

**Attention all  
PhD students,  
new opportunity!**

## International PhD graduates, Ontario wants you

### What is new?

International PhD Graduates who have graduated from a publicly funded Ontario university can now be fast-tracked for permanent resident status through Opportunities Ontario: Provincial Nominee Program without a job offer.

### What is Opportunities Ontario: Provincial Nominee Program?

Opportunities Ontario: Provincial Nominee Program is a government of Ontario program that helps to strengthen the economy by attracting or retaining highly skilled workers, including international students.

As an international student, the Opportunities Ontario program gives you the opportunity to live and work permanently in Ontario.

### How does the application process work?

Interested PhD graduates need to submit a Nominee Application Form for International PhD Graduates directly to the program. If your Nominee Application is approved, the Ontario government will nominate you and your eligible dependents for permanent resident status.

After being nominated by Opportunities Ontario, you must apply for permanent resident status within six months to Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Once nominated, an individual can get permanent resident status within nine to 12 months. This compares to an average of three to five years through the points-based Skilled Worker Program.

### Where can I learn more?

Application forms and detailed information about Opportunities Ontario: Provincial Nominee Program are available at:

[Ontario.ca/newcomers](http://Ontario.ca/newcomers)

### You can contact:

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