

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Funding

Question:

*I have been offered a position in the MSc Occupational Therapy Program. Is there any funding available to me as a professional student enrolled in the graduate studies at Queen's University?*

Answer:

There is no internal (internal to the School of Graduate Studies and Research, that is) scholarship funding available to students in professional programs, unfortunately. Although students are not technically eligible to apply for bursary assistance until they become registered students at Queen's University, MScOT students are eligible for bursary assistance, through Student Awards. The following information may be valuable for you to review:

<http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/awards/grad/grad.html>

Student Awards can help you obtain need-based financial assistance (bursaries, awards or work programs). Queen's need-based funding is non-repayable and is given on the basis of a student's demonstrated financial need. To qualify for this assistance, you will have exhausted resources available through the School of Graduate Studies and other resources, such as government student financial assistance or a student line of credit. For more information, please visit the awards website.

Some external awards are offered through agencies and organizations committed to assisting graduate students; Student Awards can help you determine which ones would be best suited for you. Contact them to discuss your funding options.

Once you get into the site listed above there are other tools for investigating funding opportunities, including one that lists bursaries for Rehab. Therapy students,

<http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/awards/toolbox/RehabilitationTherapy.html>

### **More information on awards available to students in the MScPT and MScOT Stream 1 (entry level) Programs:**

Please note that the MScOT and MScPT programs are considered professional programs and therefore students are not eligible for all of the scholarships for which students in research graduate programs are eligible. Please check the details of any scholarship for which you intend to apply.

Information about financial assistance and awards can be found on the Queen's University site

<http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/awards/>

And also on this site: <http://www.studentawards.com/>

Students in our professional master's programs are eligible to apply to the Ontario graduate Scholarship Program (OGS). [http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not\\_secure/OGS.htm](http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not_secure/OGS.htm)

## **Wait List**

### **Question:**

*I received a letter, from the School of Graduate Studies and Research at Queen's, indicating that I have been placed on a wait list for the Occupational Therapy Program at Queen's University. I have received an offer from another Ontario University. If I accept that offer, will I still be eligible to remain on your wait list?*

### **Answer:**

NO. If an applicant accepts an offer from another Occupational Therapy Program through ORPAS, that applicant will in effect be taking themselves off the waitlists for any other OT programs. Alternatively, if you accept an offer from Queen's Occupational Therapy Program, you will not be eligible to remain on the wait lists of other Occupational Therapy Programs. Since there is no provisional acceptance to the OT programs through ORPAS as of 2007, you will need to respond to only one offer. When you accept the offer you are agreeing that other OT programs will cancel your application as you have firmly accepted an offer of admission. If you have applied to Physical/Physiotherapy (PT) programs, your application to PT may remain active.

### **Question:**

*I have been placed on the waiting list for the OT program. I was wondering if I need to make arrangements to send my final transcript to Queen's University now or if I wait until I am offered a spot for the fall.*

### **Answer:**

If you are offered a position, you will be asked by the School of Graduate Studies and Research to forward your final transcript as a condition of an offer of admission (where applicable). There is no need to send a transcript at this time. When it is requested, your transcript should go directly to ORPAS so that your completed file could be sent to Queen's University prior to registration in the fall.

## **Responding to an Offer of Admissions from Queen's**

### **Question:**

*How do I inform you of my response to an offer of admission to the MScOT Program at Queen's University?*

### **Answer:**

Reply to ORPAS using the Response to an Offer of Admission Form included in your mailed offer from Queen's School of Graduate Studies and Research. This response must be sent directly to ORPAS along with any other supporting documentation requested by the School of Graduate Studies and Research as a condition of our offer (where applicable). ORPAS will update your file and inform us of your status. Pay attention to the date on your offer letter as it will indicate the latest possible date at which you may reply to our offer. After that date, our offer will become void.

## **Deferrals**

Question:

*I have been offered admission to the Queens MSc OT program for this coming fall. However, I have recently accepted a job and will be on a contract beginning in September. Is it possible to defer admission until the following September? I am still extremely interested in studying OT at Queens.*

Answer:

NO. We do not offer deferrals on offers of admission to the MSc OT Program. You may want to consider re-applying again in the next application round. These applications are due in mid-January each year. Information concerning application to the MSc OT Program at Queen's University can be found at [www.ouac.on.ca/orpas](http://www.ouac.on.ca/orpas).

### **CPIC – Criminal Reference Check**

Question:

I was wondering if you could tell me how current the criminal record check should be when I submit it during registration in September?

Answer:

All incoming students need to obtain a NEW criminal reference check for submission in September so that we know their record right up to the point of being admitted to the program.

### **Tuition Fees**

Question:

I will be attending Queens in the fall entering the MSc Occupational Therapy Professional Program. I am working out a budget for my future education, but I need to get a summary of the fees that are due over the next 2 years. I have looked online and am confused as to whether there is an off-campus tuition fee AND a spring term fee or just one of them. If you could explain the fee payment structure and final amount owing for the 2 year program (including activity fees), that would be great.

Answer:

All fees information is best sought from the websites of the Office of the University Registrar. If you go here: <http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/fees/index.html> you are on the fees page. Under Fees tables, click Graduate-Domestic or Graduate-International.

The online blue book which mostly links to the Fees page is <http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/bluebook/index.html>

The pdf format can be found here: <http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/bluebook/2007.pdf>