



MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/STUDIES

2027 SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

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 internationaladmiss@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 internationaladmiss@nipissingu.ca or at 705-474-3450 ext. 4129 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.

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.nipissingu.ca/applyintl>. The application fee will be paid online through the application.

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 programs) transcripts are not required. Transcripts and other appropriate academic documents should be uploaded in the Nipissing International Admissions portal under each institution declared on your application.

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 internationaladmiss@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. This letter should be written specifically for the purposes of the application to Graduate Studies.**

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.

Select Resume/CV under Program Specific Document Requirements when uploading your document.

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.

Select Statement of Interest under Program Specific Document Requirements when uploading your document.

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. **You will upload your results under the Test Score section of your application in the Nipissing International Admissions portal.**

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?
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

All supplemental documents will be uploaded to your application on the Nipissing International Admissions portal. Included with the description of each document requirement below will be information on what to select under **Program Specific Document Requirements** when uploading your documents.

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	☐
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., OGS) 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 International Admissions Office, sent from your professional email account to internationaladmiss@nipissingu.ca.

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Faculty: _____

Address: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

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1. Professional Relationship to applicant _____
2. Period of relationship upon which assessment is based _____
 style="text-align: center;">From: _____ to _____
3. Indicate with an 'X' your evaluation of this applicant in comparison with others performing similar duties.

		Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Basis for Comment
Professional Knowledge and Ability		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Leadership Qualities		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Teaching Ability		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Professional Relationships with...	Colleagues	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Students	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Public	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Oral Expression		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Written Expression		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reliability of Performance		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Familiarity with Current Theory & Practice		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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