# SGS Student Award Information Session Slides Fall 2018:

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SGS Student Award Information Session:
Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s (CGS M)

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The Federal Tri-Councils

The major federal source of funds for research and scholarship in academic institutions

– CIHR: Canadian Institutes of Health Research
– NSERC: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council
– SSHRC: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Please Note: You may submit only one application per year to only one granting agency (NSERC, CIHR or SSHRC).

Selecting the Appropriate Federal granting agency:

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Maximum Funding – 12 months

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U of T Allocation

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2018-2019 CGS M Results

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Deadlines

There are three deadline dates associated with the CGS M Program:

1. Application deadline December 3.
   - Your application must be submitted before 8:00 p.m. (ET) on the
deadline date. If the deadline falls on a weekend or federal
holiday, your application must be submitted by the following
working day.

2. Results deadline April 1 (of the following calendar year)
   - Your application result will be available on Research Portal

3. Acceptance and declines of offers
   - Applicants will have 21 days to respond to offers of awards. Offers
   not accepted within the response period will be automatically
declined.

Basic CGS M Eligibility Requirements

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- be enrolled in, or intend to apply for full-time admission to an
eligible graduate program at the master’s or doctoral level at a
Canadian university with a CGS M allocation;
- have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application,
between zero and 12 months of full-time graduate studies
- First-class average (a grade of "A-") in each of the last two years
of study

Applicants are responsible for consulting the FULL
eligibility requirements outlined by the appropriate
council available at:

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### Social Science and Humanities (SSHRC) Basic Criteria

- The program of research must be primarily in the social sciences and humanities (i.e., aligned with the SSHRC legislated mandate) and;
- The intended outcome of the research must primarily be to add to our understanding and knowledge of individuals, groups, and societies - what we think, how we live and how we interact with each other and the world around us.


### Natural Science and Engineering (NSERC) Basic Criteria

- The program of research must be primarily in the natural sciences and engineering;
- The intended objectives of the research must be, primarily, to advance knowledge in one of the natural sciences or in engineering.

http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=FEE7261A-1#NSERC1

### Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency

Applicants are asked in the CGS M application to categorize their proposed “field of research” (health, natural sciences and engineering, or social sciences and humanities).

Health (CIHR) Basic Criteria

The intended outcomes of the research must, as stated in CIHR’s mandate, primarily improve or have an impact on health and/or produce more effective health services and products and/or strengthen the Canadian health care system. CIHR considers applications across the full spectrum of health research.

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Selection Criteria

Academic Excellence
- Academic record (first-class average)
- Scholarships and awards held
- Duration of previous studies
- Type of program and courses pursued
- Course load
- Relative standing (if available)

Research Ability or Potential
- Quality and originality of contributions to research and development
- Relevance of work experience and academic training to field of proposed research
- Significance, feasibility, and merit of proposed research
- Judgment and ability to think critically
- Ability to apply skills and knowledge
- Initiative, autonomy and independence
- Research experience and achievements relative to expectations of someone with the candidate’s academic experience
Selection Criteria

Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills
- Work experience
- Leadership experience
- Project management including organizing conferences and meetings
- The ability or potential to communicate theoretical, technical and/or scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats
- Involvement in academic life
- Volunteering/community outreach

Application Process
All applicants must complete and submit an application using the Research Portal

Applicants may select up to three universities on the application where:
- they are currently enrolled in an eligible program of study and wish to pursue their studies; or
- they intend to apply for full-time admission to an eligible program of study if not currently enrolled at a university of their choice.

*Awards must be held at the university where the offer of award originates.*
Research Portal Dashboard

Creating an Application

Editing Your Application

Detailed Instructions on how to complete the application:
Application Components

Application:
• Identification – Application & Proposed Host Organization(s)
• Summary of Proposal - (3800 characters max.)
• Activity Details

Attachments:
• Outline of Proposed Research
• Transcripts

Canadian Common CVs:
• Attach CCV

Invitations:
Send referees requests by clicking the “Manage invitations” button – must check on system to see if completed

Outline of Proposed Research

• A detailed description of your proposed research project for the period during which you will hold the award.
• Specific as possible, without being too jargon-laden
  ➢ Objectives, Outline, Methods, Procedures, Significance
  ➢ Refer to Eligibility of Proposed Research, must meet NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR Research Mandate
• Outline can be a maximum of 1 page with 1 additional page for Bibliography/citations only and must adhere to the presentation standards available in online CGS M instructions
  • Reference style should be in the preferred style of your field of research

Application Attachments

Attachments to the application must be uploaded in a specific format (refer to Research Portal Presentation and Attachment Standards). It is your responsibility to allow enough time to resolve any formatting issues in advance of the deadline.

This includes your Research Proposal, transcripts, and CCCV.


