

Toronto Metropolitan International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship (TMIEOS) GUIDELINES

2024-2025 EXCHANGE YEAR GUIDELINES

The Toronto Metropolitan International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship (TMIEOS) was developed to increase participation and inclusion in Toronto Metropolitan University's academic student exchange programs by providing support for students with financial need. Priority consideration will be given to those students who will be traveling abroad for the first time on a Toronto Metropolitan University affiliated international activity, have not previously received financial support for international activities through Toronto Metropolitan University, and/or is a member of an [equity group](#).

VALUE OF INDIVIDUAL GRANTS

Toronto Metropolitan University will provide 35 grants of \$2,000 each to students taking part in an academic exchange during the 2024-2025 academic year.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE (LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED)

The application deadline is **February 15, 2024**.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Good academic standing
- Applied for the Toronto Metropolitan Student Exchange program for one or both of the Fall 2024 or Winter 2025 terms (this funding is not applicable to virtual exchange programs or 'LOP' arrangements). Go here to learn how to apply for an [exchange program abroad](#).
- Demonstrate financial need, as determined by Toronto Metropolitan University, through submission of financial information in their General Award Spring Application (see How to Apply section below).

HOW TO APPLY

Students will complete an online application for the Toronto Metropolitan International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship (TMIEOS) via [Toronto Metropolitan University AwardSpring Application Portal](#). **Please note:** In order for the TMIEOS application to appear in your AwardSpring'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 TMIEOS 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 Toronto Metropolitan International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship (TMIEOS) listed under the "Scholarships" tab of your portal.

The TMIEOS application includes:

- Questions:

- Please confirm which option applies to you: I am applying to participate in exchange during the 2024 - 2025 academic year. (*select this option*)
- Have you traveled abroad before on a Toronto Metropolitan University affiliated international activity? (Yes/No)
- Have you received financial support before for an international activity through Toronto Metropolitan University? (Yes/No)
- Do you have any other confirmed funding sources from Toronto Metropolitan University for your exchange program? If "Yes", please list award names and amounts.
- Written Statement (300 words max) that responds to the following question:
 - How will this scholarship help financially assist you in participating in Toronto Metropolitan University's exchange program?

SELECTION PROCESS

TMU Global will consider only complete and eligible applications submitted by the appropriate deadline. TMU Global may ask for confirmation of any information provided. Applicants will receive results through their Toronto Metropolitan email account by the end of the term. The selection committee will be composed of representatives from TMU Global. The final selection of the recipient will be based on the outlined criteria below.

- 70% - Other priority considerations:
 - First time abroad on a Toronto Metropolitan University affiliated international activity
 - First time accessing financial support for international activities through Toronto Metropolitan University
 - 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% - Academic Achievement
- 15% - Written Statement (max 300 words) that responds to the following question: How will this scholarship help financially assist you in participating in Toronto Metropolitan University's exchange program?

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Successful candidates must:

- Be accepted into the Toronto Metropolitan Student Exchange program for one or both of the Fall 2024 or Winter 2025 terms (this funding is not applicable to virtual exchange programs or 'LOP' arrangements). If a student is not approved, declines, or withdrawals from the Toronto Metropolitan Student Exchange Program or the student's exchange program is canceled at any point will have their funding revoked.
- Complete Toronto Metropolitan University's [International Risk Management Requirements](#). **IMPORTANT:** Funding will be disbursed to students only after these requirements have been completed, in advance of travel. Students who depart Canada without completing the requirements will have their funding revoked.
- 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)