

School of Graduate Studies
**FALL/WINTER BURSARY
 APPLICATION 2011 - 2012**



The bursary program at Trent University is administered by the Financial Aid Office and the School of Graduate Studies. Bursaries are meant to supplement, not replace, provincial government aid programs and a student's own resources. Bursaries and awards are awarded on the basis of proven financial need and/or academic achievement. **To demonstrate financial need, students must first apply for OSAP, or the government financial aid program of their home province.** OSAP students must complete the OSAP application process and sign the OSAP confirmation of enrolment to confirm all income information. **Out of province students must attach a copy of the notice of assessment from their home province's student assistance program.** To be eligible for a bursary, a student must be in good standing in their program of study.

Name: _____ Student #: _____ SIN #: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ 2nd Contact #: _____ Email: _____

Program: _____ Date of Birth: _____ GPA _____ # of credits _____

Year Started in Graduate Studies: _____, MA. ___ M.SC. ___ PH.D. ___ Year of Study: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th

Is Ontario the last province you resided in for 12 consecutive months *BEFORE* becoming a full-time post secondary student?
 YES NO If NO, where did you live before beginning your full time studies? _____

Citizenship: Canadian Citizen Permanent Resident Attending Trent on a Student Visa

Did you apply for OSAP or to a student aid program of another province or do you have a US student loan? YES NO

Please provide supporting documentation (assessment from out of province loans)

Marital Status: Single Married Sole Support # of children _____

Married or Common Law students ONLY: Spouse Employed Unemployed Student

Common law defined: students must be living together for at least 3 years, or be the natural parents of a child

DEADLINE: October 28, 2011 Submit application to: School of Graduate Studies
Personal Circumstance Letter

Please submit a letter with your completed application outlining your personal situation in detail. This letter should include information about any special circumstances you are experiencing, and outline any extraordinary expenses you may have encountered or expect. If you are involved in any extra curricular activities please include this information as well.
 Within your letter please briefly outline your area of research and or thesis project.
 Indicate the bursaries/awards you wish to apply for; you may apply for more than one award.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: The School of Graduate Studies reserves the right to request written documentation regarding any expenses or circumstances. Please direct any questions to the School of Graduate at 748-1011 ext. 7245, or email janerennie@trentu.ca

Decisions will be made within six weeks of the application deadline. You will be notified of your award by Trent email. All awards will be credited directly to your student account. If your fees are paid and you have a credit balance, you may contact (by email) the Office of Graduate Studies and request a refund cheque.

Bursary Overview:

The bursary program for graduate students at Trent University is administered by the School of Graduate Studies. Bursaries are meant to supplement, not replace, provincial government aid programs and a student's own resources. To comply with this definition and respond to student concerns, effective September 1, 2008 all domestic graduate students will be required to first apply to OSAP, or the student aid program of another province, before applying for a Trent University bursary.

Students are required to submit a completed application to the Graduate Studies office by the advertised deadline. The application must include to be deemed complete:

1. Application form
2. A budget that outlines student expenses and resources. Expenses should reflect direct educational costs only. Resources include, but are not limited to, money received from government student aid programs, parents, scholarships, awards, supervisory support and employment earnings. * if you have a half or full GTA it must be clearly stated.
3. A brief outline of research.
4. A personal statement/letter regarding your current financial circumstance. This letter should include information about any special circumstances you are experiencing, and outline any extraordinary expenses you may have encountered or expect. If you are involved in any extra curricular activities please include this information as well.
5. Receipts of any additional expenses that you have indicated in your personal letter
6. Proof of debt load if claiming high debt load.