Grade Point Value	Truncated Letter Grade Scale	Numerical Scale of Marks
Excellent	A+	90 - 100%	4.0	A+	90 - 100%
	A	85 - 89%	4.0	A	85 - 89%
	A-	80 - 84%	3.7	A-	80 - 84%
Good	B+	77 - 79%	3.3	B+	77 - 79%
	B	73 - 76%	3.0	B	73 - 76%
	B-	70 - 72%	2.7	B-	70 - 72%
Adequate	C+	67 - 69%	2.3		
	C	63 - 66%	2.0		
	C-	60 - 62%	1.7		
Marginal	D+	57 - 59%	1.3		
	D	53 - 56%	1.0		
	D-	50 - 52%	0.7		
Inadequate	F	0 - 49%	0.0	FZ	0 - 69%

Approved grade scales that are outside the standard system:

H (Honours), P (Pass), FL (Failure).

In cases where the FL grade is used in calculating grade point averages, the symbol FL% is used and a grade point value of 0.0 is assigned.

CR (Credit), NCR (No Credit).

In cases where the NCR grade is used in calculating grade point averages, the symbol NC% is used and a grade point value of 0.0 is assigned.

Applicants who have completed two years or more of graduate studies at the time of application.

- This example is a student who started the Master's program in Fall 2015.
- The program was a 2-year program and it was completed in Summer 2017.
- The student then started the PhD program in Fall 2017, which would be the student's 3rd year of graduate studies.
- Therefore, this student's GPA would only include grades received from graduate level studies.
- This student received an A for 0.5 FCE and an A- for a 0.5 FCE.

OGS ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY CONTINUED

- Have not exceeded the lifetime maximum of government-funded support or maximum OGS support available for their current level of study

Government lifetime maximum:

- Maximum of 6 years of government funding which includes – OGS, QEII, doctoral and master level awards from CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, Vanier, and OTS

Program lifetime maximums:

- Students in master's level programs may receive up to two years of OGS/QEII in their lifetime
- Students in doctoral level programs may receive up to four years of OGS/QEII in their lifetime
- Program maximums are determined by the academic year rather than the award type.

For example, if a master's student receives an OGS award in one academic year and a QEII-GSST award in a second academic year, they will have reached their program maximum.

MAXIMUM FUNDING EXAMPLE

Student A's funding history

- Master's Level
 - 2016-17 OGS
 - 2017-18 SSHRC CGS M
- Doctoral Level
 - 2020-21 SSHRC CGS D
 - 2021-22 SSHRC CGS D
 - 2022-23 SSHRC CGS D
 - 2023-34 OGS

Maximum Funding Catgy	# of Years Funded	Eligibility Met?
Program Maximum – Master's	1	✓
Program Maximum - Doctoral	1	✓
Government Maximum	6	✗

- This candidate is ineligible for the 2024-25 OGS competition



OGS ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD

To hold an OGS award, 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 OGS 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 session will be required to repay the funds received for the incomplete session
- **Domestic (including Indigenous) only** - Must be in good standing with the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)
- 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 graduate unit policies. Typically students holding full-time paid employment are not eligible to receive an OGS
- Cannot hold an OGS award in the same session (overlapping) or from the same award year as a scholarship from SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR, Vanier, QEII-GSST, or another OGS



OGS ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY & HOLD

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

APPLYING FOR OGS

- Full application details are available on the SGS OGS webpage:
<https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/awards/ontario-graduate-scholarship/>

