

2021 OGS Application Instructions – Microbiology & Immunology

The Graduate Studies Committee in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology will internally adjudicate applications for Ontario Graduate Scholarships and Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarships in Science & Technology. These scholarships will be awarded to doctoral and master's students. Current and prospective students are eligible and are encouraged to apply. Master's and doctoral candidates will be adjudicated separately, and each application will be awarded points for each category in a competitive manner relative to your peers. Applications must be submitted to conform to the following criteria as described below. Please list your accomplishments in reverse chronological order.

Post-secondary Academic Background

Please provide a listing of your previous post-secondary experience. A numerical grade average over the previous 2 academic years for which numerical grades are available will be calculated by the Graduate Committee based on Academic Transcripts (maximum 100 points = numerical average).

Academic Accomplishments/Research Contributions

Published papers. List all published papers including both research and review articles and include **full author lists in sequence as published**. For multi-authored papers briefly describe your contribution to the paper. **Provide journal impact factors or other citation metrics** as appropriate (maximum 80 points).

Conference Presentations. List all conference presentations and include **full author lists, location, and date of the presentation**, and indicate if the presentation was an oral or poster presentation and who was the presenter (maximum 10 points).

Scholarships, Awards and Other Accolades

Scholarships. Provide a list of competitive scholarships obtained (e.g. CHIR, NSERC, OGS, MS Society etc.), including the official title, dates held, and the total value of the award. Western Graduate Research Scholarship (WGRS) and similar funding sources can be included (maximum 20 points).

Other major accomplishments. Provide non-scholarship based significant academic accomplishments including academic awards and medals, prizes, Dean's Honour role inclusions, teaching/research assistantships, internships, and patents (maximum 5 points).

Citizenship and Leadership. Please provide experiences related to citizenship and leadership including, for example, project management, chairing or membership on University committees, organizing conferences/meetings, supervisory experience,

elected positions and volunteer work, and outreach activities including Let's Talk Science (maximum 5 points).

Special Circumstances. You may include a final paragraph to describe any special considerations such as health problems, family responsibilities, disabilities, or other circumstances, including **the COVID-19 pandemic**, that have had an effect on your performance or productivity, including any delays in disseminating research results or completing degrees. Please indicate here if you are applying to hold the award on a part-time basis concurrent with part-time registration due to a disability.

Research Proposal

You have a 4000-character limit to present the outline of your proposed research for the project you are pursuing in this application. Format specifications are pre-set with the application and may not be altered. The use of in-text citations is encouraged rather than a final list of references. If you include references at the end, they must be contained within the allowable character limit. An additional bibliography is not allowed. Images are not supported in this application. List up to 10 keywords that best describe your research (maximum 10 points).

Referee Reports

Two academic assessments are required for your OGS application. You are advised to pick referees who know your academic work well and can provide significant information on your academic performance. We suggest providing your referees with a copy of your unofficial transcript, your resume/CV, a copy of your statement of interest/research proposal and additional information where appropriate. Western will connect with these referees via email and request they complete a secure online form detailing your academic performance in relation to your peers at a similar stage that they have previously evaluated. Your application is not considered complete until these references are returned to Western. All references must be received by February 1, 2019 4:00pm EST (maximum 20 points).

Total maximum: 250 points

Detailed application instructions and eligibility criteria can be found at the following link:

http://www.grad.uwo.ca/current_students/student_finances/ogs.html