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**McMaster University Indigenous Graduate Student Scholarships**

**Guide for Applicants**

This guide includes details and application instructions for:

1. Harvey E. Longboat Graduate Scholarships
2. Ontario Graduate Scholarship for Indigenous Students (OGS-I)

Please note that the names and programs of study of successful applicants will be made public, and awardees of the Harvey E. Longboat Graduate Scholarship may be invited to provide an impact letter to support the award promotion and impact.

Questions:

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Or visit [The School of Graduate Studies scholarships website](https://gs.mcmaster.ca/current-students/scholarships/harvey-e-longboat-graduate-scholarship-for-first-nations-inuit-and-metis-students/)

1. Harvey E. Longboat Graduate Scholarship for First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Students

**Description**

The Harvey E. Longboat Graduate Scholarship for First Nation, Inuit, and Métis Students was established in 2009 in honour of Harvey E. Longboat, and in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to McMaster University, the Six Nations of the Grand River and broader communities.

**Intent**

This award is intended as a means to recognize and acknowledge the academic achievement and exceptional promise of Indigenous graduate students at McMaster University. Consideration is also given to Indigenous scholars who have demonstrated mentorship within community settings.

**Selection Criteria**

• Exceptional promise in community leadership

• Mentorship to other Indigenous students

• Mentorship within First Nation, Inuit, or Métis communities

• Leadership to advance Indigenous education, either inside or outside of a university setting

• High academic achievement

**Deadline: Tuesday, Feb 15, 2022 at 9am**

**Eligibility**

* The application is open to graduate students who self-identify as First Nation, Inuit, or Métis.
* This award is not exclusive to students from the Six Nations of the Grand River Communities.
* Applicants must be enrolling in (or applying for admission to) a McMaster University graduate program for the 2022-23 Academic Year (September start).
* Students must intend to be enrolled for a minimum of two terms.

**Value and Duration**

Several students may receive this award simultaneously. A total value of $30,000 in scholarship is available for the Harvey E. Longboat Award, to be dispersed according to the following division:

$15,000 awarded to one individual recipient; and $15,000 awarded to **either** one individual **OR** divided and awarded to several recipients (typically 2-5 awards, at the discretion of the selection committee)

The award is tenable for one academic year. Recipients can receive the award more than once, however must re-apply each year.

**Application Package**

* [Longboat Application Form](https://macdrive.mcmaster.ca/d/ba8ef53697e44315a02e/)

Includes: a) Applicant information b) Letter of Introduction c) Community Involvement Statement d) Plan of Study and e) Transcripts (scanned from all postsecondary institutions attended)

* Community Reference Letter – Use the [Community Reference Letter Template.](https://macdrive.mcmaster.ca/d/df77c2a3a6ed4d89a0df/)
* Academic Reference Letter – Use the [Academic Reference Letter Template](https://macdrive.mcmaster.ca/d/42658dc3eb88495ba6a5/)

**How to Submit**

**Applicant**

**Candidates to combine application form and transcripts as one PDF and upload to** [MacDrive](https://macdrive.mcmaster.ca/u/d/ca4db2bb9ce242539988/). **Naming convention for your application is: *Student Last Name\_Longboat\_2022.***

**Referees**

**Applicants to contact referees and ask them to upload their reference letters to** [MacDrive](https://macdrive.mcmaster.ca/u/d/33f7809f1067410ebc92/). **Naming conventions for the reference letters are:** ***Student Last Name\_Community Reference\_2022* or *Student Last Name\_Academic Reference\_2022.***

**\*Referees can refer to the award Selection Criteria on page one of this document before writing their letters.**

1. Ontario Graduate Scholarships for Indigenous Students (OGS-I)

**Description**

The Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development outlines that “each university may allocate up to 2 OGS awards to Aboriginal graduate students. Each university will develop eligibility criteria to recognize excellence and promote equitable access and participation in the scholarship program by Aboriginal applicants…for the purposes of the scholarship, an Aboriginal person is a person who self-identifies as a First Nations (Status/Non-Status), Metis, or Inuit” (OGS and QEII-GSST Program Guidelines, version 1.0).

Criteria for the McMaster OGS-I has been established in consultation with the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) and is adjudicated by a committee chaired through the Indigenous Studies Program.

**Criteria**

Incoming or returning graduate students (Master's or PhD) of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis descent, who face **significant financial hardship, with particular priority given to women with family responsibilities.**

**Deadline: Tuesday, Feb 15, 2022 at 9am**

**Eligibility**

* Incoming or returning graduate students (Master's or PhD) of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis descent enrolling for the 2022-22 Academic Year (September start).
* Students must intend to be enrolled for a minimum of two terms.

**Value:**Two awards at $15,000 each

**Application Package**

* [OGS-I Budget Template](https://macdrive.mcmaster.ca/d/e46c7ba4e316458e948d/)**.**
* **Written Submission: Using a maximum of one-page, identify the financial or other hardship you have experienced**

**Note: You must have also applied for the Harvey E. Longboat Graduate Scholarship in order to be considered for the OGS-I.**

**How to Apply: Complete the** OGS-I application package.Save your application as one PDF and upload to [MacDrive](https://macdrive.mcmaster.ca/u/d/01536b5d7c5c4c5e83bb/). Naming convention for your application is *Student Last Name\_OGSI\_2022.*