



TORONTO SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

GRADUATE CENTRE FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

GCTS Conference Award – Fall 2025

Deadline: Friday, October 31st, 12 noon

The *GCTS Conference Award* is given to a full-time Canadian TST conjoint degree graduate student who meets the requirements for OSOTF (Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund) funding; who may require support for scholarly engagement in an academic conference, and, has exhibited excellence in their studies by maintaining first-class standing and satisfactory progress in their program. The award is designated solely to support participation in scholarly conferences (for example, the AAR/SBL or Canadian Congress of the Humanities, among others). Students not eligible for a *GCTS Conference Award* may be eligible for a *TST Graduate Students' Association (TGSA) Conference Award*.

Eligible students who do not receive the *GCTS Conference Award* in the current award cycle may be considered for the *TST Graduate Students' Association (TGSA) Conference Award* only if their application explicitly states that they also wish to be considered for the *TGSA Conference Award*, and only if they meet that award's eligibility requirements. (Please consult the TGSA award notice for more details.)

Application Requirements

The following are required:

1. The completion of the GCTS & TGSA Conference Awards Form, which includes a description of both the significance of the conference and the student's academic achievements (max. 250 words).
2. A declaration giving TST permission to use the student's name and photograph in publicity on its website and other social media.
3. Proof of the acceptance of a scholarly paper at a conference held between September 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, along with the original proposal sent to the conference organizers. (Submitted as a PDF document.)
4. TST "OSOTF Financial Need Assessment Form". This form includes a declaration of financial need and a statement of eligibility concerning Canadian status and Ontario residency.
5. All students are welcome to apply, including those who have previously received the award or are unable to demonstrate financial need. However, the GCTS Petitions Committee may give preference to applicants who have not won before or who can provide evidence of financial need.

Awards

A maximum of \$1800 is available for awards of up to \$500 each for this competition. **A competition will also be available in Winter 2026 for conferences held between January 01, 2026, and August 31, 2026**

The GCTS Petitions Committee adjudicates applications. It may choose to vary the number and dollar amount of awards, at its own discretion, from the available pool of funds and will rank applicants for the award in the event other funds become available or a student declines the award. **NOTE: Students awarded a GCTS Conference Award must request that their institutional affiliation include "Toronto School of Theology" in the conference schedule and any promotional material.** Winners who do not attend the conference, for any reason, will have to refund to TST the entire award amount.

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Submit Applications via Microsoft Forms: <https://forms.office.com/r/3LAGC6K5ga>