Scholarship Information Session

October 27, 2022

Overview

External Funding at Western

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for external funding. These are funds provided beyond Western through federal and provincial departments and agencies, foundations, private companies, and other sources.

External funding can provide you with additional financial support while you pursue your studies at Western.

They also reinforce your academic resume and may assist in your career development.

External Funding at Western

As one of Canada's leading research institutions, we place great importance on helping you finance your education. While at Western, you will want to devote your full energy to the successful completion of your studies, so we want to ensure that stable funding is available to you.

Some funding is awarded to you upon entry into a program; some is based on recommendations from the program that is admitting you; and others you must apply for yourself - either to Western University or to an external funding agency.

Eligibility Criteria

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Each scholarship has set criteria for eligibility. You are responsible for reading and understanding the criteria for the scholarship(s) you wish to apply to.

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Most Scholarship Competitions require that your academic average in **EACH** of last 2 years of your studies to be a _minimum_ of 80%.

Which scholarships can I apply for?

Masters Students

- Canadian Graduate Scholarship – Masters (CGS-M)

- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

Doctoral Students

- NSERC Doctoral Award

- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship

Scholarships

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Value: $15,000 for 12 months

Application Open Date: December 7, 2022

Application Deadline: February 2, 2023; 4:00pm EST

Open to domestic and international research students
http://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/ogs.html

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria:
Acceptable average (80%, last 2 years)
You must have a minimum of 12 months remaining in your fundable period as of January 1, 2023

Ranking:
Primarily, the ranking is calculated based on academics as the applicant pool involves both MESc and PhD students

Results will be communicated April 2023.

Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Masters

Value: $17,500 for 12 Months

Application Open Date: September 1, 2022

Application Deadline: December 1, 2022; 7:59 PM

Open to domestic research students (Canadian and PR)

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Index_eng.asp

Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Masters

Eligibility Criteria:

- Acceptable average (80%, last 2 years)
- No more than 12 months of MESc study as of December 31, 2022

Results will be communicated April 2023

Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Masters

Selection Criteria

Academic Excellence (50%)

- Academic record;
- Scholarships and awards held;
- Duration of previous studies;
- Type of program and courses pursued;
- Course load;
- Relative standing (if available).

Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Masters

Research Potential (30%)

- Quality and originality of contributions to research and development;
- Relevance of work experience and academic training to field of proposed research;
- Significance, feasibility, and merit of proposed research;
- Judgment and ability to think critically;
- Ability to apply skills and knowledge;
- Initiative, autonomy and independence;
- Research experience and achievements relative to expectations of someone with the candidate's academic experience.

Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Masters

Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills (20%)

- Work experience;
- Leadership experience;
- Project management, including organizing conferences and meetings;
- Ability or potential to communicate theoretical, technical and/or scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats;
- Involvement in academic life;
- Volunteerism/community outreach.

Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Masters

Application

- The Online Application is available in the [Research Portal](#)
- Full guidelines are available here: [Instructions for Completing an Application](#)
- **Up to five universities** may be identified as Proposed Host Organizations by an applicant.

Western Engineering

Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Masters

Transcripts

- **It is the student's responsibility to obtain official current transcripts** from every university they have attended/are currently attending, and to create a single PDF file of the transcripts and upload it to their own application in the Research Portal.
- CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC consider transcripts issued by the Registrar's Office to the applicants to be official transcripts.
- Opening the envelope to scan the transcript will not render it unofficial for Tri-Agency purposes.

Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Masters

Helpful Hints

- The choice of Field of Research determines what appears in the Department/Division drop-down selection in the Proposed Host Organization section.

- The start date of graduate program is always September 1, January 1 or May 1; the end date of a graduate program is always August 31, December 31, or April 30.

- The number of months of full-time study completed by December 31 is normally a multiple of 4.

NSERC Doctoral

Value: $35,000 per year for 2 or 3 years (CGS); $21,000 per year for 2 or 3 years (PGS)

Deadline: September 23, 2022; 7:59 PM EDT (single application and review process for both)

Open to domestic Doctoral students

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp

NSERC Doctoral

Eligibility Criteria:

- No more than 24 months of PhD study as of December 31, 2021
- No more than 36 months if transferred directly from Bachelors to a PhD or enrolled in a joint program, e.g., MD/PhD, MA/PhD
- Submit only one doctoral award application in a given academic year. *Nominations to the Vanier CGS program do not count towards this limit*
- Not have already received a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC.

Results will be communicated April 2023

NSERC Doctoral

Research Ability and Potential (50%)

- Quality of research proposal
- Relevant training, such as academic training, lived experience and traditional teachings
- Research experience and achievements relative to the applicant's stage of study, lived experience and knowledge systems
- Quality of contributions and extent to which they advance the field of research. Contributions may include: publications, patents, reports, posters, abstracts, monographs, presentations, creative outputs, knowledge translation outputs, community products, etc.

NSERC Doctoral

Relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia(50%)

- Scholarships, awards and distinctions (amount, duration and prestige)
- Academic record
- Professional, academic and extracurricular activities as well as collaborations with supervisors, colleagues, peers, students and members of the community

Vanier Canadian Graduate Scholarship

Value: $50,000 per year for up to 3 years

- Open to domestic and international Doctoral students
- Students are nominated based on their responses provided in their ScholarSheet
- Results announced in April 2023

Vanier Canadian Graduate Scholarship

Criteria: No more than 5 terms or 20 months of full-time study in their doctoral program as of next May 1, 2023

Ranking: Considers three equally weighted selection criteria: Academic Excellence, Research Potential, and Leadership

Faculty of Engineering Scholarship & Awards Committee

The Faculty of Engineering has formed a *Graduate Scholarship & Awards Committee* with representation from each department in Engineering.

The aim of this committee is to identify strong candidates for scholarships and provide mentorship support to students throughout their scholarship application processes, and to provide constructive feedback for research proposals and guidance for referees.

Faculty of Engineering Scholarship & Awards Committee

If you are considering applying for a Tri-Agency award, we encourage you to complete a [Western Engineering scholarsheet](#) and submit it to the Faculty Graduate Office via email (wegraduate@uwo.ca).

The faculty committee will review all submissions and work with students to build a strong application portfolio to enhance the chances of success in one of these prestigious scholarships.

Scholarsheet

https://www.eng.uwo.ca/graduate/Scholarsheet.pdf

Scholarships

Want more information?

https://www.eng.uwo.ca/graduate/funding/scholarships.html

Awards

Scholarships vs Awards

- **Scholarship:** multiple payments made through your tuition account (at the start of each term); ongoing funding. Usually provided by a government agency.

This <u>can</u> affect your funding package.

Scholarships vs Awards

- **Award:** one-time payment made through your tuition account (at the time the award is issued. Funds are provided by a donor to the university.

This cannot affect your funding package.

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Awards in Engineering

All awards in Engineering are listed here:

https://www.eng.uwo.ca/graduate/funding/scholarships.html

AwardSpring

Unless otherwise stated, all Engineering Awards can be applied for through the AwardSpring portal. Applications will open November 15, 2022 – please keep an eye on your email!

https://westerneng.awardspring.ca/

Questions?

Please submit via the "Chat" feature in Zoom