



**Graduate Centre for Theological Studies**  
**CONFERENCE AWARD – Spring 2017 Competition**

The *GCTS Conference Award* is given to a full-time Canadian TST graduate student who meets the requirements for OSOTF (Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Funds) funding; who requires support for scholarly engagement in an academic conference; and, has exhibited excellence in their studies by maintaining first-class standing and satisfactory progress in their program. The award is designated solely to support participation in scholarly conferences (for example, the AAR/SBL or Canadian Congress of the Humanities, among others).

Students who do not receive the *GCTS Conference Award* in the current award cycle may be considered for the *TST Graduate Students' Association (TGSA) Conference Award* only if their application **explicitly states that they also wish to be considered for the TGSA Conference Award**, and only if they meet that award's eligibility requirements. (Please consult the TGSA award notice for more details).

***Application Requirements***

The following are required:

1. A very brief letter describing both: the significance of the conference; and, the student's academic achievements. (Max. 250 words by email, MS Word or PDF.)
2. Proof of the acceptance of a scholarly paper at a conference, along with the original proposal sent to the conference organizers. (Submitted as a MS Word or PDF document.)
3. TST "OSOTF Financial Need Assessment" Form. This form includes a declaration of financial need and a statement of eligibility concerning Canadian status and Ontario residency.
4. A signed declaration giving TST permission to use your name and photograph in publicity on its website and other social media.

***Awards Pool***

There is \$1,100 total in the awards pool for the Spring 2017 competition. Each individual award is typically a maximum of \$550, with up to two awards offered. However, since the Canadian Theological Society Conference will be held in Toronto in 2017, numerous smaller dollar amounts may be awarded.

The GCTS Executive adjudicates applications. It may choose to vary the number and dollar amount of awards, at their own discretion, from the available pool of funds and will rank applicants for the award in the event other funds become available or a student declines the award. Winners who do not end up attending the conference will have to refund to TST the entire award amount. Award winners may not apply for either the TGSA or GCTS Conference awards within 24 months of the award being granted.

***Spring Deadline (for conferences in the Spring/Summer)***

4:30 pm, Friday, March 10, 2017

***Submit Applications via email to:***

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