

MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES/STUDIES 2022 SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Nipissing's Master of Environmental Science (MESc)/Master of Environmental Studies (MES) programs take a unique interdisciplinary approach by integrating ideas and methodologies from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences to explore and address environmental issues. The programs consist of course work plus a Major Research Paper (one-year program – offered on a full-time basis only) or coursework plus a Thesis (two-year program – offered on a full-time or flex-time basis).

Thesis Route (four three-credit courses + thesis) – Two years to complete

The thesis route provides students with the opportunity to pursue original research questions by conceiving, designing and executing a study in their area of interest. Course work provides exposure to interdisciplinary thinking and development of technical expertise in a specific area of interest. This route offers appropriate preparation for further graduate studies at the doctoral level or for a career in research, consulting, or government.

Major Research Paper Route (six three-credit courses + MRP) – One year to complete

The Major Research Paper (MRP) route offers students a less extensive research experience that involves analysis and interpretation of ideas and information, while emphasizing a broad exposure to environmental systems and problem solving through additional graduate-level course work. This route is appropriate for providing additional training for working professionals or recent graduates who wish to expand upon their disciplinary training while further developing their research skills.

Students are highly encouraged to contact faculty to discuss potential supervision/research interests prior to submitting their applications to the program.

DEGREES OFFERED: Master of Environmental Science
Master of Environmental Studies

For further information regarding the Master of Environmental Sciences/Studies program, please visit www.nipissingu.ca/graduatestudies.

Program related questions can be directed to the Graduate Coordinator at gradenviro@nipissingu.ca.

APPLICATION AND FEE DEADLINE:

- For January 2022 start: October 29, 2021
- For September 2022 start: January 14, 2022*

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION DEADLINE:

- For January 2022 start: October 29, 2021
- For September 2022 start: January 22, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. EST

Applications received after the application deadline date will not be considered for scholarships. Flex-time and January start applicants are not eligible for funding consideration. For questions pertaining to scholarship criteria, please contact sgs@nipissingu.ca.

Late fall applications will continue to be accepted after January 14, 2022 and documentation after January 21, 2022. Late applications will be considered if room remains in the program; funding consideration is not available for late applications and late documentation. Contact admissions@nipissingu.ca or at 705-474-3450 ext. 4600 to verify if late applications are still being accepted.*

***Late applications and application fees must be submitted no later than August 8, 2022. Late documentation must be submitted no later than August 11, 2022.*

SUBMIT ALL SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION TO:

Nipissing University - Office of the Registrar
100 College Drive, Box 5002
North Bay ON P1B 8L7
Phone: 705-474-3450 ext. 4600
Email: admissions@nipissingu.ca

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must hold a four-year undergraduate degree or equivalent as recognized by Nipissing University in any discipline from an accredited university and at least a 75% average on the last ten full (20 semester) courses completed at the time of application, or equivalent qualifications to be considered for admission.

NOTE: Non-Academic course grades (e.g. Bachelor of Education, Practical courses, clinical courses, Co-op courses, Placements, etc.) are not used in the calculation of admission averages.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: (Due January 21, 2022)

Please submit transcripts, letters of reference and other supporting documentation after you have submitted your online application. Nipissing University cannot verify receipt of transcripts and supporting documents if we have not received your application. You may paperclip your documents. No staples or folders please. Do not bind documents in any other manner.

