

**Thank you for joining
today's webinar.
We will begin shortly!**

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PRESENTATION?**

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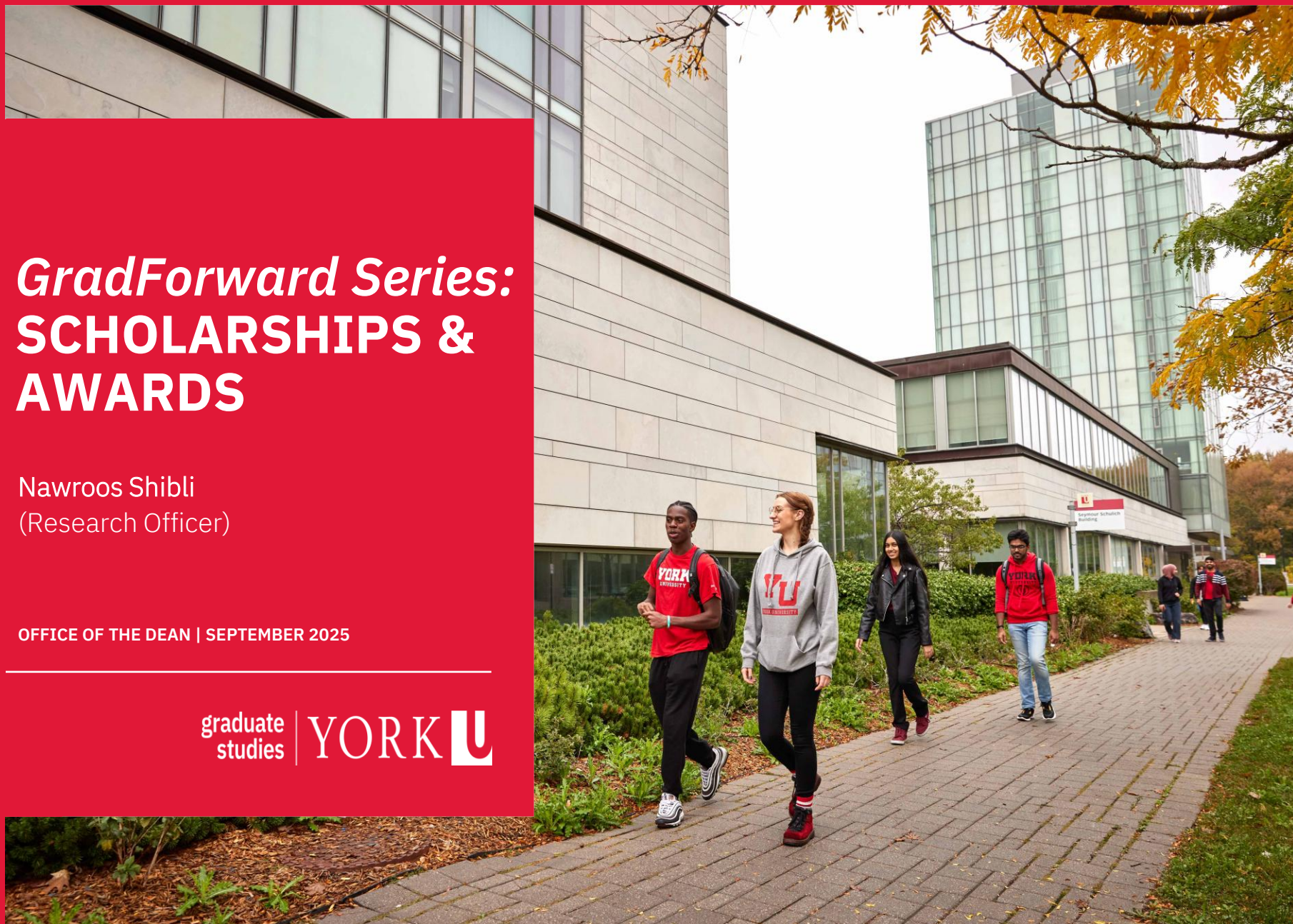


GradForward Series: **SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

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graduate
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A collage of numerous small, square portraits of diverse students is displayed on a wall in a modern hallway. The portraits show students in various settings, some outdoors and some indoors, representing a wide range of backgrounds and ages.