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STEP 1. CONFIRM DEADLINE

- Select the “Student Deadlines” button on the SGS OGS webpage

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STEP 1. CONFIRM DEADLINE

- Determine the appropriate deadline for your graduate unit

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<div> RETURN TO OGS WEBPAGE </div> <div> Unless otherwise noted, applications are due at 11:59pm Eastern on the deadline date. </div>				
Graduate Unit Name	Faculty	International (Study Permit) Students: Unit OGS Deadline	Domestic (Canadian & PR) Students: Unit OGS Deadline	Unit's website address with OGS info specific to unit (if applicable)
Aerospace Studies, Institute of ("UTIAS")	Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering	1-Mar-2024	25-Mar-2024	
Anthropology, Dept of	Faculty of Arts & Science	1-Mar-2024	1-Mar-2024	
Applied Psychology & Human Development, Dept of	Ontario Institute for Studies in Education	6-Mar-2024	6-Mar-2024	
Architecture, Landscape, and Design, John H. Daniels Faculty of	John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design	18-Mar-2024	15-Apr-2024	Current Award Announcements Daniels (utoronto.ca)
Astronomy and Astrophysics, Dept of	Faculty of Arts & Science	1-Apr-2024	6-May-2024	
Biochemistry, Dept of	Temerty Faculty of Medicine	1-Mar-2024	1-Mar-2024	
Biomedical Engineering, Institute of	Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering	1-Apr-2024	15-Apr-2024	https://bme.utoronto.ca/current-students/student-awards/
European, Russian & Eurasian Studies, Centre for	Faculty of Arts & Science	1-Mar-2024	March 1 2024	

STEP 2. REVIEW THE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Select the “Application Instructions” button on the SGS OGS webpage

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STEP 2. REVIEW THE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the “application instructions” page:
<https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/awards-funding/scholarships-awards/ontario-graduate-scholarship-application-instructions/?highlight=OGS>

Ontario Graduate Scholarship Application Instructions

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STEP 3. APPLY

- You will be taken to the “Accessing the Application” section of the Application Instructions
- **Web browser compatibility:** For the best user experience, use the most update-to-date version of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari, or Microsoft Edge web browsers to complete the form. Internet Explorer is not compatible. It is recommended to use an incognito or private browsing window. If you are unable to access the form, verify your web browser version and update if necessary before trying again.
- If you are having issues logging in: For a “hard” refresh (Ctrl+F5 for Windows or Cmd+Shift+R for Macs), to clear your cache (Ctrl+Shift+Delete for Windows, or Cmd+Shift+Delete for Macs), and use a Private Browsing or Incognito window
- When ready, select the “Log into the OGS application system” button

Log into the OGS application system



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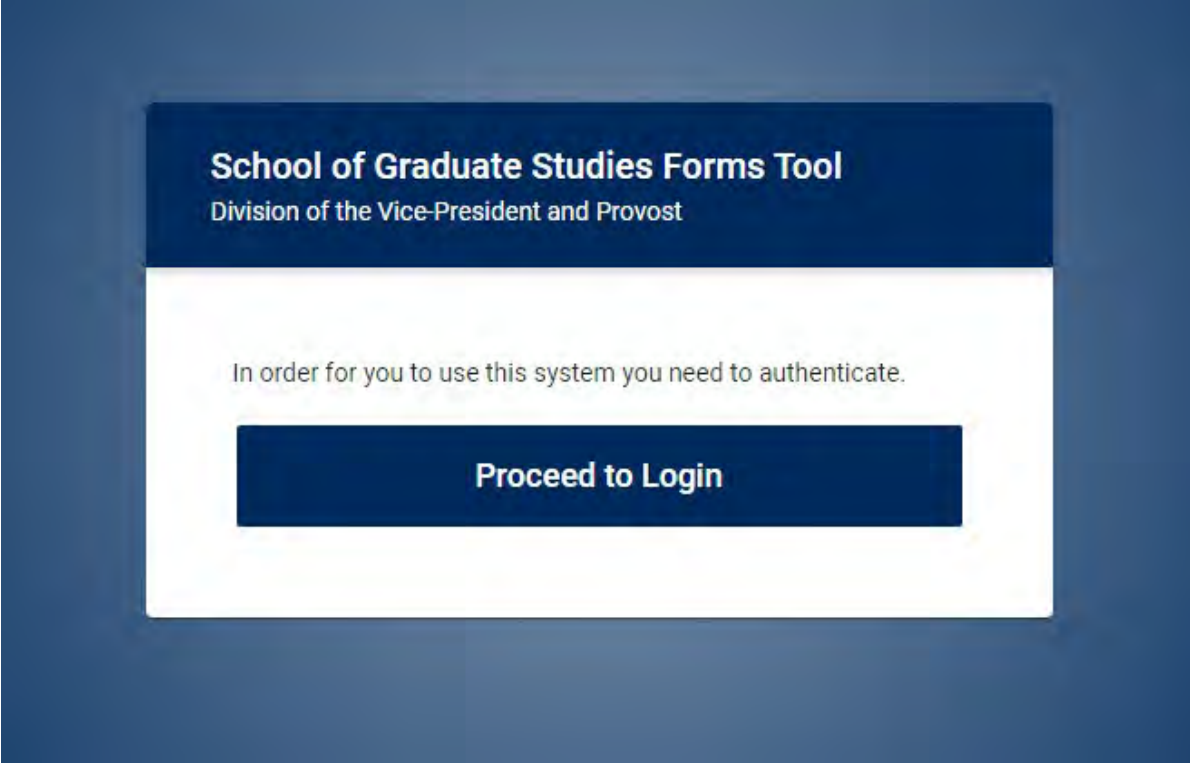
Login Issues?