1. Online application and fee. Online application can be accessed from our website: www.nipissingu.ca/registrarforms. The base application fee will be paid online through the application. Additional transcript fees may apply.
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all institutions attended, including those attended on a Letter of Permission or exchange program. High School or College transcripts are not required. A copy of the transcript from exchange programs can be sent directly by your host institution to Nipissing University if they are willing to do so, otherwise an official transcript must be sent directly from the university where the exchange program was held. Transcripts from Ontario universities can be ordered through the application process. Transcripts from universities outside of Ontario or within the United States universities must be sent directly by the issuing institution to Nipissing University (faxed and emailed copies will only be accepted when we can verify that they come directly to us from the issuing institutions). **Internationally-educated applicants** (with the exception of exchange programs) must have their transcripts evaluated (course by course evaluation) by the World Education Services – www.wes.org/ca. The WES credential evaluation is also due by the documentation deadline.
3. Two (2) academic recommendations from professors or other appropriate professionals who can speak to their level of preparation and readiness for graduate studies. References cannot be completed by anyone who is personally related to the applicant. Recommendations are to be confidential; therefore, they must be mailed in sealed envelopes with the referee's signature over the seal or emailed by the referee using their professional email address and sent directly to admissions@nipissingu.ca. The Academic Recommendation forms are included in this package. **Please indicate to your referee that a comprehensive letter included with the recommendation form will be most beneficial in determining your eligibility for admission.**
4. A **comprehensive** résumé detailing your educational and professional experience. Please include scholarships and awards, significant academic accomplishments, internships, research projects, involvement in student organizations, volunteer work and publications and presentations.

5. A typed Statement of Interest providing the following information:
- Your research area(s) of interest and if you intend to pursue either the Major Research (MRP) or the Thesis research option.
 - **Applicants are HIGHLY encouraged to contact faculty to discuss potential supervision/research interests prior to submitting their applications to the program. If possible, please indicate which faculty member(s) you would like to complete your research/thesis with.**

The final admission decision will be based on the availability of an appropriate supervisor.

6. Proof of Proficiency in English for internationally-educated applicants whose first language is not English, also due by the application deadline. Nipissing University accepts the following tests as proof of proficiency in English:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) 93 with a minimum score of 20 in reading and listening and a minimum score of 22 in writing and speaking.
- International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) with a minimum overall score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.5.
- Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic) with a minimum overall score of 63 with a minimum score of 60 in each section.
- Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL/CAEL Online) with a minimum overall score of 70 with no band less than 60.
- Cambridge English Qualifications with a C1 minimum overall score of 176 with a minimum score of 169.

The required minimum scores must be submitted before the candidate can be considered for admission.

7. Scholarship Applications:

- If you wish to be considered for Ontario Graduate Scholarship funding, please visit the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) webpage at www.nipissingu.ca/ogs. For questions pertaining to scholarship criteria, please contact sgs@nipissingu.ca or 705-474-3450 ext. 4292. The OGS application is due January 14, 2022 and is to be submitted electronically to the Graduate Studies Department at sgs@nipissingu.ca.
- For other funding opportunities, please visit <https://www.nipissingu.ca/academics/school-graduate-studies/awards-and-funding/types-funding>

******Please note that the OGS application requires two Academic Assessment Reports with an academic reference for each. The forms in the OGS application are different than the Academic References required for the Admission application. Should you choose the same academic referees for both the OGS application and the Admission application, your referees will be required to fill out both the Admission reference form and the OGS academic reference and attach a separate letter to each form. Your referees should make note of what is to be addressed for each reference.***

Applicant: Please complete this section before presenting to referee

Name of Applicant:

Surname	First	Middle	Student # or OUAC Ref. #
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Referee: We would appreciate your appraisal of the above applicant for a Master's degree in the field of Environmental Science/Studies. The information in the report will be considered confidential.

- How long have you known the applicant? (MM/YY) From: _____ to _____
- In what capacity? _____
- Indicate with an 'X' your evaluation of this applicant with respect to his/her ability to complete a graduate program in the field of Environmental Science/Studies:

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Basis for Comment
Intellectual Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scholarly Potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Originality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- In comparison with other students at the applicant's level, indicate where you would place this applicant.
 Among the top 5% 10% 25% 50% lower than 50%

- Please attach your letter of reference and comment on the candidate's suitability for the graduate program and a position as a position as a teaching assistant. This letter will be used for admission purposes and scholarship consideration. A comprehensive letter will be most beneficial in determining the applicant's eligibility.

To the Referee:

Please enclose this form and supporting letter in a sealed envelope and write your signature over the seal. Return the envelope to the applicant to submit with their application. Or, you can email the documents directly to the Admissions Office, sent from your professional email account to admissions@nipissingu.ca.

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