

MN and PMNP Financial Q&A Workshop Transcript

Fees and Tuition

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 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.

Awards, Grants, Scholarships and Loans

Q: Are students guaranteed an entrance/admission award?

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

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: Is an incoming student limited to one admission award?

We try to distribute awards to as many students as possible; however, there are some awards that have some specific criteria (e.g. must be an Ontario resident, etc.). If students are eligible for multiple awards, they will be assigned the award with the highest value.

Q: Does the admission award apply to both years of study or just the first year? Can we apply again for awards in Year 2 of the MN program?

The entrance/admission awards are for first year MN students only. There is another opportunity during the spring of Year 1 to apply for in-course awards that are distributed in Year 2.

Q: Does the admission award apply to the PMNP program as well?

The Bloomberg Admission Awards are for graduate students in a full-time program. Because the PMNP program is part-time, students in the PMNP are not eligible. PMNP students are eligible to apply for OSAP, however, as part-time students.

Q: Does RNFOO apply to PMNP students as well?

We encourage you to check [RNFOO's website](#) for additional information as it's an external award.

Q: Have out of province applicants been successful with awards, including RNFOO?

We don't get too many applicants in general from out of province. Some internal awards are specifically for Ontario residents but there are still many open to all. In terms of RNFOO, they only accept applications from residents of Ontario who plan to practice in Ontario post-graduation.

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: Is there any funding available for applicants from certain countries?

No - we do have some international awards but they will not cover the full costs of the program.

Q: Would you have 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.

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: 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 at a.gray@utoronto.ca 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: 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. In terms of external awards, Tri-Council awards will prohibit you from holding an OGS award.

Q: Could I be successful in the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) application with a B average?

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

General inquiries

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 Development Program](#) is also available for undergraduate and graduate (MN) nursing students to be exposed to nursing research during the academic year – and be paid for it. The program is linked with the University of Toronto’s work-study program. Information about this opportunity is typically announced to registered students during the summer and the deadline to apply is usually in the fall.

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?

Yes! We maintain a waitlist until the end of August. We can help with a fee deferral at that point if you are an OSAP recipient which will allow you to wait until you have your OSAP funds (and there are no service charges on fees owing).