

**SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES  
ONTARIO TRILLIUM SCHOLARSHIP  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2012-2013**

This program is funded in part by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

1. In November 2010 the Government of Ontario announced the creation of the Ontario Trillium Scholarships (OTS) program for highly qualified international Ph.D students. The amount of the OTS is \$40,000 annually to the recipient Ph.D. students. The OTS is renewable for four years, if the conditions listed below are met each year upon renewal.
2. The OTS is awarded in years 1 through 4 years of full- time Ph.D. studies. The scholarship will be automatically awarded to the recipient for each of the three years following the first year, provided the student maintains good academic standing and continues to meet eligibility requirements. Recipients need not reapply each year for the OTS scholarship.
3. Queen's University OTS recipients are chosen through the annual fellowship competition. OTS recipients must have a first-class average (A minus, or 80%, or equivalent) **in each of** the two years of full-time study prior to beginning their doctoral studies at Queen's University. At the time of nomination, OTS nominees must **not** be currently be studying at any Ontario postsecondary institution at the undergraduate or graduate level.
4. OTS holders must be international students. International students are students who have received a temporary resident visa as a member of the student class under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (Canada);  
**NOTES:**
  - a. Domestic students, and refugee students who are eligible for government financial assistance (e.g. under the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) are **ineligible** to receive an OTS;
  - b. See the section "Transition to Permanent Residency Status" below for OTS recipients who transition to permanent residency during the tenure of their OTS.
5. OTS holders must be full time students in their doctoral degree programs at Queen's University and may not be enrolled in a qualifying or make-up year. Master's students are not eligible for this funding. If study status changes to part-time, the award will be cancelled. The OTS will be paid to fulltime **off campus** students only if the appropriate Department, and the SGS, have approved this study status.
6. The usual start date of any award is September of the academic year. However, the start date may be commensurate with the start date of a degree program i.e. September, January, or May. The total amount of the award will be pro-rated to reflect the actual start date, and the length of remainder of academic year.
7. If an OTS installment is issued to a student who is subsequently determined to be ineligible to receive that installment, that installment must be refunded. It is the student's responsibility to return the installment as soon as possible. Students should be aware that to reclaim the installment, the SGS will cancel or reverse any direct deposit transaction through the student's fees account. If the SGS cancels or reverses a direct deposit transaction, the SGS shall inform the student that this action has been taken. If the transaction cannot be cancelled or reversed, it is the student's responsibility to repay the award or award instalment as soon as possible.

8. In most cases, scholarships, fellowships, or bursaries are not taxable and need not be reported as income on your tax return, if you received them while enrolled as a student in a program that entitles you to claim the “education amount” on your tax information, as defined by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). More information on this topic may be found at CRA’s website, <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/menu-e.html> . In some rare circumstances (outlined on CRA's website), this award or portions of it may be taxed. Tax is not deducted from the award by the School of Graduate Studies or Queen’s University.
9. The OTS may constitute a portion of guaranteed financial support within a department/program.
10. OTS holders must not have concurrently accepted a scholarship or fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), or the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), or be in receipt of an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) or QEII- Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST).
11. OTS recipients must be accepted as, enrolled as and remain enrolled as, full-time students. Repayment of all or some of the OTS will be required if an OTS recipient withdraws, transfers to part-time status, fails to maintain good academic standing as determined by the department/program and/or the School of Graduate Studies, or otherwise loses eligibility for continued receipt of the OTS. How much OTS must be repaid depends on the date of withdrawal or transfer to part-time status.
12. OTS recipients lose eligibility status if they are participating in a paid educational leave or sabbatical during the tenure of the OTS.
13. OTS recipients may accept research assistantships or teaching assistantships or other relevant employment that does not affect his or her status as a full-time graduate student. Such work opportunities must comply with federal guidelines established by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) about on-campus and off-campus employment for international students.

#### **TRANSITION TO PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS**

As outlined above, OTS recipients must be international students to be eligible to be awarded this scholarship. However, OTS recipients, like all international students studying in Ontario, may apply for permanent residency status during their study period. Should an OTS recipient obtain permanent residency status, she or he will continue to be eligible for the OTS for a total of four years, subject to all other OTS criteria continuing to be met.