

GLOBAL LEARNING AWARD: VIRTUAL EDITION

2023 - 2024 GUIDELINES

This award was developed by TMU Global to increase participation and inclusion in international activities as a primary goal of TMU's International Strategy. The Global Learning Award: Virtual Edition will fund students participating in virtual international activities, including work, research, conferences and global learning programs that are hosted by international universities or organizations (please see below for further eligibility requirements).

VALUE OF GRANTS

This fund will provide multiple awards of \$200 each for activities taking place in Fall 2023, Winter 2024, and Spring/Summer 2024 terms.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Applications will be open from October 12, 2023 to July 31, 2024. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funding has been awarded. *Please note applications may close earlier than July 31, 2024 if all funding is awarded earlier on in the term.* Applications will be reviewed in batches on the following dates:

Applications Submitted Between Dates:	Applications Review Date:	Applications Submitted Between Dates:	Applications Review Date:
Oct 12 - Oct 25, 2023	Oct 26, 2023	Feb 22 - March 13, 2024	March 14, 2024
Oct 26 - Nov 15, 2023	Nov 16, 2023	March 14 - Apr 3, 2024	April 4, 2024
Nov 16 - Dec 6, 2023	Dec 7, 2023	Apr 4 - May 1, 2024	May 2, 2024
Dec 7 - Jan 10, 2023	Jan 11, 2023	May 2 - May 29, 2024	May 30, 2024
Jan 11 - Jan 31, 2024	Feb 1, 2024	May 30 - Jul 3, 2024	Jul 4, 2024
Feb 1 - Feb 21, 2024	Feb 22, 2024	Jul 4 - Jul 31, 2024	Aug 1, 2024

We encourage applicants to submit applications at least 4 weeks in advance of their activity start date to ensure their application is reviewed and approved (if eligible) prior to their activity start date. However, it is important to note that we cannot guarantee that students will receive their award payments prior to the start of their activity. Award payments may take up to 4 weeks to process from the date they are requested.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this award, students must:

- Be registered as an undergraduate, graduate or Faculty of Law student at the University and have clear academic standing (applications are welcome from both part-time or full-time students and international or domestic students) at the time of application and for the scheduled time of the international activity.
- Demonstrate financial need, as determined by Toronto Met University, through submission of financial information in their General Award Spring Application (see How to Apply section below).

To be eligible for this award, the proposed activity must:

- Take place sometime in Fall 2022, Winter 2023, and/or Spring/Summer 2023 terms
- Be a **virtual (online/remote)** activity that is hosted by an organization or university that is located outside of Canada (*note that activities within Canada may be considered when engagement occurs with Indigenous Nations);
- Not include travel;
- Must be unpaid;
- **Must have a global scope.** A goal of this award is to provide students with access to opportunities that will allow them to engage with global perspectives and ways of knowing and being that they may not be able to encounter through a similar activity within Canada.
- Be academically relevant and/or related to your professional development/goals (Students who are receiving academic credit or fulfilling a program requirement (in-part or whole) will be prioritized).

Please note: Activities that are not academically relevant are **not** eligible for funding. Academically relevant refers to activities that grant course credit or activities in which you can clearly demonstrate the academic relevance and contribution to your professional and academic learning. **Important:** Students participating in Toronto Met's exchange program are not eligible for the Global Learning Award. These students should apply to the [Toronto Met International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship \(TMIEOS\)](#) directly.

Examples of International Virtual/Remote Activities: This list is provided to help generate ideas but is **not** exhaustive. Students can apply for other activities as long as they meet the above criteria.

