

INSTITUTE ON MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE (IMFG)  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS IN MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND  
GOVERNANCE COMMENCING FALL 2026

IMFG offers two graduate fellowships in municipal finance and governance. There is one application process for both fellowships. The top two candidates will each be awarded a fellowship.

Your application must include all relevant documentation listed below (items 1 to 5). These documents should be submitted together as one application package. Applications must be received by no later than **Friday, May 29, 2026**.

**For more information, contact: [info.imfg@utoronto.ca](mailto:info.imfg@utoronto.ca).**

Please email your application package (include only doc or pdf files) to [info.imfg@utoronto.ca](mailto:info.imfg@utoronto.ca) or address the application package to:

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Your application will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Overall academic excellence
- Enrolment at the University of Toronto at a doctoral or master's level on a full-time basis for the 2026-2027 academic year
- Alignment of the applicant's graduate research interests with IMFG's research focus on municipal finance or governance
- For the Blanche and Sandy Van Ginkel Fellowship, preference will be given to students who are interested in the impact of municipal finance and governance on built form.

DOCUMENTS TO INCLUDE:

1. Cover letter
2. Statement of research interest
  - a. Your statement of research interest should be approximately 500 words. Each page should be numbered consecutively and include your name and "Graduate Fellowship Application" at the top right-hand corner. The proposal should be written for general academic readers and not for specialists in your field.

- b. Your statement of interest should describe:
  - a. the issue(s) to be studied
  - b. the questions and goals of the proposed research
  - c. the potential contribution of the project to IMFG's research focus on municipal finance and governance

3. Letter of recommendation

One letter of recommendation should be completed by a current or past supervisor, professor, program director, or department chair.

4. Current Curriculum Vitae

5. Current Official Transcript