GRADUATE STUDIES

Services and Awards
Questions? Ask us.
Office of Graduate Studies

- Admission counselling
- Financial counselling
- Problem resolution
- E-thesis approval
- Program issues
- External & some internal scholarships
- Policy & regulations
- Student progress
Office of Graduate Studies
Front Office Assistance

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Services from Other Units

Enrolment Services and Student Financial Services
Funding your Graduate Studies

Plan Ahead

Budget

Know your Costs
Plan Ahead – Be Realistic

On-line Tools

• CanLearn – Government of Canada interactive information and tools
  • [http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml](http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml)

Breakdown costs

Know Your Cost of Living

Domestic
- $21,000 - $28,000

International
- $31,000 – $39,000

Hidden
- Emergencies
- Trip home
- New climate
Know your income if possible

- What was your funding agreement?
- Usually made up of a number of options
- Some options are preferable to others
Budget

Banks - online budget calculators

Financial Consumer Agency of Canada

- Student budget worksheet both static and interactive
  - [http://www.fcac-acfc.gc.ca/Eng/forConsumers/lifeEvents/payingPostSecEd/Pages/StudentBudget-Grillepo.aspx#expenses](http://www.fcac-acfc.gc.ca/Eng/forConsumers/lifeEvents/payingPostSecEd/Pages/StudentBudget-Grillepo.aspx#expenses)

Get Smarter About Money

- Calculate fees & expenses against savings, scholarships etc.
- University specific
Scholarships - Prepare Early

What awards are available

- Graduate Awards Search Engine
  - [http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/studentfinance/index.cfm?app=grawards](http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/studentfinance/index.cfm?app=grawards)
- Chart out award deadlines

Organize yourself

- Order transcripts early
- Search out references
- Talk to other scholarship winners

Establish your contacts

- Graduate Secretary
- Graduate Scholarship Officers
Graduate Scholarships Officers

Lois Bamsey

Cori Wells
## Internal Scholarships

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| • Automatically applied at admission  
• Lobby if you fit the criteria | • Application required  
• Nomination |

[http://www.uoguelph.ca/gradestudies/calendar/gradawards/index.shtml](http://www.uoguelph.ca/gradestudies/calendar/gradawards/index.shtml)
External Scholarships

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- [www.sshrc.ca](http://www.sshrc.ca)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- [www.cihr.ca](http://www.cihr.ca)
## External Scholarships

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<td>• Separate agency competitions and deadlines</td>
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<td>• Up to $35,000 per year</td>
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<td>• Application and then nomination by the university</td>
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<td>• $50,000 per year</td>
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<td>• Both Master’s and Doctoral available</td>
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<td>• With industrial partner</td>
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<td>• $21,000 per year</td>
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# External Scholarships

## Ontario Graduate Scholarships

- Institutional allocation
- Must be held at the institution in which it was awarded
- May be held for 2 – 6 semesters at $5000 per semester
- Limited number for international students
# External Scholarships

## Other Sources
- Government
- Business
- Service Organizations

## Search Engines
- collegenet.com/mach25/
- scholarshipscanada.com
- studentawards.com
- [scholarships.gc.ca](https://scholarships.gc.ca) – international

## Explore All Opportunities
- Talk to others
Employment

**Internal**
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)
- Graduate Research Assistantships (GRA)
- Graduate Service Assistantships (GSA)
- Ontario Work Study Program (OWSP)
- Service Units on Campus

**External**
- Hopefully not, unless you are part-time or really in need
Borrowing

- Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)
- Bank Loans
- Canada Student Loans
- Emergency Loans
Need

Graduate Need Assistance (Jan 10) to Student Financial Services

International Need Assistance (Megan Sager)

Compassionate Health (Student Financial Services)

GSA/ U of G Emergency (Office of Graduate Studies)

Bursaries
Avoid the use of credit cards if possible

What sort of debt are you willing to accrue?

• Can you manage to borrow money to avoid having to work too much and thus taking longer to finish (hidden higher debt)
Got Problems?

- Establish your need
- Review all scholarships
- Contact Lois Bamsey or Cori Wells, Graduate Scholarships Officers and SLOs with specific scholarship questions
- Talk to your research supervisor, chair, and college Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies
- Fill out a Financial Need Assistance form
- Speak to a Financial Aide Counselor in SFS
- Speak to Pauline Sinclair in OGS if all avenues have been exhausted

Form available to aide in the process at https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/sites/default/files/docs/request_for_financial_assistance.pdf