Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)/
Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in
Science & Technology (QEII-GSST)
Application Instructions

General Information

It is recommended that applicants use Adobe software (e.g. Adobe Reader) to complete the OGS/QEII-GSST Application form to avoid known compatibility issues.

Section 1: Student information

• Complete this section with your information.

Section 2: Proposed studies at Waterloo

• If you are already enrolled in the graduate program (at Waterloo) for which you are applying for OGS/QEII-GSST funding, indicate your current department as your “proposed” department. Your proposed department is where you are planning to hold the scholarship if you are successful. This is the department to which you will submit your application.
• If you are not already registered in the graduate program (at Waterloo) for which you are applying for OGS/QEII-GSST funding, indicate the graduate program to which you have/will be applying. This is the department to which you will submit your application.
• If you are applying to multiple graduate departments at Waterloo, you must select one of those departments and submit your OGS/QEII-GSST application there. Applicants may submit only one OGS/QEII-GSST application each competition year, per university. Multiple OGS/QEII-GSST applications are not permitted at each institution. Additionally, awards are not portable across Faculties and may not be portable across departments within a Faculty.

Section 3: Current/most recent studies

• Complete this section with your information.

Section 4: Referees

• Complete this section with your referees’ information.
• Applicants must email a blank Academic Assessment Report form to their referees and include the following details in the email:
  o Reference to Academic Assessment Report Instructions
  o Waterloo Student ID
  o Name and email of “proposed” Department Graduate Co-ordinator (for submission purposes)
  o Submission deadline
Section 5: Tri-agency application(s)

- Complete this section as appropriate.

Section 6: Federal and provincial awards (past and current)

- Indicate any federally or provincially funded awards you currently hold or have previously held and the total number of years awarded.

Section 7: All competitive post-secondary awards and prizes (past and current)

- In the chart, indicate all federal/provincial awards, along with any other competitive postsecondary scholarships, fellowships, prizes and other academic or professional awards that you have received and you think would be the most pertinent to the adjudication of your application.
- Declined awards may be included (if applicable), and these should include “(declined)” after the award/prize/fellowship name.
- Do not list high school awards.
- Do not list non-competitive awards such as Graduate Experience Awards (GEA) or Graduate Research Studentships (GRS).

Section 8: Research proposal / Program statement and Bibliography/citations

- The text box will automatically assign a font style and size to any text typed directly into the box. If copying/pasting from another document, please ensure that you use Helvetica font, size 10. Do not enter text beyond viewable field size.
- 1 additional page may be included for formulas, schemes or drawings if needed. This page should be labelled as “Appendix A”. No additional text can be included on this extra page.
- Waterloo expects applicants to write their own research proposal/program statement independently, and that ideas and/or texts belonging to others are properly referenced.
- Provide a detailed description of the planned research and/or project during the period in which the award will be held.
  o If a specific project has not been decided upon, you must still provide a detailed description of a research or project statement that interests you.
  o Be as specific as possible. However, use plain language, so that it is readable by someone with a background in the discipline but has no specific knowledge of your particular field of research.
  o Provide background information to position the proposed research/project within the context of the current knowledge in the field.
  o State the significance of the research or project in the particular field.
- Do not refer to or include URL’s as reviewers will not be able to look up the information.
- Use the bibliography/citations section to acknowledge any works referred to or used in preparation of your research proposal or program statement.

For applicants with a research background:
- State the objectives;
- Outline the experimental or theoretical approach to be taken.
- State the methods and procedures that will be used.
Section 9: Publications and presentations (2 pages maximum)

Master's and doctoral students - maximum of 2 pages

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DO NOT include your thesis, work term reports or any articles that are currently in progress/preparation or those on which you do not appear as an author.

List your contributions chronologically (beginning with the most recent) within each of the following headings. Each contribution should be on a new line. Use the following headings in the order indicated below:

a. Articles published or accepted in peer-reviewed journals.
b. Articles submitted to peer-reviewed journals (provide submission number).
c. Other peer-reviewed contributions (e.g., communications, papers in peer-reviewed conference proceedings, posters). Do not repeatedly list the same proceeding from multiple conferences, proceedings for future conferences, or your thesis here.
d. Non-peer-reviewed contributions (e.g., specialized publications, technical reports, conference presentations, posters).
e. Technology transfer.
f. Contributions resulting from your participation in industrially relevant R&D activities.
g. Patents and copyrights awarded (e.g., software, but excluding publications).
h. Patents and copyrights submitted.

Use the following format:
Full authorship as it appears/will appear in the original publication, year, title, publication name, volume, page number(s), and chapters if applicable.

Example:

Articles published or accepted in refereed journals


What does “peer reviewed” or “refereed” mean?

It is the process used by publishers and editors of academic or scholarly journals to ensure that the articles they publish meet accepted standards of their discipline. Manuscripts under consideration for publication are sent to independent experts in the field (the author's scholarly/scientific peers). These experts evaluate the quality of the scholarship, reliability of findings, relevance to the field, appropriateness for the journal, etc. Most scholarly journals are peer reviewed.
Section 10: Relevant volunteer, leadership, academic work experience

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- List any relevant professional/community involvement, extracurricular activities, and relevant work experience.

Section 11: Special Circumstances (only if applicable)

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- In the space provided, you may describe any special considerations such as health problems, family responsibilities, disabilities, or other circumstances that have had an effect on your performance or productivity, including any delays in disseminating your research results or completing your degree. The weight to be given to any special circumstances will be determined by your Waterloo Faculty/Department OGS/QEII-GSST ranking committees.

Section 12: Collection, disclosure, consent, declaration and signature

- Make sure you read and understand the information provided regarding the collection and disclosure of information as well as the applicant’s consent and declaration before completing this section.
- You must sign and date this section. Digital signatures are acceptable. If unable to sign, you may include the following statement in your email when submitting to your “proposed” department graduate co-ordinator:
  - “I, [FULL NAME], hereby attest that I have read and understand the information included in Section 12: Collection, disclosure, consent, declaration and signature of the 2021-2022 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)/Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science & Technology (QEII-GSST) Application and agree to all required consent and declarations in lieu of signature.”
- Applications must be emailed to your “proposed” department graduate co-ordinator.

Section 13: Student checklist

- Review checklist items to ensure all required application steps have been completed. Check off all applicable boxes prior to submission to your “proposed” department graduate co-ordinator.

Section 14: Departmental checklist (optional)

- For department graduate co-ordinator use only
- This section is optional; Departments are not required to complete this section