Awards and Other Financial Support for Graduate Students




Types of Scholarships and Other Financial Support

- York Graduate Funding (Fellowship and TA)
- Internal (donor-funded) awards
 - Entrance scholarships
- Bursaries
- Academic & Research Support
 - Academic Excellence Fund (AEF)
- External Awards
 - Tri-Council (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR) Scholarships (CGRS D for Doctoral; CGRS M for Masters)
 - Ontario Graduate Scholarships
 - Other external scholarships


Scholarships and Awards




[Tri-Council, Provincial and Other External Scholarships](#)
Information on Tri-Council, Provincial and other External Scholarship funds available to graduate students at York University.




[York Internal Awards](#)
Information on internal awards available to graduate students at York University.




[Bursaries](#)
Information on bursaries available to graduate students at York University.



[Other Funding Sources](#)
Information on awards and scholarships offered to graduate students at York University.



[Guides for Developing Successful Grant Proposals](#)
Information on how to develop successful grant proposals to help fund your research.



[Award Search](#)
Search for awards you're eligible for.

Note: Most funding opportunities are open to full-time graduate students.

Internal Awards

- A number of donor-funded awards are available for graduate students:
 - Pan-university awards for York graduate students
 - Program-based awards
 - Entrance awards (program nomination required)

- Review:
 - Award description and value
 - Eligibility (i.e., particular graduate programs or disciplines)
 - Scope (research topic or other criteria)
 - Financial need (if applicable)

- Award Search: yorku.ca/gradstudies/py_community_area/award-search/ (Passport York required)

- Upcoming awards advertised through FGS Monthly Newsletters (fgsinfo@yorku.ca)

- Sign up for [direct deposit](#) to receive scholarships, awards, bursaries refunds in your bank account

Bursaries

› Fall/Winter 2025-2026 (application opens 09/2025 – 01/2026)

- FGS administered bursaries/awards
- Bursaries administered by SFS

› Summer 2025

- Graduate Studies bursaries
- CUPE 3903 Unit 1 Masters Bursary Fund

› Apply via the new [Financial Aid, Awards and Scholarships \(FAAS\)](#) solution

Academic Excellence Fund (AEF)

- › Eligible students may request up to \$2,000 for expenses directly related to their own research and scholarship activities, as well as \$300 for collective initiatives per academic year (conference supports, publication and other scholarly activities, research expenses, professional development initiatives)
- › Part-time/ full-time, MA and PhD students are eligible
- › Students can apply for and access AEF funds before the expenses are incurred
- › Deadlines: Oct 30, Feb 28, June 30



Tri-Council Awards Overview

MASTER'S LEVEL

- › One application portal (Research Portal) for all research areas
- › **Eligibility:**
 - Domestic full-time students in research-based programs
 - The award may only be held at eligible Canadian post-secondary institutions
 - Have completed no more than 12 months of full-time study by Dec 31, 2025

DOCTORAL LEVEL

- › The three funding agencies (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) have separate application portals
- › **Eligibility:**
 - Domestic or International full-time students in research-based programs
 - Domestic applicants: may hold the award at both Canadian and international post-secondary institutions.
 - International applicants: may only hold the award in Canada.
 - Have completed no more than 36 months of full-time study by Dec 31, 2025

Carefully determine to which agency your application should be submitted:

science.gc.ca/site/science/en/interagency-research-funding/policies-and-guidelines/selecting-appropriate-federal-granting-agency

Canada Graduate Research Scholarships – Master's (CGRS M)



Value: \$27,000



Duration: three terms (12 months)



Deadline: December 1, 2025 (to apply for CGRS M award starting in May or Sept 2026)



Apply via the [Research Portal](#)



