



APGO
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Bursaries

Frequently Asked Questions

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The APGO Education Foundation (the “Foundation”) has a mandate to award scholarships and bursaries to support Canadian and internationally trained geoscientists in fulfilling the requirements for registration with Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO). Scholarships are awarded to students at Canadian universities. Bursaries are awarded to immigrants to Canada who are internationally trained geoscientists and have demonstrated financial need for completion of requirements for registration as professional geoscientists in Ontario (such as taking university courses, exams, etc).

Q: Why do bursary applicants need to demonstrate financial need?

A: Canada Revenue Agency requires the Foundation, as a registered charity, to award bursaries to candidates with demonstrated financial need.

Q: What is demonstrated financial need?

A: The Foundation recognizes that internationally trained applicants may need to fulfill PGO registration requirements to become a registered professional geoscientist (P.Ge.) by taking courses and exams, purchasing study materials, and may require support in terms of the cost of taking the time to study, attend courses, and take exams. The Foundation considers financial need to be a situation where after paying for living expenses there is a lack of financial resources to enable the payment of courses, fees, study support, time off work to study or write exams, etc. This is determined by reviewing income and assets vs living expenses and the amount of support needed to meet the registration requirements of the PGO.

Q: Why were bursaries established?

A: We recognize the need our profession has to incorporate internationally trained geoscientists into the work force as professional geoscientists in Ontario. The bursaries recognize the importance of integrating internationally trained geoscientists and supporting their attainment of the requirements for registration as P.Ge.s.

Q: What is the amount of the bursaries?

A: The Foundation has several bursaries which range in value from \$500 to \$5000 as described below

Past Presidents Bursary

The Past Presidents’ Bursary is from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and supports internationally trained applicants who require course work to complete their knowledge requirements for registration. The applicant must demonstrate leadership capabilities.

Arsalan Mohajer Bursary

The Arsalan Mohajer Bursary of \$5,000 supports internationally trained applicants who require course work to complete their knowledge requirements for registration and whose training is in environmental geoscience or geophysics.

PGO Application Bursary:

Candidates that need support getting started with the PGO registration process may qualify for the PGO Application Bursary, where the Foundation will reimburse the PGO for the registration fee of the approved applicant. Reimbursement of translation and World Education Services (WES) fees is also available for approved applicants.

PPE Exam Bursary

Candidates that meet PGO Registration requirements but need help with PPE Exam costs and related study support may qualify for the PPE Exam Bursary to support meeting this final requirement to become registered with PGO.

Applying for APGO Education Foundation Bursaries

The Foundation intends to award bursaries annually in an amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000, the amount and number of bursaries to be determined based on the number of eligible applicants and availability of funds.

Q: Who qualifies to receive a bursary?

A: A bursary will be awarded to a qualifying internationally trained candidate(s) that demonstrates financial need in fulfilling requirements for registration as a professional geoscientist.

Q: Where does the bursary come from? Do I have to pay it back?

A: The Foundation provides funding for the bursary from its general fundraising efforts. The awarded funds do not need to be repaid.

Q: What are the requirements to receive a bursary?

A: In order to be considered, Bursary applicants must have:

- Applied or be in the process of applying to PGO for registration as a P.Geo., and have an Academic Assessment from the PGO Registrar
- Sufficient geoscience work experience to meet requirements for registration.
- Demonstrated financial need.
- Two sponsors / references

Q: Who decides on awarding the bursary?

A: A bursary application review committee comprises a minimum of three members appointed by the Board of Directors. The committee will review the PGO application, work experience and financial need information and award the bursary to the most qualified applicant(s).

Q: Will my personal and financial information be kept confidential?

A: All information reviewed, discussed and decisions made by the committee are confidential. Details of bursary applications and awards will be released only to the Board of Directors.

Q: Why do I need sponsors / references?

A: Sponsors / references must be provided in order to assess each applicant's suitability to receive a bursary based on merit. The Board of Directors will ensure a reference check of the final applicant considered for the bursary. The sponsor / reference only needs to know the applicant and their work history well enough to comment on their application information and suitability to receive a merit-based award. The reference / sponsor does not need to be aware of the applicant's financial information.

Still have questions? We are happy to help, please contact us at:
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Bursary	Amount	Support / Purpose	Criteria						
			Internationally-trained geoscientist	Resume demonstrates reasonable chance of registration	Have an Academic Assessment from PGO	Geoscience Work Experience	Demonstrated Financial Need	Two sponsors / references	Brief letter demonstrating leadership qualities (<2 pages)
PGO Application	Reimbursement of costs	costs of application to PGO	X	X			X	X	
Past Presidents'	\$2,500 to \$5,000	meeting outstanding registration requirements	X		X	X	X	X	X
Arsalan Mohajer	\$5,000	meeting outstanding registration requirements for geophysics or environmental geoscience applicant	X		X	X	X	X	
PPE Exam	\$1,500	costs of completing the PPE exam	X		X	X	X	X	