

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Financial Q&A Workshop- Thursday, December 14th, 2023

Pre-submitted Questions

Q: Are international students eligible for admissions scholarships?

International students are eligible for admission scholarships; however, there are a lot of scholarships that require Ontario residences. We encourage you to apply as there are awards that international and out-of-province students are prioritized for.

Q: Does OSAP mostly give loans to students?

The proportion of loans to grants in your OSAP assessment depends on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, prior year's income, number of dependents, spousal/parental income, etc. You can accept the grants without accepting the loan portion. This decision can be changed later in the year if you find you need the loan funding.

Q: Is there payment flexibility for those who work full-time?

Students who are on OSAP can have their tuition deferred until their OSAP funding comes in. Other than that, the Faculty cannot circumvent payment timelines that are set by [Student Accounts](#). If you anticipate issues with tuition payments, we encourage you to contact us as soon as possible so that we can collaborate on a plan.

Q: Could you advise on strategies or options for individuals who need to work while enrolled in the program?

Although we do not suggest that students work while undertaking the BScN program, we understand that for students there will be a need to work as finances can be a constraint. In this scenario, we recommend reducing your hours as much as possible during your first semester of study while you acclimate to your new schedule. A measured approach will help to avoid burnout.

Q: How can U of T assist international students who want to study but don't have the financial capacity?

International students are expected to arrive with the capacity to complete the program financially. New policies from [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada](#) state that international students must have \$20,635 CAD of savings in order to receive a study permit.

Q: Are there needs based awards for those with dependents?

There are – the awards application allows you to include that information. If you are a single parent, please indicate this in your personal statement.

Additional Questions asked during the Workshop

Q: What is the tuition per year and in total?

You can view this information on the website: <https://bloomberg.nursing.utoronto.ca/learn-with-us/tuition-fees/>

Q: Does this program qualify for the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant?

Students in our Nursing program are not eligible for this grant as it is for students in practical nursing programs who work in more remote geographic areas (Toronto and much of southern Ontario are excluded).

Q: Are awards like RNFOO and BScN internal awards included in the awards application form?

The BScN internal awards are through our application form. The RNFOO is external. Complete OUAC 105 Form and then the supplementary application form. The awards application is embedded in the supplementary application.

Q: What are some of the BScN scholarship values for internal awards? Are there any full-ride scholarships?

The median award amount for the BScN scholarship is \$9,000. We do not currently offer any “full-ride” scholarships.

Q: Can acceptance be deferred if it’s a financial issue?

Deferrals for Year 1 students who have not yet commenced the program are rare. Additionally, we do not provide deferrals for financial reasons. Students may re-apply for the next year; declining an offer will have no negative impact on your subsequent application.

Q: Do I apply OSAP directly through them? How about UTAPS?

Students can apply for OSAP through the OSAP website. We suggest doing so by the end of June in the year you will commence studies. The UTAPS application will be available on the University Registrar’s Office website in the summer of 2024.