Clear your cache and open in new In-Private or Incognito browser.

For detailed step-by-step instructions to clear cache/cookies on different web browsers, visit the [Information Commons website](#)

OGS APPLICATION (SGS FORMS TOOL) LOGIN PAGE

- Click Proceed to Login



The screenshot shows a login page for the 'School of Graduate Studies Forms Tool'. The page has a dark blue header with the title and division name. Below the header, a white box contains a message and a 'Proceed to Login' button.

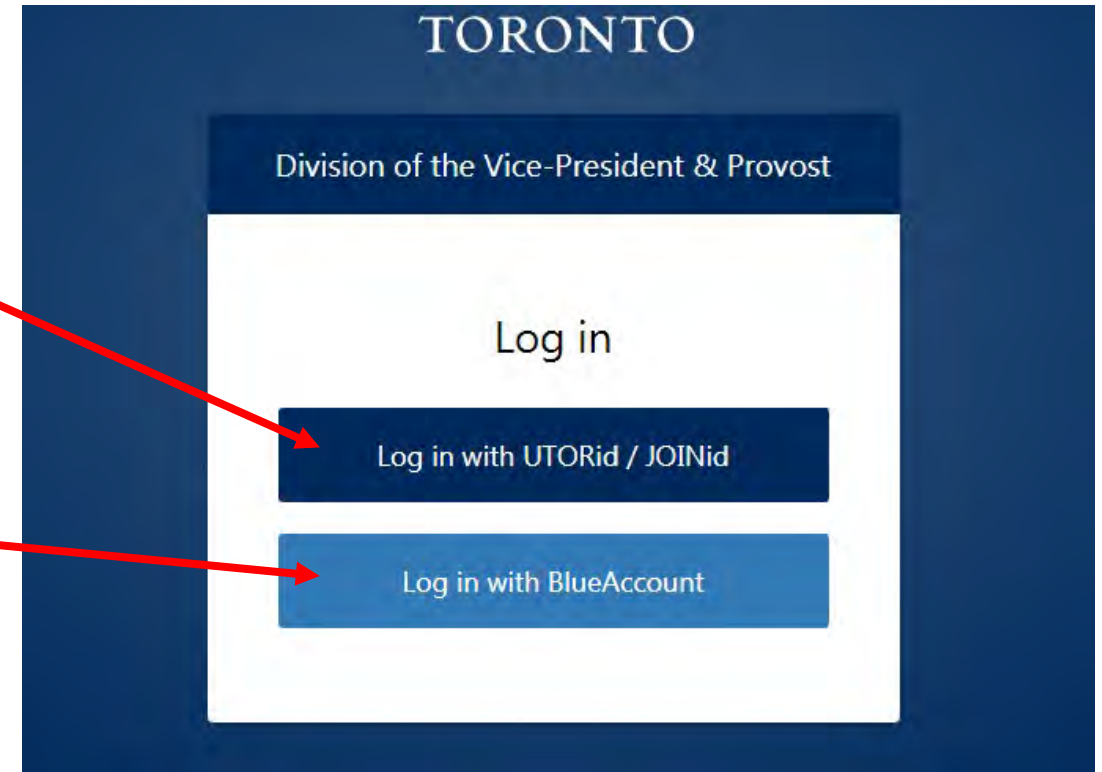
School of Graduate Studies Forms Tool
Division of the Vice-President and Provost

In order for you to use this system you need to authenticate.

