

Michener Bridging Program for Internationally Educated Health Professionals Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) or Medical Radiological Technology (MRT)

ONTARIO BRIDGING PARTICIPATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OBPAP)

For programs commencing between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012

Purpose

The OBPAP will provide bursaries to students for educational costs up to \$4,300 (\$4,200 in tuition costs and \$100 in specific class notes costs) for attending the Michener Bridging program for Internationally Educated Health Professionals in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) or Medical Radiological Technology (MRT) commencing between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012 which is non-OSAP approved. The OBPAP bursary assistance is intended to allow participants to access bridge training that will allow them to practice in the profession for which they were trained. It is not intended to fund retraining in other fields/professions.

Eligibility Requirements

Internationally trained professionals with demonstrated financial need¹ are eligible to apply for an OBPAP bursary if the applicant is:

- Currently enrolled in the **Michener Bridging Program for Internationally Educated Health Professionals in MLS or MRT** and non-OSAP approved that is commencing between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012;
- Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident or Protected Person (with a valid Protected Persons Status document) (PPSD) living in Ontario;

¹ Financial need is determined by the Michener Bridging Program for Internationally Educated Health Professionals office. For the purposes of this bursary, financial need will be determined by the maximum family income and the number of family members reported in the employment and Income information section of the application, attached supporting government documents for calendar year 2010 and tuition receipts when applicable.

- Demonstrate financial need based on application and submission of supporting government documents for calendar year 2010 (Income tax return, Notice of Assessment, confirmation of EI, Disability benefits, etc.);
- Not currently in receipt of Second Career Strategy funding (SCS), have not defaulted on an OSAP student loans and are not restricted from OSAP.
- Submission of receipt or confirmation for previously paid tuition fee for the 2011-12 academic year when applicable.

Program withdrawal or course failure

Participants who have tuition fees covered/reimbursed through OBPAP and subsequently withdraw from their program will be required to return unused tuition fees to the Michener Institute.

If the bridge training consists of a single course and is dropped or failed, students will have to repay if they re-enroll or repeat. Likewise, if the bridge training consists of a series of courses, the students will have to pay for the dropped or failed course if they re-enroll or repeat.

How to Apply

1. Complete the application by filling in all sections and signing the declaration and consent section.
2. Attach legible photocopies of government documents for calendar year 2010 to demonstrate financial need. Attach receipt or confirmation for previously paid tuition for the 2011-12 academic year when applicable.
3. Submit application to the Program Coordinator, Michener Bridging Program in Room 540
by Friday March 30, 2012 at 4:30pm.

All inquiries can be emailed to: access@michener.ca



**Michener Bridging Program for Internationally Educated Health Professionals
Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) or Medical Radiological Technology (MRT)**

Ontario Bridging Participation Assistance Program (OBPAP) Bursary Application Form

*Applications for programs commencing between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012 must be received no later than **Friday, March 30, 2012 at 4:30PM** by the **Michener Bridging Program Coordinator** to be considered for the final phase of the bursary.*

Section 1: Personal Information			
Last name:	First name:		
Middle Name or Initial:	Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.		
Social Insurance Number (SIN #):			
Address (Street No. and Name Apt./Suite No.):			City/Town/Post Office:
Phone Number : ()	Province:	Postal Code:	e-mail Address:
What is your current marital status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married/common-Law Relationship <small>(provide spousal information)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	Number of dependent children: _____		
	Name of spouse:		
	Address of spouse:		
What is your current citizenship status? <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Protected Person (with valid PPSD)			
What is the highest level of education that you have attained? <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Postsecondary			

Section 2: Confirmation of Ontario Residency

Do you currently live in Ontario?

- Yes
- No. You are not eligible for an OBPAP bursary.

Section 3: Eligible Bridge Training Program Enrolment

The Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program is only available to students with financial need enrolled in non-OSAP approved bridge training programs with direct education costs (tuition and notes). Bursary assistance is only available during the bridge training period for eligible programs commencing between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012.

Are you enrolled in an eligible bridge training program?

- Yes

Name of Ontario college or university _____

Name of bridge training program, and start date _____

- No. You are not eligible for an OBPAP bursary.

Section 4: OSAP Status

Are you in default of a Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loan, Ontario Student Loan or Canada Student Loan issued through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)?

- Yes. You are not eligible for an OBPAP bursary.
- No

Section 5: Second Career Strategy (SCS) Funding Status

Are you currently in receipt of Second Career Strategy (SCS) funding?

- Yes. You are not eligible for an OBPAP bursary
- No

Section 6: Employment and Income Information

The Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program (OBPAP) is a needs based program that provides bursary assistance to students with financial need attending non-OSAP approved bridge training programs to offset direct educational costs (tuition and notes) for bridge training offered by the Michener Institute. Financial need is determined by the institution's policies governing student financial need.

Applicant's current employment status

- Full-time Self-employed
 Part-time Unemployed

If unemployed, list sources of income/support (e.g. Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, Employment Insurance)

Estimated gross income for current year \$ _____

Spouse's/Common Law's current employment status

- Full-time Self-employed
 Part-time Unemployed

If unemployed, list sources of income/support (e.g. Ontario Works), Ontario Disability Support Program, Employment Insurance

Estimated gross income for current year \$ _____

Section 7: Financial Information (Applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis)

This chart below illustrates the **maximum** annual income eligible to be considered for OBPAP funding based on the number of family members. The student and where applicable their spouse (married or common law), dependent children must be counted towards the number of family members. A dependent student living at home must include their parents' income.

Number of family members (include self) ✓ CHECK ONE	Gross Family Income from all sources (include common law) earned in calendar year 2010 ✓ CHECK ONE	List full names of family members include common law. State relationship to you e.g. mother, father, spouse, child.	List type of verification attached for each source income e.g. Income tax return, most recent Notice of assessment, government issued confirmation of EI, Disability benefits, pay stub etc. * If you have special circumstances call 416-596-3101 Ext.3321
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$28,700		
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> \$28,701 – \$37,900		
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> \$37,901 - \$46,800		
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> \$46,801 – \$55,000		
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55,001 – \$61,300		
<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> \$61,301 - \$67,500		
<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> \$67,501 - \$73,300		
<input type="checkbox"/> >= 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$73,300		

IMPORTANT: Government approved proof of gross family income for calendar year 2010 must be attached to be eligible for consideration.

Section 8: Notice, Consent, Declaration and Signatures

Notice of Collection of Personal Information

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION AND CONSENT

I understand that I can withdraw this consent at any time before I accept financial assistance under this Program. I understand that if I withdraw any of my required consents it will affect my eligibility for bursary assistance through the Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program (OBPAP).

I understand that if I am awarded an OBPAP bursary, bursary funding will first be directed to the postsecondary institution to offset eligible direct educational costs charged by the postsecondary institution for my bridge training. Bursary funds will only be directed to the applicant to reimburse eligible bridge training costs for in-session programs that s/he has already paid.

Signature of applicant

Date