



TORONTO SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
GRADUATE CENTRE FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

TGSA Conference Awards – Spring/Summer 2026

Deadline: Friday, February 27th, 12 noon

The TGSA Conference Award is awarded to any TST graduate student currently enrolled in a graduate program for the fall semester, who has not opted out of the TGSA conference travel grant fee, requires 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. The TGSA Conference Award will normally be awarded to students who do not qualify for the GCTS Conference Award. Should there be insufficient eligible applicants for the TGSA Conference Award, the TGSA Conference Award may be awarded to applicants eligible for the GCTS Conference Award. Please see the GCTS Conference Award notice for details and conditions.

Application Requirements

1. Completion of the GCTS & TGSA Conference Awards Form, which includes a very brief description (max. 250 words) of the significance of the conference and the student's academic achievements, and a declaration giving TST permission to use your name and photograph in publicity on its website.
2. Proof of the acceptance of a scholarly paper at a conference held between January 1st, 2026, and August 31st, 2026. Preference may be given to students who incur the greatest travel expenses. Please include the original proposal sent to the conference organizers (submitted as a PDF document).
3. Completion of the TST "OSOTF Financial Need Assessment Form". This form includes a declaration of financial need. While financial need will be considered in prioritizing awards, all eligible students are encouraged to apply regardless of financial status.
4. All students are welcome to apply. However, preference may be given to applicants who have not previously received the award or who demonstrate financial need.

Awards Pool

TGSA will be offering **six awards of \$325 each** for the Spring/Summer 2026 competition. TGSA has formally requested that the GCTS administer the advertising, short-listing, selection and awarding of the TGSA Conference Award. The GCTS Petitions Committee will rank applicants for the award in the event that other funds become available or a student declines the award. The GCTS shall notify the TGSA Executive of the successful applicant(s).

TGSA will reimburse successful applicants following confirmation that they attended and presented at the conference, as stipulated in their application letter. Award winners who do not attend the conference, for any reason, will not be given the award amount.

Awarded By

This award is managed, at the request of the TGSA, by the GCTS Office. The funds awarded are from those controlled by the TGSA, and the amount of the annual Awards Pool is approved annually by the TGSA Board. The TGSA Conference Award is envisioned to be offered alongside the GCTS Conference Award, which is currently restricted due to its funding source. Should the source of funds or eligibility requirements for the GCTS Conference Award change, the TGSA Board may reconsider the eligibility requirements for the TGSA Conference Award.

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