- **Remote International Work (unpaid positions)** (placements, internships, co-op, etc)
- **Virtual International Research** (including research internships, as well as conference participation)
- **Virtual International Faculty-Led Programs** (Refers to short-term experiential learning programs led by Toronto Met Faculty and/or staff members. These can be both co-curricular or curricular, i.e. integrated into a course)
- **Virtual Short-Term Programs offered by Partner Universities abroad**
- **Recommended Opportunity: [Global Inclusive Leadership Certificate](#):** developed by [Diversity Abroad](#), is a unique hybrid learning experience that prepares participants with inclusive leadership skills and global competencies so that they can thrive in their communities and on globally diverse campuses and work teams. *Open to undergraduate and graduate students from all faculties.*
 - Fall 2023 Dates: September 18, 2023 - November 19, 2023
 - Winter 2024 Dates: January 22, 2024 - March 22, 2024
 - Summer 2024 Dates: June 17, 2024 - August 17, 2024
 - Check website for spring and summer program dates/deadlines
 - Toronto Met students pay the discounted member rate

HOW TO APPLY

Students will complete an online application for the Global Learning Award (GLA): Virtual Edition via [Toronto Met AwardSpring Application Portal](#). Applications should be submitted individually (no applications submitted as a group will be accepted). **Please note:** In order for the GLA Virtual Edition application to appear in your Award Spring's dashboard, you must have completed the **General Award Spring Application including the optional "Financial Information" section found on the "Application" tab of your portal** as GLA Virtual Edition requires applicants to demonstrate financial need. In order to complete this section you will need to first select "Yes" to the question "Would you like to be considered for awards, scholarships and bursaries that require you to demonstrate financial need?" in your General Award Spring Application (Please see screenshot below).

Would you like to be considered for awards, scholarships and bursaries that require you to demonstrate financial need?

- Yes, please complete all questions in this Section
- No, you can skip to the Qualification Questions Section

Once you have completed the above steps, you should be able to find the Global Learning Award (GLA): Virtual Edition listed under the “Scholarships” tab of your portal. The GLA Virtual Edition application includes:

- General information about you and your program
- Detailed information about the activity
- A written statement (500 words max) that responds to the following question: How is your proposed activity academically relevant and/or related to your professional development/goals?
- A written statement (500 words max) that responds to the following: Provide an explanation of how your proposed activity has a global scope. Consider that a goal of this award is to provide students with access to opportunities that will allow them to engage with global perspectives and ways of knowing and being that they may not be able to encounter through a similar activity within Canada.

SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA

TMU Global will consider only complete and eligible applications. TMU Global may ask for confirmation of any information provided. TMU Global will review applications on a rolling basis and approve eligible applications until all funding has been awarded. The final selection of the recipient will be based on the outlined criteria.

- 70% - Priority considerations:
 - Students who are receiving academic credit or fulfilling a program requirement (in-part or whole)
 - First time participating in an academically/professionally relevant international activity,
 - First time accessing financial support for university-sanctioned international activities through TMU Global,
 - Member of equity group (includes individuals who self-identify as one or more of the following: A racialized person; an Aboriginal person in Canada (including First Nations [status or non-status], Metis, or Inuit; Black (including those that identify as Afro-Caribbean or African-Canadian); a person with a disability; 2SLGBTQ+; and/or Trans).
- 15% - Written Statement
- 15% - Academic Achievement

AWARD CHEQUE DISBURSEMENT PROCESS

It is important to note that we cannot guarantee that students will receive their award payments prior to the start of their activity. Award payments may take up to 4 weeks to process from the date they are requested.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Successful candidates must:

- Complete proposed international virtual activity by the dates outlined in the candidate’s Global Learning Award application.
- Support the sharing and promotion of Global Learning Opportunities to students upon their return (eg. participate in an event, contribute to Global Learning blog or social media, participate in an interview - video, news story, etc).

Failure to meet these responsibilities may result in the award being withdrawn.

REVENUE CANADA

Successful applicants should be aware that under the Revenue Canada Income Tax Act, travel/research grants are considered taxable income. A T4-A form will be issued to recipients involved in such activities.

QUESTIONS?

For further information please contact the Global Learning Team (global.learning@torontomu.ca)