

## Nomination Letters

- Graduate Programs must provide a nomination letter, along with the application for admission, for each candidate nominated for an Ontario Trillium Scholarship
- The Nomination Letter
  - must be signed by the Graduate Chair of the admitting program
  - should be a maximum of two pages in length (11 or 12 point Times New Roman or Arial font, normal margins, left-oriented text, on letterhead, addressed to the Vice-Provost)
  - should provide a rationale for the choice of candidate clearly articulating the excellence of the candidate according to the four selection criteria detailed in the rubric below.

Weight	Criterion	Demonstrated By...
30%	Academic Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beyond the two eligibility averages, clear evidence of a record of academic excellence throughout previous university studies</li> <li>• Evidence of scholarships and awards</li> </ul>
30%	Research Potential and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The research proposal; its significance, objectives, proposed methodology and expected contributions to research</li> <li>• Past research activity and contributions to research and development</li> <li>• The extent to which the research training environment appears to fit with the candidate's training expectations and the resources available for the proposed project</li> </ul>
20%	Scholarly Characteristics and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal qualities and characteristics such as outstanding communication, interpersonal and leadership skills as evidenced by any history of volunteer activity, student governance, mentoring activity, teamwork, involvement in competitive sport, in music or the arts</li> </ul>
20%	International Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The reputation of the university the candidate previously attended and its position in global rankings, namely the Times Higher Education World University Rankings and the QS World University Rankings</li> <li>• The quality and global reputation of the degree program recently completed by the candidate</li> </ul>