

graduate funding information

The Awards area of the Graduate Studies Office (GSO) works closely with departments/Faculties to advertise, adjudicate and administer a variety of awards for graduate students. Graduate student applicants are considered for scholarships, teaching and research assistantships/studentships at the time admission decisions are made by the departments. Eligible students may also apply for bursaries, loans and scholarships. Many of these funds are made possible through contributions by Waterloo faculty, staff, retirees, students, alumni, corporate donors, foundations and the general public. Criteria that may be used in making award decisions include: academic performance, excellence in research, financial need.

Graduate students are encouraged to contact their department Scholarship Co-ordinator for funding details. A list of Co-ordinators can be found on the GSO website: grad.uwaterloo.ca/scholarships/scholar_coordinators.html

Waterloo Graduate Scholarships

Nominations for this award are submitted to the GSO by departments and are awarded to full-time graduate students with a first-class (80%) standing. The awards have a maximum value of \$3,000 per term and may be given as any one of the following:

- » Waterloo Graduate Entrance Scholarships
- » Waterloo Merit Scholarships
- » Waterloo Graduate Scholarship

International Master's/Doctoral Student Awards (IMSA/IDSA)

IMSA/IDSA are Waterloo awards automatically awarded to full time international students who qualify. Master's students are eligible up to term 6.0 of their program with an approximate value of \$1,600 per term. Doctoral students are eligible up to term 12.0 of their program with an approximate value of \$3,200 per term.

grad.uwaterloo.ca/scholarships/international_awards.html

Research Travel Assistantship

Graduate students registered in a full time degree program who are traveling to a conference to present their research may be eligible to receive the GSO Research Travel Assistantship.

grad.uwaterloo.ca/forms/Scholarships/travel.pdf

Waterloo Graduate Student Bursaries and Emergency Loans

A number of bursaries and emergency loan programs are available to full-time graduate students experiencing short term financial need.

grad.uwaterloo.ca/scholarships/awards_info.html

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

OSAP provides various types of assistance based on financial need to eligible students. Assistance is intended to supplement, not to replace, the resources of students and their families.

osap.gov.on.ca

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PRESIDENT'S GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (PGS)

Waterloo celebrates outstanding academic achievement of its graduate students by offering the PGS, which provides up to **\$10,000** each year in additional funding to students receiving Tri-Council (NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR) and provincial (OGS) competition-based scholarships.

grad.uwaterloo.ca/scholarships/presidents_grad_scholarship.asp

Tri-Council Awards (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR) & Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)

These are the major federal and provincial funded awards administered by the GSO. To assist students with application preparation, the GSO organizes scholarship information seminars each September.

Tri-Council Awards: grad.uwaterloo.ca/scholarships/tri_council.html

OGS: grad.uwaterloo.ca/scholarships/OGS.html

Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Scholarships

NSERC is a federal agency that provides financial support, valued between \$17,300 and \$35,000 per year, to high-calibre scholars who are engaged in master's or doctoral programs in the natural sciences or engineering.

nserc.ca

Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) Scholarships

CIHR research awards, valued between \$17,500 and \$30,000 per year, are intended to provide special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a graduate degree in a health-related field in Canada or abroad.

cihr.ca

Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Scholarships

SSHRC is a federal agency that provides financial support, valued between \$17,500 and \$35,000 per year, to high-calibre scholars who are engaged in master's or doctoral programs in the social sciences and humanities.

sshrc.ca

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

The OGS program is designed to encourage excellence in graduate studies at the master's and doctoral level. It is awarded for one academic year and must be held for 2 or 3 consecutive terms at \$5,000 each term.

osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/TCONT003465.html

The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)

The Vanier CGS program is designed to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by offering a significant financial award to assist them during their studies at Canadian universities. Vanier Scholars demonstrate leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in the social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health-related fields. Canadian and international students are eligible to be nominated for a Vanier Scholarship, which is valued at \$50,000 per year for up to three years. (The PGS does not apply to this program.)

vanier.gc.ca

This information can be subject to change at any time, depending on available funding and conditions.

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For the most up-to date information visit the GSO scholarship website:

grad.uwaterloo.ca/scholarships/scholarships_main.asp

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