Visit the [CGRS M Program page](#) and the FGS [Scholarships & Awards page](#) for more information

Tri-Agency Master's Selection Criteria

Academic Excellence: 50%

- First class average
- Scholarships and awards held

Research Potential: 30%

- Quality and originality of contributions to research
- Significance, feasibility and merit of proposed research
- Judgment and critical thinking skills

Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills: 20%

- Work and leadership experience
- Involvement in academic life, volunteerism

SSHRC Doctoral Scholarships



Value: \$40,000 per year



Duration: 36 months



Deadline: October 6, 2025

Internal results:
November

Final results: Spring



Apply via SSHRC's [Web-based forms: registration and login](#)



Visit the Tri-Council [CGRS-D Program](#) page, and our FGS [Scholarships & Awards](#) page for more information

NSERC Doctoral Scholarships



Value: \$40,000 per year



Duration: 36 months



Deadline: October 2, 2025

Internal results: November
Final results: Spring



Apply via [NSERC's Online System](#)



Visit the Tri-Council [CGRS-D Program](#) page, and our FGS [Scholarships & Awards](#) page for more information



CIHR Doctoral Scholarships



Value: \$40,000 per year



Duration: 36 months



Deadline: October 2, 2025

Internal results: November
Final results: Spring



Apply via [ResearchNet](#)



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Tri-Agency Doctoral Selection Criteria

Research ability & potential: (50%)

- Quality of research proposal;
- Relevant training and experience;
- Quality of research contributions (publications, presentations, other outputs);
- Enthusiasm for research, originality, initiative and relevant community involvement;
- Ability to communicate clearly in written and oral formats.

Relevant experience & achievements obtained within & beyond academia: (50%)

- Scholarships, awards and distinctions;
- Transcripts and other academic records;
- Professional, academic and extracurricular activities.

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) & and QEII Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST)



Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) and QEII Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST) is a merit-based scholarships available to students in all disciplines of academic study.



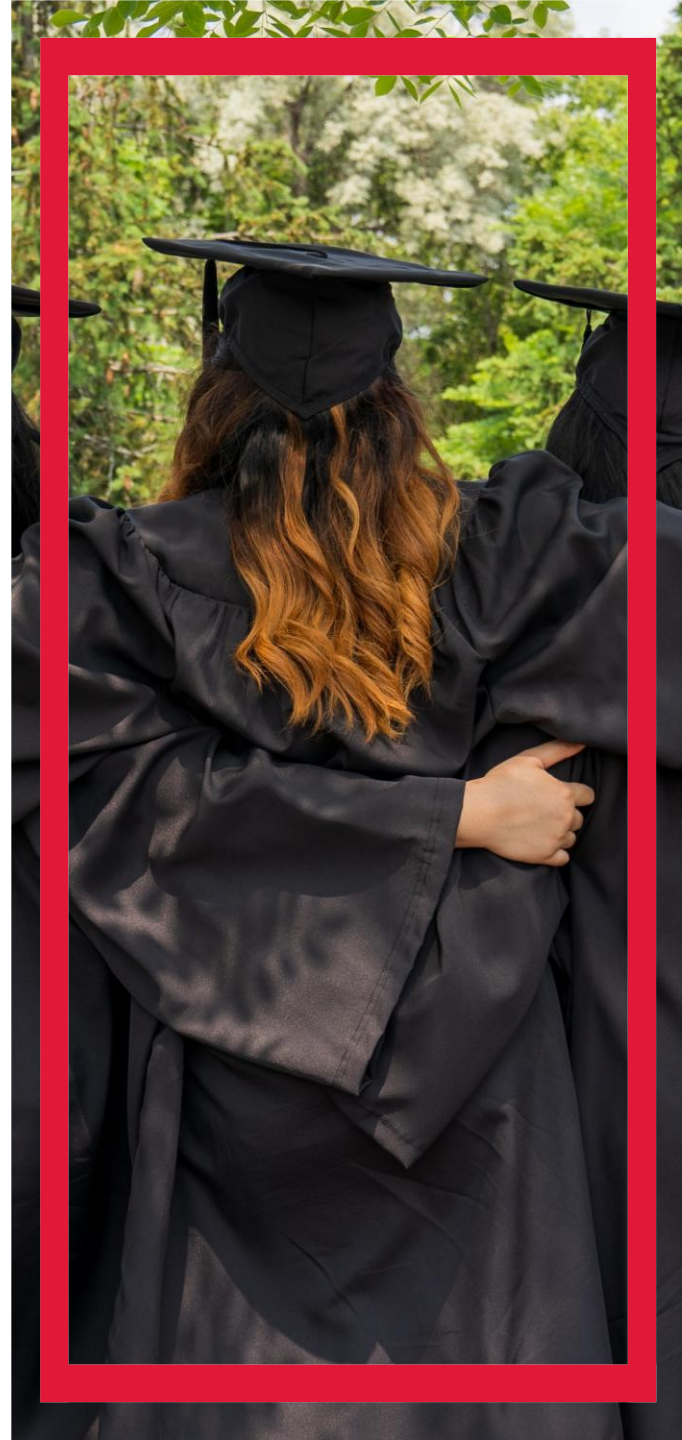
Value & Duration: \$15,000 per year for one year maximum

