



Details for Recognized Programs (2020/21 Cycle)

The Vector Institute has made available a limited number of Vector Scholarships in Artificial Intelligence to recognized programs, in advance of the open nomination period, which commences January 6, 2020 to April 3, 2020.

The purpose of scholarship pre-allocation is to provide programs the opportunity to recruit and convert strong applicants early in the admissions cycle. The following document outlines the process, requirements, and timelines associated with the pre-allocation and open nomination periods for 2020/21. Note that pre-allocations are based on:

- the program's ability to promote and admit candidates into their recognized program in the 2020/21 admission cycle (i.e. if programs are still seeking university or OUCQA approval, they will not receive a pre-allocation in this cycle); and
- the application, enrolment, and projected growth data provided by recognized programs in the Annual Update form.

Pre-Allocation Period (November 25, 2019 to March 27, 2020)

- **Week of November 25th:** Scholarship pre-allocations, where applicable, are assigned to recognized programs. Recognized programs with pre-allocations may award the scholarship(s) from November 25 to March 27.
- To award a pre-allocated scholarship, programs must send the name of the applicant who they intend to award the 'out of competition' scholarship to, with a brief statement about why they are exceptional, along with the candidate's GPA to confirm that they meet (or exceed) eligibility criteria¹ to aimasters@vectorinstitute.ai. Please allow up to 72 hours for Vector to review the request and confirm whether the program may use the pre-allocation for the applicant in question.
- **March 27th:** At the conclusion of the pre-allocation period, programs will be required to submit a full nomination package on the applicant(s) they granted a pre-allocated scholarship to. The intent is not to re-assess whether the pre-allocation may be given but to enable Vector to review the scholarship nomination process holistically for both the pre-allocation and open nomination periods at the conclusion of the cycle.

Note: Any scholarships not used during the pre-allocation period will be re-assigned for allocation in the open nomination process for nominees from across Ontario universities.



Open Nomination Period (January 6 to April 3, 2020)

The Open Nomination Period begins on **January 6, 2020**. At this time, full nomination instructions and forms will be accessible on the Vector website at: vectorinstitute.ai/aimasters

In advance of the open nomination period, programs are encouraged to:

- thoroughly review scholarship information on the Vector website for both students and programs at: vectorinstitute.ai/aimasters;
- promote the scholarship on their websites and to applicants through various communication channels (see content to support promotion); and
- set and communicate program specific deadlines for nominees to submit their applications for collation of materials, review and ranking of nominees, and submission to Vector no later than April 3, 2020.

The following content must be included in all nomination packages:

- ✓ copies of all official transcripts with the corresponding grading system (both undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate transcripts);
- ✓ two referee forms, which will become available as of January 6, 2020;
- ✓ an up-to-date 1 to 2 page CV; and
- ✓ a 250-word statement from the candidate outlining his/her reason for pursuing a master's in AI, relevant AI-related experience and career aspirations.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact: aimasters@vectorinstitute.ai

ⁱ Scholarship eligibility criteria: candidates must have applied for entrance to a full-time master's program in an AI-related field at an Ontario university for the 2020-21 academic year and hold first-class standing (minimum of A- or equivalent) in their last two-years of study (full time equivalent) from a recognized university. Consideration will be given to candidates with upper second class standing (B+) and relevant work experience or where extenuating circumstances apply (include a rationale for consideration).