Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) - Master & Doctoral
2018-2019 Competition Information

What is OGS?
- Funded by Ontario and U of Guelph
- Encourage excellence in Master’s and Doctoral studies
- $5,000/semester for 3 semesters
- Max. 2 years for Master’s, 4 year for Doctoral
- How many OGS at U of G?
  - Domestic = TBD (was 134)
  - International = TBD (was 4)

Where do I apply?
- Current U of G students
  - Continuing elsewhere: apply there
  - Continuing here: apply here
- Future U of G students
  - Apply here

When & how do I apply?
- Google “Guelph OGS”
  - eligibility, due dates, application available as of Nov. 1
- Guelph Due Date: January 31, 2018
  - complete application package due to your Department
- If applying for OGS at other universities, visit their websites
  - Due dates and processes vary, so check now!

Eligibility Criteria
- Full-time in a graduate program
- Minimum first class average (A-) in each of your last 2 years (full time equivalent)
- Cannot hold concurrently with:
  - CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, Ontario Trillium Scholarship, Ontario Graduate Fellowship, QEII-GSST
Selection Criteria

- Academic Excellence 40%
- Research Proposal 30%
- Letters of Reference 30%

What will the application entail?

- Research Proposal
- List of scholarships/awards
- List of publications/presentations
- Other academic achievements
- 2 Academic Assessment Forms
- A complete application for admission to a graduate program at Guelph

Making your application stand out:

What makes you different?

- The competition is fierce, but keep in mind some of the tips and advice to follow and you just might come out on top!

The Message (Research Proposal)

- Exude enthusiasm and excitement
- Demonstrate thorough knowledge and deep understanding of your field
  - Provide context for your research
  - Highlight main research question(s)
  - Describe significance/impact
- Write for lay audience

The Details

- Highlight and elaborate your significant contributions
  - Awards
  - Publications/presentations
- Showcase your personal strengths and commitments
  - Volunteer, service, extracurricular

The Shout Out!

- (aka letters of support)
- Don’t underestimate the importance of picking solid referees
• Adam Chapnick, *How to ask for a reference letter*, University Affairs

• You have an A...what else?
• Leaving an escape route...

**The Nitty Gritty**
• Did you spel things rong?
• Is your application organized?
• Have you left any gaps?

**Staying Positive**
• “Keep on keepin’ on”. Bob Dylan

**Questions?**
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