- Non-renewable
- Must hold the award for a minimum of two consecutive terms



Eligibility: full-time, domestic and international students at the Masters and Doctoral levels

- A minimum GPA of A- in each of your last two years of study
- Full-time enrolment in an eligible graduate program
- in PhD3 or less as of December 2025



Transcripts

Order transcripts from the Registrar's Office:
registrar.yorku.ca/transcripts

Order them early, allow for a few days for the Registrar's Office to process the request

Include up-to-date official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies in your application

Your YorkU transcripts should include your Fall 2025 registration even if you do not yet have grades

Note on References

- Invite your referees early so they have enough time to complete their academic reference.
- Referees will not automatically receive a copy of your application. Share materials with referees in advance.
- If it is not complete, it cannot be submitted. If it is not submitted, it will not be considered in the competition.
- Share the Referee Guide: gradstudies.yorku.ca/faculty-staff/student-finances/successful-reference-letters-guide/
 - SSHRC Referee Instructions: <https://sshrc-crsh.canada.ca/en/funding/opportunities/canada-graduate-research-scholarships/doctoral-program/2025/competition/instructions/letter-of-appraisal.aspx>
 - NSERC Referee Instructions: www.nserc-crsh.gc.ca/onlineservices-servicesenligne/instructions/201/ReportAppl_eng.asp
 - CIHR Referee Instructions: cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51505.html



Resources

- A Guide for Developing Successful Grant Proposals
yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/current-students/awards-and-scholarships/a-guide-for-developing-successful-grant-proposals/
- Guide for Writing Reference Letters for Scholarship Applications
gradstudies.yorku.ca/faculty-staff/student-finances/successful-reference-letters-guide/
- How to make your application stand out (created by NSERC)
youtube.com/watch?v=GvUsRO9ZB8E

Award Applications – We Can Help

FGS hosts information sessions and workshops to help you prepare your applications

Workshops on Writing Winning Proposals for Doctoral Students

- › Session #1: Thursday Sept 11, 9:30am-11:30am
 - [Register](#)
- › Session #2 : Wednesday Sept 17, 9:30am-11:30am
 - [Register](#)

Workshops on Writing Winning Proposals for Masters' Students

- › Session #1: Thursday Oct 9, 9:30am-11:30am
 - [Register](#)
- › Session #2 : Wednesday Oct 22, 9:30am-11:30am
 - [Register](#)

HAVE QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Your graduate program assistant is usually the first point of contact.

