



MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/STUDIES

2027 SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

Nipissing University's graduate program in Environmental Science and Studies offers an interdisciplinary approach to tackling complex environmental challenges. Students explore environmental issues through humanities, social sciences, Indigenous studies, and natural sciences. You can choose either a one-year Major Research Paper (MRP) or a two-year research thesis pathway, with options to study full-time or flex-time.

DEGREES OFFERED: Master of Environmental Science, Master of Environmental Studies

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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

APPLICATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENT DEADLINES

APPLICATION AND APPLICATION FEE:

For January 2027 start:	October 23, 2026
For September 2027 start:	January 15, 2027

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

For January 2027 start:	October 30, 2026, at 4:30 pm EST
For September 2027 start:	January 22, 2027, at 4:30 pm EST

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

January 2027 applications: Applications will continue to be accepted after the application and document deadline. Late applications will be considered if room remains in the program. Contact admissions@nipissingu.ca or at 705-474-3450 ext. 4600 to verify if late applications are still being accepted. Late Winter applications, documentation and application fees must be submitted no later than October 30, 2026.

September 2027 applications: Late Fall applications will continue to be accepted after January 15, 2027, and documentation after January 22, 2027. Late applications will be considered if room remains in the program. Contact admissions@nipissingu.ca or at 705-474-3450 ext. 4600 to verify if late applications are still being accepted. Late Fall applications, documentation and application fees must be submitted no later than July 30, 2027. Scholarship and funding consideration is not available for late applications or late documentation.

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. *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*

Visit the Master of Environmental Science/Studies program page at www.nipissingu.ca/mesc for further information on admission requirements

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

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. Applications take approximately 3 business days to arrive at Nipissing after payment is received. Electronic submission of supplemental documents is preferred. If submitting physical copies, you may paperclip your documents. No staples or folders please. Do not bind documents in any other manner.

ONLINE APPLICATION AND FEE

Online application can be accessed from our website at <https://www.ouac.on.ca/apply/nipissingu/grad/>. The base application fee will be paid online through the application. Additional transcript fees may apply.

TRANSCRIPTS

Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all institutions attended, including those attended on a Letter of Permission or exchange program. High School or College (diploma/certificate programs) transcripts are not required. A copy of the transcript from an exchange program 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. See the Document Submission section below for acceptable methods to submit official transcripts.

Current and Former Nipissing Students

- Current and former Nipissing students and/or graduates do not need to order or send Nipissing transcripts as we have them on file. However, if you attended Nipissing prior to 1992, you are considered a Laurentian University student and must request your transcript through Laurentian University.

Applicants with Canadian Credentials

- **Ontario:** The fastest and most effective way to send your official transcripts is by ordering them through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) when you apply. Otherwise, you will need to contact the institution(s) directly to request your transcript(s) and have them sent to Nipissing University by one of the methods listed in the Document Submission section below.
- **All Other Provinces:** You will need to contact the institution(s) directly to request your transcript(s) and have them sent directly to Nipissing University by one of the methods listed in the Document Submission section below.

Applicants with International Credentials

- If you have completed post-secondary courses at the undergraduate or graduate level outside of Canada or the U.S. (apart from Exchange studies), you **MUST** have all your foreign transcripts evaluated by World Education Service (WES): www.wes.org/ca. A WES Credential Evaluation Report, including a Course-By-Course Evaluation Report (ICAP), must be sent directly to Nipissing University by the supplemental documentation deadline. This requirement cannot be waived. No exceptions.

CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Two (2) confidential academic recommendations from professors **OR** other appropriate professionals who can speak to the candidate's level of preparation and readiness for graduate studies. The referee must be qualified to address the academic ability and competence of the applicant to undertake graduate studies. References cannot be completed by anyone who is personally related to you as the applicant.

Recommendations must 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 Confidential Recommendation forms are included at the end of this package. **Please indicate to your referee that a comprehensive letter of reference specific to this application (on business letterhead) must be included with the confidential recommendation form and will be used for admission purposes to determine your eligibility for the program.**

RESUME

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, language skills, and publications and presentations.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

A typed Statement of Interest providing the following information:

- A description of your study and/or research interests (you might choose to identify four or five key words or phrases that relate to your proposed study).
- Identification of which faculty member(s) you would like to complete your MRP/Thesis research with.
- An explanation of how/why you became interested in the specified field(s) of study.
- Awareness of peer reviewed research (minimum of 2-3 articles) in your intended field of study.
- Reasons for seeking admission into this particular program (MES/MES program at Nipissing University).

Applicants are STRONGLY encouraged to contact faculty to discuss potential supervision/research and interests and degree path prior to submitting their applications to the program.

