**Ontario Trillium Scholarships (OTS) Program**

**Administrative Guidelines**

**2017-18**

# Overview

The Ontario Trillium Scholarship (OTS) program is a provincially-funded initiative to attract the best qualified international students to Ontario for doctoral studies. 4 OTS are awarded annually at the University of Guelph.

# Value and Duration

$40,000 a year up to a total of four years provided the recipient maintains good academic standing and continues to meet recipient eligibility requirements.

# Eligibility

Nominees must:

* Be an international student
* Be intending to pursue a full-time PhD program at the University of Guelph in the upcoming summer, fall or winter semester
* Have achieved an A- average in each of the last two years of full-time study
* Not currently be studying at an Ontario institution
* Not concurrently hold a scholarship offered by any of the following agencies: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST).

# Nomination Package

1. The Ontario Trillium Nomination Form completed and signed by the Graduate Program Coordinator. The nomination form is available on the Faculty & Staff section of the website – [Scholarship Resources](https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/facstaff/scholarship-resources) – Ontario Trillium Scholarships (OTS) Program.
2. A detailed letter of support from the Graduate Program Coordinator which highlights the outstanding attributes of the nominee (i.e. academic achievement, research potential).
3. The nominee must have applied for admission to the proposed graduate degree program at time of nomination. The application for admission and supporting documents can be accessed in WebNow, so departments need not forward the admission application with the nomination package.

Please note that each department may submit up to **3** nomination packages to the College Dean’s Office for further consideration.

# Timeline

**Prior to February 15, 2017 -** Departments compile list of all eligible international applicants who are applying for admission Summer 2017, Fall 2017 and Winter 2018.

**February 15, 2017** - Complete nomination package is due from the department to the Associate Dean, Research & Graduate Studies (ADR) in the College Dean’s Office.

**February 15 – March 1, 2017 -** ADR to reviewall submissions and select up to 4 candidates to be considered in the university wide competition.

**March 1 -** Nomination packages endorsed by the ADR due to the Graduate Awards Officers.

Note: College ADRs notify departments if a nominee has been selected for further consideration or not.

**Early-April -** Departments notified of the results.

# Questions?

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