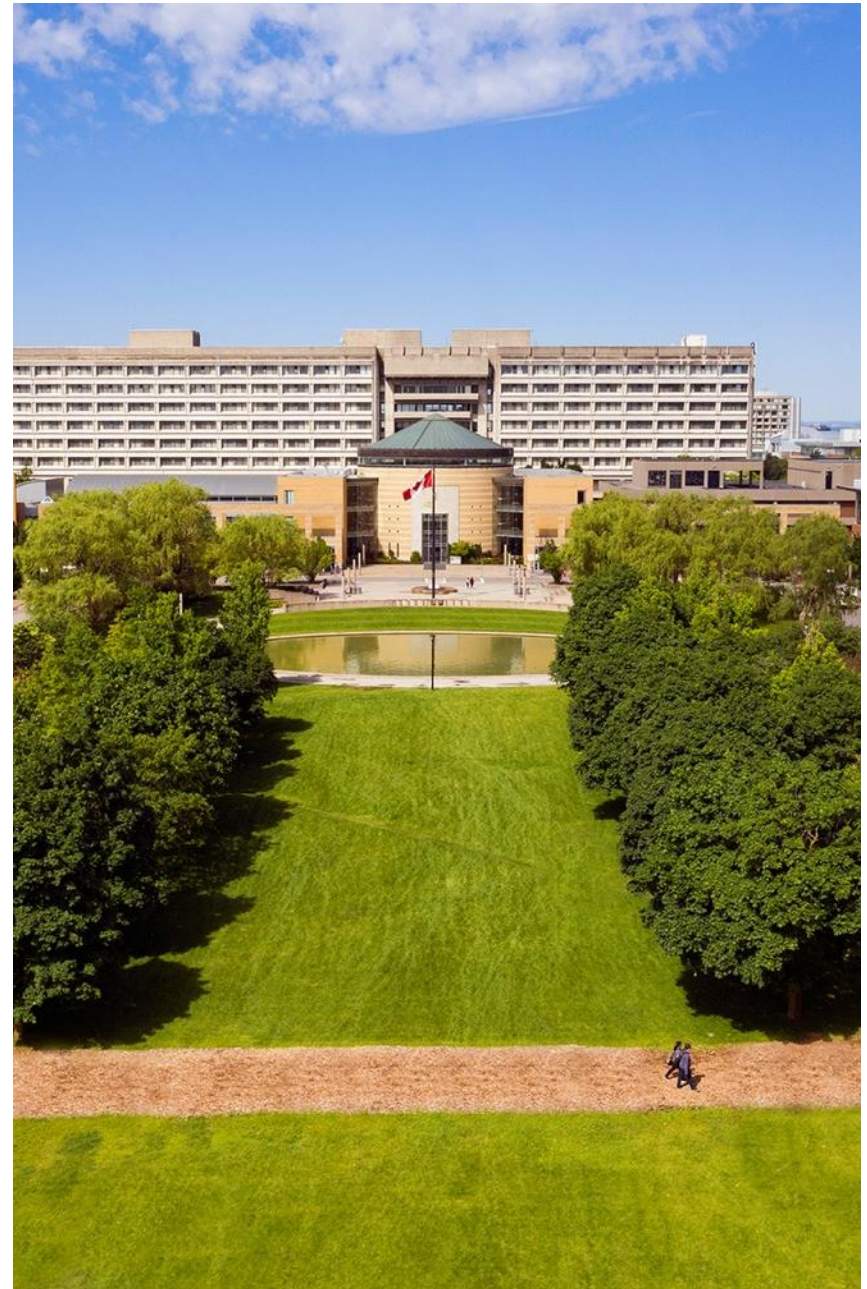
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A photograph of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a dark blue shirt, standing at a podium and speaking into a microphone. The podium features the logo of York University, which includes the letters 'RK' and a red 'U' with the words 'YORK UNIVERSITY' below it. In the foreground, the backs of several audience members' heads are visible as they sit in rows of chairs. The setting appears to be a lecture hall or auditorium with a concrete wall in the background. A small sign on the wall to the left of the speaker reads 'OPEN SPACE'. The entire image is framed by a thick red border.

Questions?