

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Presentation

September 2020

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Overview

\$15,000

- Awarded for one academic year
- Province of Ontario contributes 2/3 of award and Brock University provides 1/3 of the award

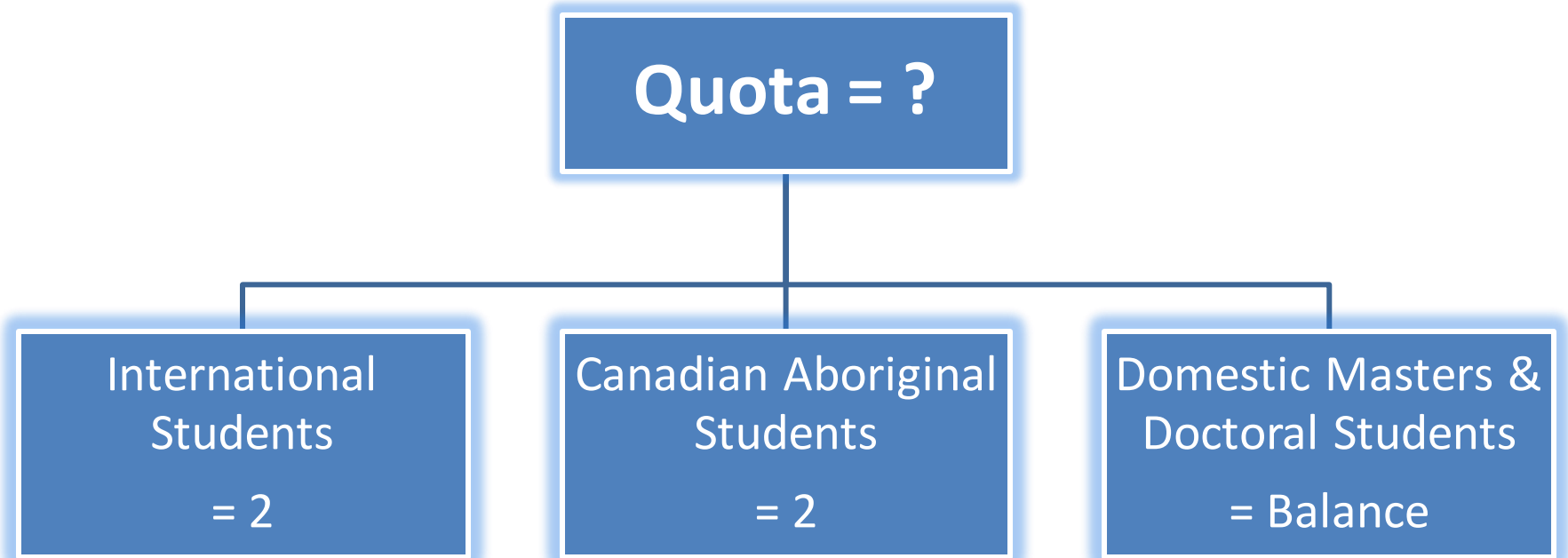
\$5000
per term

- Must take up the award for a minimum of 2 consecutive terms

DGS
Excellence
Scholarship

- Offered by FGS in lieu of Graduate Fellowship

Overview - cont'd



*** Canadian Aboriginal refers to self-declared First Nations (status and non-status), Metis, and Inuit peoples.*

Eligibility Requirements



First-class average in each of the past 2 full-time years of study



Full time student in an graduate program during the tenure of award



Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or have a Study Permit



Cannot hold an External Award at the same time as an OGS



Masters = 2 years Doctoral = 4 years
Lifetime maximum = 6 years

Eligibility Requirements - cont'd



- Students cannot have restrictions on their OSAP account
- Must be able to hold the award for 2 or 3 consecutive terms
- You cannot be employed by the University for more than an average of 10 hours per week
- You may change disciplines or program pending approval by institution
 - Each award is tenable for one year and is non-renewable

Where to Submit your OGS Application Package

Currently enrolled or planning to attend Brock University for a graduate program?

YES

Submit your application to the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Brock University

NO

Submit your application to the university you plan to attend.
DO NOT APPLY AT BROCK!

Application Package

A complete OGS application package consists of the following:

- OGS application (9 pages)
- Official /original University transcript(s)
 - Undergraduate and Graduate (if applicable)
 - One copy of the legend for each transcript
 - No certified photocopies or web-based print-outs
 - **NOTE:** If you have requested official transcripts for a Tri-Agency (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR) CGS Master's application, you may use those transcripts to be included in your OGS application.