Proceed to Login

LOG IN OPTIONS

- The application system provides two log in options.
 - **Current and previous U of T students with an activated UTORid**, should use their UTORid to log into the OGS application system.
 - If no UTORid yet and provided a **JOINid**, use JOINid (applicant will be able to view old submissions via UTORid).
 - If no UTORid or JOINid (i.e., admissions applicants), then create a BlueAccount.



BLUE ACCOUNT

- To create a BlueAccount, on the BlueAccount Login page select the link in Register "Here"

*Remember to note down your BlueAccount login credentials.

To view your OGS form created under BlueAccount, you will need to login with the same Email and Password via BlueAccount !



BlueAccount Login

Don't have an account? Register [here.](#)

Email

Password

Log in

[Forgot / Reset password](#)

Remember: Completely exit your browser when you are finished.

LANDING PAGE

- "My Forms"

The screenshot shows the 'My Forms' landing page. At the top, a dark blue header bar contains a hamburger menu icon and the word 'Forms'. Below this, a light blue banner displays a bell icon and the text: 'Looking to start a new form? Visit the [New Form](#) page.' The left sidebar features the 'SGSTest Student' logo, a 'Logout' button, and a 'FIPPA' status indicator. A 'Forms' section in the sidebar has a red box around the 'My Forms' link. The main content area is titled 'My Forms' and includes a search bar, 'Show Filters' and 'Clear Filters' buttons, and a table with columns: Collection, Initiator, Cycle, Last Modified (with a downward arrow), Submitted, Progress, Status, Outcome, and Actions. The table currently shows 'No records found.' At the bottom right, pagination controls indicate 'Items per page: 25' and '0 of 0' items.



CREATE AN APPLICATION

- In the left-hand side menu select “New Form”

The screenshot shows the 'Forms' section of the 'SGSTest Student' application. On the left-hand side menu, the 'New Form' option is highlighted with a red rectangle. The main content area features a notification banner at the top: 'Looking to start a new form? Visit the [New Form](#) page.' Below this is a search bar and a table titled 'My Forms'. The table has columns: Collection, Initiator, Cycle, Last Modified (with a downward arrow), Submitted, Progress, Status, Outcome, and Actions. The table currently displays 'No records found.' At the bottom right, there is a pagination control showing 'Items per page: 25' and '0 of 0'.

NEW FORM PAGE – START A FORM

- Locate “Ontario Graduate Scholarship Award” box and select “Start Form+” button

The screenshot displays the 'Forms' page of the SGSTest Student portal. The page is divided into three main sections, each with a title, description, and a 'START FORM +' button. The first section, 'Ontario Graduate Scholarship', is highlighted with a blue dashed border, and its 'START FORM +' button is highlighted with a red solid border. The second section, 'SGS Award Payment Activation Form', has a blue 'START FORM +' button. The third section, 'SGS Conference / Research Travel Grant - Payment Activation', has a greyed-out 'START FORM +' button and an 'Ineligible' message.

SGSTest Student Logout FIPPA

Forms

My Forms

New Form

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Application form for a graduate award available to students at both the master's and doctoral levels to fund all disciplines of academic study.

START FORM +

SGS Award Payment Activation Form

This form is used to activate/renew payment of specific awards, for which payment is processed by the School of Graduate Studies.

START FORM +

SGS Conference / Research Travel Grant - Payment Activation

This form is used to activate payment of your SGS Conference Grant or SGS Research Travel Grant.

Ineligible

You must be a graduate student registered in the current session.

START FORM +