

Call for Nominations

- Effective immediately, SGPS is accepting nominations for the 2018-2019 Ontario Trillium Scholarships
- Western will offer 7 scholarships this year, each valued at \$40,000 per year for 4 years
- The SGPS University Trillium Committee, comprised of current and past Trillium Scholar supervisors, will adjudicate nomination files as they are received by SGPS.
- The candidate's application for admission to your program constitutes the OTS application. A nomination letter provided by the nominating Graduate Chair, must accompany the application.
- A clear set of criteria is used by committee members in the adjudication of nomination files. Each nomination file will be scored using the weighted criteria below.

Scoring Rubric

Weight	Criterion	Demonstrated By...
30%	Academic Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beyond the two eligibility averages, clear evidence of a record of academic excellence throughout previous university studies • Evidence of scholarships and awards
30%	Research Potential and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The research proposal; its significance, objectives, proposed methodology and expected contributions to research • Past research activity and contributions to research and development • The extent to which the research training environment appears to fit with the candidate's training expectations and the resources available for the proposed project
20%	Scholarly Characteristics and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal qualities and characteristics such as outstanding communication, interpersonal and leadership skills as evidenced by any history of volunteer activity, student governance, mentoring activity, teamwork, involvement in competitive sport, in music or the arts
20%	International Studies (should provide context to the Academic Excellence criterion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reputation of the university the candidate previously attended and its position in global rankings, namely the Times Higher Education World University Rankings and the QS World University Rankings • The quality and global reputation of the degree program recently completed by the candidate

- The committee adjudicates nomination files in the order they come in to SGPS resulting in the following possible outcomes:
 - A – excellent (scores 85 or greater overall); award offered immediately
 - B – good (scores less than 85 are waitlisted*)

- All waitlisted nomination files are initially rank-ordered by score (High to Low). The committee meets in late March to confirm the waitlist. As of April 1st, offers of any remaining Trillium awards will be made to waitlisted candidates on an ongoing basis until our annual Trillium Scholars are confirmed.

Trillium offers are not deferrable. However, an updated Trillium nomination can be submitted again to SGPS in a subsequent year, as long as the candidate remains eligible.

Nomination Letter

- Must be written and signed on department letterhead by the Graduate Chair, and must address all of the scoring criteria providing sufficient evidence in support of each one.
- Must not exceed two pages. (Excess pages will be removed)
- Should be written in 10pt Arial font, or comparable font and size, with normal margins.
- The letter should be addressed to “Members of the Selection Committee”.

Eligibility Regulations and Process Details

- Follow all guidelines posted here: http://www.grad.uwo.ca/faculty_staff/financial_support/ots.html

Reminder

We designed this more responsive process last year to address some critical gaps, namely:

- Loss of competitive candidates to other universities due to a prolonged competition timeline
- Decreasing numbers of candidates nominated to the annual competition, and of those who had been nominated, an increasing number were from universities that did not appear on world university rankings.
- Increasing risk of not being able to offer our annual allocation of awards.

The new process allows us to:

- Support your attempts to secure highly attractive PhD admission applicants early, before they are recruited by other universities.
- Bolster both student and supervisory success by giving more weight to the academic quality of the applicant’s previous university and degree program.
- Maintain a healthy waitlist of alternate candidates in the event of declined offers.