

OGS Fall 2018

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THE OGS PROGRAM

- Overview
- Application Process
- Research / Program Statement
- Reference Letters

Note: Some of this info may apply to other award programs.



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OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship)

- OGS is worth \$5000 per term for 2 or 3 terms.
- Must be registered full-time to receive the award, but may be registered part-time when making application
- Carleton University has 181 awards to give out, 5 to international students
- Students complete the application, Carleton deadline to the departments is November 15, 2018
- Referee Deadline is December 1, 2018
- If you have access to Carleton Central you complete the online application, otherwise you must complete the paper application
- CC, Awards & Financial Aid, Online Graduate Award Applications
- If you are applying to other institutions, please check procedures and deadlines at those institutions

Application Order (for Paper Application only, completed only by students who has never applied to Carleton University)

- Application Checklist
- OGS Application Form – signed
- Academic Assessment Report 1
- Academic Assessment Report 2
- All transcripts (Official transcripts only)
- Proof of Citizenship - Permanent Resident
- Proof of Citizenship – Student Visa
- Proof of Citizenship – Protected Person
- Research/Program Statement
- Awards/Publication page (if applicable)

OGS Adjudication

- Students complete applications and submit to department by November 15, 2018
- References must submit their letters by December 1, 2018
- Departments review applications and calculate GPA's to determine eligibility
- Departments forward eligible applications to faculty level committee
- Committee reviews and meets to make decisions on applications
- Applications are either, successful, reversion (waitlisted) or unsuccessful
- Faculty forward successful and reversion applications to FGPA for vetting
- FGPA informs students via email of the status of their OGS application by mid February 2019

How are applications adjudicated?

What are the criteria?

- **50% on academic excellence
(transcripts, awards, distinctions)**
- **30% research potential**
- **20% personal characteristics &
interpersonal skills**

GPA Calculations

- All applicants must have a minimum GPA of 10.0 (A-) in each of their last two years of study, regardless of level of study

Research/Program Statement

Initial Considerations

- Non-specialist evaluators
- Demonstrate research potential
- Highlight accomplishments (pubs, conferences, etc)

Statement of Interest or Program of Study

- Follow the guidelines carefully (especially for page limit!)
- Remember your essay may be evaluated by an interdisciplinary group. Write clearly and avoid jargon yet demonstrate that you know your field.
- Get your referees to read over the statement!
- In a short essay, organization is crucial:
 - What is your research project? (Be specific!)
 - How will you do it?
 - Why are you doing it?
 - Why are you well-equipped to do this project?

The One-Page Statement

What Not to Include:

- Personal & background info
- Revelations while “walking in the snow”

The One-Page Statement

2018-2019
ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Research/Program Statement

Must not contain more than 3,950 characters (with spaces)

The One-Page Statement

~ Considerations but Not a Template ~

- Setting the context
 - Scholarship
 - Societal importance
- Your research purpose
 - Flow from the context
 - Focus your attention

The One-Page Statement (cont'd)

- What will you do?
 - Stage of program matters
 - Demonstrate research potential
- Why are you a strong candidate?
 - Relevance of your experience
 - Carleton as a suitable place
 - Non-Carleton support

The Process

- Reviews of draft proposals
 - Other grad students in & beyond your program
 - Friends
- Engage your supervisor
 - Request reviews
 - Trust building exercise

References

- Start early
- Ensure references will:
 - Be supportive
 - Collectively cover (i) academic excellence, (ii) research potential (iii) communication, interpersonal, leadership & community skills

References cont'd

- Up to one non-academic reference, preferably in related area
- Current supervisor
 - If you do not know her/him well???
 - Share previous papers, meet regularly

Final Thoughts

- Start early
- Seek advice
- All components are important
- Final check is critical

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