

MN & PMNP Programs Financial Q&A Workshop- Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

Pre-submitted Questions

Q: What opportunities are there for grants?

There are a few options, including: OSAP Grants, Admissions Awards & Scholarships, PMFA Bursary, SGS University Wide Awards, MN In-Course Awards.

Q: What institutional/government scholarships and bursaries are available for the 2024/25 year?

MN program is a professional program; therefore, MN students tend not to be successful for the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS). If you are coming in with a strong research portfolio and are interested in the OGS application, please reach out to Aidan Gray and he will put you in touch with the MN Program Director.

For Registered Nursing Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO): Talk to your manager and see what's available locally with where you work. Many of our MN students have been successful in receiving this award.

Q: Could I be successful in an OGS application with a B average?

OGS recipients tend to be in the A to A+ range.

Q: What is the cost for the MN and PMNP programs?

Please review our presentation slides or visit our website at <https://bloomberg.nursing.utoronto.ca/learn-with-us/tuition-fees/>.

Q: Are students guaranteed an entrance scholarship?

We cannot guarantee admissions awards in any program; however, 1 out of 4 incoming MN students receive an award.

Q: Are international students considered for awards?

Yes! Though many of our internal awards are restricted to domestic students, there are some awards for out of province and international students. Submit your application!

Q: What is the maximum amount of financial aid we can receive?

There is no one source of financial aid that is going to max out your financial need for the whole year. The best approach is to use a combination of aid sources including OSAP, PMFA, awards & scholarships and other sources of income (employment, RESP, etc.).

Q: Can we find paid work at the University?

Yes, you can! There are work-study programs but one of the more popular forms of employment is Teaching Assistantships (TAships). Although PhD students are guaranteed TA hours, MN students are encouraged to apply for the additional positions that are announced. The Rosenstadt Research Grant is available for research-related paid work.

Additional Questions asked during the Workshop

Q: PMFA – do I apply beforehand? Are non-Ontario students considered?

Applications will open for registered students in July/August. Out of province students are considered.

Q: Is there a waiting list for the MN program? If there is, how would this affect the time in which we send our OSAP application?

We maintain a waitlist until the end of August. You can still apply to OSAP if you are admitted later in the cycle, but you might not receive your OSAP disbursement at the start of classes.

Q: Does qualifying for one award limit you from qualifying for other awards/grants?

For internal awards at Bloomberg, students are matched to the largest award for which they are eligible.

Q: Could you confirm if I need to submit multiple applications for awards (e.g. the PMFA award?)

The only award application that you need to submit is the application for the Bloomberg MN Admission Awards, which is a single form available on your application for admission.

Q: Are there fees that I can opt out of?

The only fee you can opt out of is the Health/Dental coverage, but you must be able to provide proof that you have coverage through another party (i.e.. private insurance or your parental/spousal healthcare plan). You must contact the Graduate Student Union about this—we do not handle opt outs at the Faculty.

Q: Does adding a collaborative specialization increase tuition or would that be covered in the fees that I would pay?

No, adding a collaborative specialization (CS) does not increase tuition or adds fees since students pay by program (including the CS) and not by course. Please note that the CS programs are run independently from our Faculty - students will be responsible for understanding, tracking, and ensuring completion of their CS requirements within the same timeframe as the MN program. It is students' responsibility to check course timing/offerings and create a plan of study that allows them to be successful in completing the CS concurrently with their required MN workload.

Q: Any advice for out of province students?

Apply to your provincial loan program, apply to the Bloomberg MN Admission Awards, apply for the PMFA when the application comes up, look into funding opportunities in your home province, and keep an eye on your email for any funding opportunities that come up during the year.