

## **TGSA Conference Awards – Winter and Summer 2023**

The TGSA Conference Award is awarded to any TST graduate student currently enrolled in a graduate program for the Winter semester or Summer semester as applicable to the conference date; who has not opted-out of the TGSA conference travel grant fee; 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. The TGSA Conference Award will normally be awarded to students who do not qualify for the GCTS Conference Award owing to the restrictions set by the OSOTF (Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund). Should there be insufficient eligible applicants to the TGSA Conference Award, the TGSA Conference Award may be awarded to applicants eligible for the GCTS Conference Award. Please see the GCTS Conference Award notice for details and conditions.

### ***Application Requirements***

1. Completion of the GCTS & TGSA Conference Awards Form which includes a very brief description (max. 250 words) of both, indicating the significance of the conference and the student's academic achievements, and a declaration giving TST permission to use your name and photograph in publicity on its website.
2. Proof of the acceptance of a scholarly paper at a conference held between January 1, 2023, and August 31, 2023. The conference must also be at least 250 km from the student's place of residence, with a reduction in distance permitted if disability accommodation is demonstrated. Please include the original proposal sent to the conference organizers (submitted as a PDF document).
3. The TST "OSOTF Financial Need Assessment Form". This form includes a declaration of financial need. The statement of eligibility will assist in determining the prioritization of the awards.

### ***Awards Pool***

TGSA will be offering **three awards of \$540 each** for conferences held between January 1, 2023, to May 31, 2023, and **three awards of \$325 each** for conferences held between June 1, 2023, and August 31, 2023, in this competition. TGSA has formally requested that the GCTS administer the advertising, short-listing, selection and awarding of the TSA Conference Award. The GCTS Petitions Committee will rank applicants for the award in the event other funds become available or a student declines the award. The GCTS shall notify the TGSA Executive of the successful applicant(s) and the TGSA Treasurer will arrange payment of the award to the successful applicant(s).

TGSA will reimburse successful applicants following confirmation that they attended and presented at the conference as stipulated in their application letter. Award winners who do not attend the conference, for any reason, will not be given the award amount. Award winners may not apply for either the TGSA or GCTS Conference Awards within 24 months of the award being granted.

### ***Awarded by***

This award is managed, at the request of the TGSA, by the GCTS Office. The funds awarded are from those controlled by the TGSA, and the amount of the annual Awards Pool is approved annually by the TGSA Board. The TGSA Conference Award is envisioned to be offered alongside the GCTS Conference Award - which currently is restricted due to its funding source. Should the source of funds or eligibility requirements for the GCTS Conference Award change, the TGSA Board may reconsider the eligibility requirements for the TGSA Conference Award.

***Winter-Summer Deadline*** (for conferences between January 01 and August 31, 2023): **Friday, March 31, 2023, 12 noon EDT.**

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

John Sampson  
GCTS Co-ordinator  
[gcts.coord@utoronto.ca](mailto:gcts.coord@utoronto.ca)

Please put "GCTS Conference Award Winter-Summer 2023" in the subject line of your email".