Evaluation Criteria

50%

Academic Excellence

30%

Research Ability/Potential
and Achievements

20%

Communication &
Leadership Abilities

Research Proposal - one page

For students who will be or are currently in Master's level studies during the tenure of the award:

- Provide a detailed description of the planned research/project you are doing during the tenure of the award.
- Use plain language, someone outside of your field of research may be reviewing your application.
- Be as specific as possible.
- State the significance of the research or project in the particular field.
- One page for Bibliography and Citations.

Research Proposal - one page

For students entering first year of doctoral studies:

- Give the title and a brief description of your Master's thesis, if applicable.
- Identify the field of concentration of your proposed doctoral studies and describe your special interest in this area.
- Outline the experimental or theoretical approach to be taken.
- State the methods and procedures that will be used.
- Explain the impact/importance of your research.

Research Proposal - one page

For students currently in doctoral studies:

- Clearly state at what stage of your thesis you are in.
- Outline your thesis and explain how it will build on existing research and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field.
- Outline what you plan to accomplish during the period for which you receive the award and what you have remaining to be completed.

Publications and Presentations

Master's - one page

Doctoral - two pages

- For published contributions, include:
 - co-authors, title, publisher, journal, volume, date of publication, number of pages, etc., as they appear in the original publication.
- List of publications, presentations and other evidence of scholarly activities
- List each entry on a new line.
 - Articles published or accepted in peer-reviewed journals.
 - Articles submitted to peer-reviewed journals.
 - Other peer-reviewed contributions (communications, papers in peer-reviewed conference proceedings, posters)
 - Non-peer-reviewed contributions (conference presentations, posters).

Scholarships, Awards & Academic Accomplishments

- List competitive post-secondary scholarships, fellowships, awards, prizes and other academic or professional awards that you have received that would be pertinent to the adjudication of your application.
- Include Dean's Honour List, teaching/research assistantships.
- Do not list high school awards.
- List Tri-Agency or Ontario government awards (indicated on page 1 of the OGS application).

Academic Assessment Reports & Letters of Support

- You are required to have two (2) academic assessment reports
- Contact your professors **NOW**
- Complete Section 1 of the Report and forward the report by email to your Referees.
- Academic Assessment Report is comprised of one form on which the referee ranks you, plus a one-page signed letter of support, on official letterhead, elaborating on the assessment.
- Must provide a supporting reference that will speak to the particular strengths of the application.

Academic Assessment Reports & Letters of Support - cont'd

- Referees must submit the Academic Assessment Report, along with a letter of support to ogsgrad@brocku.ca as one PDF file.
- Submission must be sent directly by the referee from their institutional email address
- Subject line of your Referee's email must read:
Student Last Name, Student First Name (Brock Student #) - OGS Academic Assessment
Eg: Smith, John (#1234567) - OGS Academic Assessment
- No late entries will be accepted.

Applicants are responsible for follow-up with referees

Academic Assessment Report Tips & Suggestions

Time!

- Provide your referee ample time to provide you a meaningful assessment
- Don't be shy to follow up with a phone call or email

Provide Copies

- OGS Application
- Transcripts
- Research Proposal

Curriculum Vitae (resumé)

- Highlight academic & research achievements
- Indicate leadership and outreach skills



Tips for Applicants

- Research Proposal will be read by a multi-disciplinary committee.
- Use clear, plain language and avoid jargon.
- Proofread for spelling and grammar
- OGS award winners are not automatically renewed. You must submit a new application each year.
- Ask your referees
- Know your internal deadline date:

January 15, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.

It is your responsibility to ensure your application and referee reports are received by the deadline date.

Submitting Your Application

- You must submit your application as one PDF file to include the following:
 - The 9 page application
 - Scanned copies of all transcripts, along with one copy of the legend
- Email your application package to ogsgrad@brocku.ca by **January 15, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.**
 - late submissions will not be accepted
- Subject line of email must read:
Student Last Name, Student First Name (Brock Student #) - OGS Application
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Competition Results

- Only successful applicants will be notified by email of the competition results in April 2021.
- To be offered an OGS award, students must be currently registered or have applied for admission to graduate studies by the University's Program deadline date.

Contact Information

Faculty of Graduate Studies



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scholarships-awards/external/#ogs](https://brocku.ca/graduate-studies/scholarships-awards/external/#ogs)

Thank you and Good Luck!