



## Opportunities Ontario Announces International PhD Graduate Stream

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On April 21, 2010, Opportunities Ontario announced that International PhD graduates who have graduated from a publicly funded Ontario university will now be permitted to apply without a job offer. Opportunities Ontario has created the *International PhD Graduate Stream* for this purpose.

In order to apply to Opportunities Ontario as an international PhD graduate in Ontario, students must:

- (a) Have graduated from an existing PhD program at an eligible publicly funded university in Ontario or have successfully completed all degree requirements for the program (i.e completion of course work and successfully defended their thesis and are awaiting the granting of their degree);
- (b) Have completed at least two years of their PhD studies at an eligible publicly funded university in Ontario;
- (c) Apply within two years of the date on which their PhD degree was granted; and
- (d) Have legal status, if the international PhD graduate applicant is in Canada.

International students subsidized through the Canadian International Development Agency grants or home country scholarship with return obligations will not be eligible for Opportunities Ontario unless such obligations have been fulfilled.

Ontario international PhD students may apply for the program from within Canada or from overseas. ■