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

FACULTY ADVISORS AND RESEARCH SUPERVISORS

The program admissions committee considers whether there is a faculty member who can supervise your research as part of their decision-making process. Prior to submitting your application, you should review the information found on our Finding a Graduate Supervisor website at www.nipissingu.ca/school-graduate-studies/finding-graduate-supervisor. It is **strongly encouraged** that you contact your top choices for advisors(s) in advance of submitting your application to inquire whether they are accepting new graduate students for the next academic year and to discuss your specific research interests. Connecting with a potential supervisor is also a great way to learn more about a program, explore research opportunities, and determine whether your interests align. Identifying an advisor in advance assists with acquiring potential funding for your degree and gathering related research experience prior to entry into the program. It also provides you with a stronger chance of being considered for admission.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Applicants to programs offered by the School of Graduate Studies at Nipissing University whose first language is not English will be required to achieve the required proficiency level on one of the following tests of English language proficiency for admission consideration. Visit www.nipissingu.ca/englishproficiency for further information.

SCHOLARSHIP AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Nipissing University offers internal scholarship funding for which **full-time** applicants are automatically considered, as well as external scholarship opportunities for which students must apply. Below is a summary of the most common scholarships. Visit future.nipissingu.ca/programs/mesc-mes/#funding or contact sgs@nipissingu.ca for more scholarship opportunities and information on how to apply.

Scholarship	Value	Deadline	Application Required?
Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Master's	\$27,000	December 1 st	Yes
Ontario Graduate Scholarship and Queen Elizabeth II - Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology	\$15,000	January 15 th	Yes
Nipissing University Graduate Scholarship	Up to \$10,000	Automatically considered if admission application is received by January 15 th	No
Nipissing University Alumni Entrance Scholarship	\$2,000	Automatically awarded to graduates of a Nipissing degree program	No
Graduate Assistantships	\$3,312.50 or \$6,625	Automatically considered if admission application is received by January 15 th	No

DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

Transcripts and supporting documentation can be submitted in the following ways:

- **Email:** admissions@nipissingu.ca - All documentation can be sent to this email address. As for official transcripts, emailed transcripts will only be accepted when we can verify that they come directly from the issuing institution. Recommendations must be sent directly by the referees from their professional email account and not by the applicant.
- **Third-Party Companies (e.g., MyCreds, Parchment):** Please contact your institution directly for assistance with these platforms. Send to admissions@nipissingu.ca.
- **OUAC:** Official transcripts from Ontario universities and colleges should be ordered through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) as part of the application process. You must contact your institution directly for all transcripts from outside Ontario.
- **In person:** Registrar's Office (F209)
- **Mail:** Nipissing University
Office of the Registrar - Admissions
100 College Drive, Box 5002
North Bay ON P1B 8L7

CHECKLIST

Use the checklist below to ensure that you have completed all the necessary steps for the application process. The checklist does not need to be submitted with your application.

Application Step	Completed
Online application completed and application fee submitted	☐
All undergraduate, graduate, exchange studies, and Letter of Permission transcripts ordered/submitted	☐
WES evaluation submitted (if required)	☐
Confidential references (2) contacted, provided proper forms/instructions, and informed of deadlines	☐
Comprehensive résumé submitted	☐
Statement of Interest submitted	☐
Official English Language Proficiency test scores submitted (if required)	☐
Scholarship applications (e.g., CGRS-M, OGS, etc.) submitted (via appropriate portals/emails)	☐

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.

1. How long have you known the applicant? (MM/YY) From: _____ to _____
2. In what capacity? _____
3. Indicate with an 'X' your evaluation of this applicant with respect to their 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	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Scholarly Potential	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Originality	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Critical Judgment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Oral Expression	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Written Expression	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Initiative	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Work Habits	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Perseverance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

4. 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%

5. Please attach a current comprehensive letter of reference on letterhead specific to this application which speaks to the candidate's strengths, or any concerns you may have with their ability to succeed at the Masters level. This letter will be used for admission purposes to determine your eligibility for the program, and scholarship consideration.

To the Referee:

This Recommendation is confidential. Please enclose this form and supporting letter in a sealed envelope and write your signature over the seal. You can either return the envelope to the applicant to submit with their application, or email the documents directly to the Admissions Office, sent from your professional email account to admissions@nipissingu.ca.

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Faculty: _____

Address: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Name of Applicant:

Surname	First	Middle	Student # or OUAC Ref. #

1. Professional Relationship to applicant _____
2. Period of relationship upon which assessment is based
From: _____ to _____
3. Indicate with an 'X' your evaluation of this applicant in comparison with others performing similar duties.

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4. In comparison with others performing similar professional duties, how would you rank this applicant.

Among the top ☐ 5% ☐ 10% ☐ 25% ☐ 50% ☐ lower than 50%

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Name:	Company/School/ Organization:
Position:	Address:
Signature:	Date:
Telephone Number:	Email address: