

Application Fee Waiver Requests

We understand that the \$125 application fee can serve as a barrier to some applicants. Because the fee is not charged by the Department of Philosophy itself, we cannot waive it. We also do not have the resources to pay for the hundreds of applications we receive annually without reducing the additional funding we currently provide to registered and newly admitted graduate students. To assist as much as we can, we offer a limited number of application-fee-waivers.

To participate, we invite applicants with **(1) self-identified financial need** AND **(2) self-identified diversity considerations** to complete the following by **12:00 PM EST on December 1, 2023**:

- Start an application to the Department of Philosophy at the University of Toronto via the online system identified on our [Admissions page](#) and **upload all transcripts** (these may be unofficial).
- Submit a Diversity Statement identifying which equity-deserving group or groups the applicant belongs to, sent by email to Belinda Piercy at philosophy.graduateadmin@utoronto.ca by 12:00 PM EST on December 1, 2023.

The Director of Graduate Studies will aim to inform applicants about the success of their Application Fee Waiver by **December 15, 2023**. The department will send a list of such applicants to the School of Graduate Studies (SGS), so that you will not have to pay a fee if you are among those who receive the waiver.

The department anticipates the possible need for a lottery system once eligibility criteria are met. **Equity-deserving groups** include, but are not limited to, the following: people who are

- Indigenous,
- Black,
- LGBTQ+,
- have significant mental or physical disabilities/health concerns,
- are members of other racialized groups not aforementioned,
- any combination of the above.