THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
(QEII-GSST)

2012 - 2013 QEII-GSST Applicants Competition Guide

Purpose of the Scholarship:

The QEII-GSST awards program is designed to encourage excellence in graduate studies in science and technology. The program is supported through funds provided by the Province of Ontario and by funds raised by the University of Toronto from the private sector. In order to raise the required private sector funds, prospective donors were solicited for a gift of $50,000 per award, which when matched by the University, would generate a sufficient income from the established endowment. In recognition of the donor's contribution, each QEII-GSST award is named by the donor. Moreover, the donors were given an opportunity to indicate their preference for the recipients (e.g., recipients must be pursuing a degree in a certain department or field of study). Therefore, many QEII-GSST awards are assigned to a graduate unit.

Value and duration:

- Up to $15,000 per year or $5,000 per term.
- The award is awarded for one academic year at a time, which may consist of two or three consecutive terms.
- The award may begin in May 2012, September 2012 or January 2013. The January start is reserved only for students who cannot undertake the program of studies for which the award is made until January, due to an incomplete previous degree or because the program of study is not available until that date.
- Anticipated notification of the results of the competition from SGS will be in late-August 2012.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be either Canadian citizens or permanent residents who plan to enroll, or are registered in a full-time research MSc or PhD program in the Faculty of Medicine.
- Students pursuing a professional or course-based Master's program (e.g.: MHSc) and clinician/surgical scientist trainees are NOT eligible for the awards offered through this competition.
- MSc students are not eligible for a QEII-GSST after two years of study at the Master's level and PhD students are not eligible for a QEII-GSST after five years of study at the doctoral level. The lifetime maximum number of awards is 4 per student.
- The QEII-GSST awards do not have attached to them a lifetime limit of four years of government-funded scholarship support, including OGS, NSERC, CIHR, and SSHRC. Therefore, it is possible for a doctoral student to have received four years of support from OGS or NSERC and still be eligible for one year of support through the QEII-GSST program.
- **Applicants entering the first or second year of graduate studies at the time of application** must have an overall average of at least A–, or the equivalent, on the last 20 one-term/semester courses, or the equivalent, completed.
- **Applicants entering the third year or beyond of graduate studies at the time of application** must have an overall average of at least A–, or the equivalent, on all graduate courses completed.
Students who are unable to study full time due to a disability are eligible to apply for and hold a QEII-GSST award. These students must meet all other eligibility requirements.

Applicants must exhibit overall academic excellence. Applicants should also exhibit research ability or potential, excellent communication skills, and interpersonal and leadership abilities.

This award is not automatically renewed; students must apply annually.

Applicants must be in good standing with OSAP. Applicants who have defaulted on a Canada or Ontario Student Loan or a loan made under the Ontario Venture Capital Program, or have failed to make satisfactory repayment on an Ontario Study Grant overpayment, may be ineligible.

Conditions of the Scholarship:

- You must be enrolled as a full-time student in a graduate program in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto for the complete duration of the award.
- You will be required to repay the award if you are in full-time attendance fewer than 14 weeks in any term or transfer to another graduate unit.
- You cannot be enrolled in a qualifying or “make-up” year or be on a paid educational leave or sabbatical.
- You will be required to repay the award if you withdraw or transfer to part-time status.
- You may hold other awards up to a total of $10,000 per year, but cannot hold an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) for the same year of study in which you hold a QEII-GSST.
- You may also accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other employment, which do not exceed a maximum of 10 hours per week on average.

Application Procedures

For Faculty of Medicine QEII-GSST award names, please refer to the 2012 – 2013 FACULTY OF MEDICINE, GRADUATE AFFAIRS QEII-GSST AWARDS LIST.

The following documents must be submitted:

- Faculty of Medicine QEII-GSST Cover Page
- 2012/13 OGS application form
- One-page Research Description or Statement of Intent (in easily understandable terms, including hypothesis, methods, and expected outcomes). Include your research title on top of the page. Bibliographies, endnotes and references are generally not necessary.
- Two reference letters accompanied with an Assessment Report each (OGS Assessment Report). For currently registered students, one reference letter plus assessment report must be completed by current graduate supervisor.
- One-page summary of significant academic achievements in a standard CV format, e.g., publications, presentations, patents, etc. (do not exceed one page single-spaced).
- A list of other scholarships and academic awards received, if applicable (do not exceed one page).
- Transcripts (all university transcripts including current program)
For additional information/requirements, contact Awards Officer, Debbie Chau, Office of the Vice Dean, Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine, by email: debbie.chau@utoronto.ca or phone: 416.946.7317.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for applications adjudicated by the Office of Graduate Affairs (i.e., List A awards) is July 13, 2012 and to the address:

Vice Dean, Office of Graduate Affairs
Medical Sciences Building
University of Toronto
Room 2360, 1 King’s College Circle
Toronto, ON, M5S 1A8.

For hand delivery bring to MSB Room 2360. The office hours are Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For List B awards, check with individual departments regarding deadlines for QEII-GSST awards adjudicated by Departments.