

## Highly Qualified Personnel Scholarship Program

### Sponsor

Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance (OMAFRA/UofG Agreement)

### For More Information

For further information about this call and how to apply, please visit the [Alliance website](#) [1] and consult the HQP Graduate Scholarship Program Guide.

### Description

The Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP) Scholarship Program provides scholarships for Masters and Doctoral students working in specific program areas related to agri-food.

The HQP Scholarship Program is designed to support the development of highly skilled graduates who can meet the changing demands of the agri-food and rural sector. The health of these sectors depends on a vibrant talent pool of skilled, forward-thinking leaders.

The HQP Scholarship Program is a program of the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance, with additional financial support provided by Food from Thought. The Alliance and Food from Thought are dedicated to supporting advanced skill development and learning to enhance the intellectual capacity of our citizens to solve current and future problems.

HQP Scholarship Applications are due by 1:00pm on Friday, January 15, 2021.

A **town hall information session** will take place on December 8, 2020 at 10 a.m. via Microsoft Teams. Join the meeting on December 8 at this link: [Click here to join the meeting](#) [2]. The presentation will be posted to the Alliance website.

### Eligibility

The HQP Scholarship Program provides financial support for students entering a University of Guelph graduate program or students enrolled in a University of Guelph graduate program. In-course applicants must be in semesters 1, 2, or 3 of their graduate program when applying.

All applicants must meet the following eligibility:

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- be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant, or studying under an international visa;
- have a minimum GPA of A- (>80%) or equivalent;
- be entering your first semester of a Master's (thesis-based) or Doctoral program at the University of Guelph OR be in semesters one, two or three of a Master's (thesis-based) or Doctoral program at the University of Guelph;
- have a University of Guelph faculty advisor confirmed;
- not be an OMAFRA employee;
- not concurrently holding other major awards such as NSERC, SSHRC, OGS, Arrell, or another major scholarship valued at \$15,000 or more per year; and
- have not previously held the HQP Scholarship Program award.

## Special Notes

Please note that research activities carried out in the context of COVID-19 need to adhere to the University of Guelph COVID-19 research principles, policies, guidelines and processes as they may be updated from time to time and communicated on the [Office of Research web-page](#) [3].

## Deadlines

**If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.**

Type	Date	Notes
<b>External Deadline</b>	Friday, January 15, 2021 - 1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call open: November 24, 2020</li><li>• Program town hall (information session): December 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.</li><li>• Scholarship Applications Due: Friday, January 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.</li><li>• Award decisions: March 2021</li></ul>

For Questions, please contact

If you have questions about how to apply and for technical assistance, please contact Kat Tisshaw, Zach Telfer, or Tania Etienne, Research Programs Coordinators in the Office of Research (Agri-Food Partnership), at [rescoord@uoguelph.ca](mailto:rescoord@uoguelph.ca) [4].

If you have questions related to the HQP Scholarship Program, please contact Keith Warriner, HQP Program Director, at [kwarrine@uoguelph.ca](mailto:kwarrine@uoguelph.ca) [5].

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### Links

[1] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/alliance/funding-programs/skilled-people-make-agricultural-sector-successful>

[2] [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZWQ0ZjNmODItZmE1ZC00OTMwLWI3YWEtYjRmNDg5YzgxZDk3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22be62a12b-2cad-49a1-a5fa-85f4f3156a7d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224af50085-a403-4cf8-a80c-7ddb5f64893d%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZWQ0ZjNmODItZmE1ZC00OTMwLWI3YWEtYjRmNDg5YzgxZDk3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22be62a12b-2cad-49a1-a5fa-85f4f3156a7d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224af50085-a403-4cf8-a80c-7ddb5f64893d%22%7d)

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