Transcripts

• North American transcripts - official & current.
• Transcripts from outside North America – originals or certified copies if unavailable.
• If currently registered student, transcript must show fall registration.
• ACORN/ROSI print-outs are not accept.
• Transcripts from the host university during semesters abroad must be included in addition to your home university’s transcript.
• Transcripts from all universities saved as a single PDF file, black and white, one copy of the legend (per institution), upright, and clear enough to read.
**Transcripts**

- **IMPORTANT:** Applicants should preview **ALL** uploaded attachments once the files have been successfully uploaded to verify that the files are **downloadable and readable**

**Canadian Common CV (CCCV)**

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you make any changes to your CV, you will be given a NEW confirmation number – ensure you are using the correct confirmation number when you are attaching to your application on Research Portal.

Reference Assessments

Each application must be accompanied by **two** Reference Assessments.

**First assessment**
- Your thesis supervisor, someone who is able to provide specific examples and is knowledgeable in the proposed area of research.

**Second assessment**
- A person sufficiently familiar with your research and other abilities.
- Cannot be from a proposed supervisor unless they have already supervised you before.
- You will not have access to the reports, but will be able to see when it is completed, and have ability to “unlock” allowing referees to make amendments.
Reference Assessments

Steps

1. Contact your proposed referees to ensure they are willing to complete a positive & enthusiastic assessment for you.

2. In the Referee Invitation section of your application, enter the names and e-mail addresses of each of the referees who will be completing an assessment.
   - Once the information is saved, an e-mail containing the appropriate links will be forwarded to the referee so that he or she may view your application and complete the assessment.

3. Check the status of the request on the Referee Invitation page

Instructions for Referees

Step 1. Find email with subject “Invitation to participate – Invitation à participer” from donotreply-nepasresponder@nserc-crsng.gc.ca

- Regardless of applicant’s area of research (CIHR, NSERC, or SSHRC) the invitation will be sent from the NSERC email address as Research Portal is housed on the NSERC server.

Example of Invitation Email

Instructions for Referees

Step 2. Click the link provided in “Step 2” of the Invitation email, enter the Authorization Code into the text field, and hit “Accept Invitation”
Instructions for Referees

Step 3. Accept Terms & Conditions and you will be taken to a success screen where you can click “application” link to access the Assessment form.

Step 4. Under “Applications” click the “Open” button.

Step 5. Under “Participant: Your Name” click “Edit” button.

Reference Assessment Form

Before you submit

No changes or updates can be made to an application once it has been submitted. Only personal contact information may be updated through your Research Portal account.

It is possible to save and validate incorrect or incomplete information; therefore, you must review your application before you submit it by clicking on Export application and attachments to PDF.
Make sure you submit!
Once the application is completed, ensure that you click the Submit button in order for your application to be considered for the CGS M competition.

You will receive a confirmation email upon successful submission of your application. When your application is successfully received by the institution(s), your status will change to Received by Administrator in the Research Portal.

Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (MSFSS)
- To support high-calibre graduate students in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional research experiences at research institutions outside of Canada.
- Available to active CGS Master’s, CGS Doctoral or eligible Vanier CGS holders
- Up to $6,000

Reference Assessment Form

MSFSS Eligibility to Hold
Recipients must:
- hold an active CGS at the time your study period abroad starts;
- be registered full time in a graduate research studies program at a Canadian institution for the duration of the time abroad;
- take up the award within one year of receiving the notice of award for the CGS Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement; and
- return to complete your degree in Canada.
MSFSS Key Dates

- Deadline for universities to submit applications to the granting agencies: June 10th and October 10th
- Students submit application and all required documents to the School of Graduate Studies for consideration
- SGS Fall deadline: September 25, 2018

Questions

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SGS Student Award Information Session:
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Program Overview

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) program is designed to encourage excellence in graduate studies at the master’s and doctoral levels at universities in Ontario

- Value of the OGS: $5,000 per term
  - 2 Term award: $10,000
  - 3 Term award: $15,000

- Each university in Ontario has its own application and application procedure
  - For students applying to graduate school, applications must be submitted to each University to which you are seeking admission for 2019-20
  - Must be held at the awarding University
  - 2019-20 Competition at U of T will open in late October

General Application Information

- Students applying for OGS at U of T must apply to the graduate unit using the SGS OGS online application and adhere to internal departmental deadline.

- Internal deadlines will be posted on the SGS website in late October.

- Last year’s application instructions are available for reference on the SGS OGS website.

Agenda

1. Program Overview
2. Eligibility Requirements
3. Application Information & Tips
Eligibility Conditions to Apply

- **Master’s level**: Up to 2 OGS awards during any year of a master’s degree program.
- **Doctoral level**: Up to 4 OGS awards at the doctoral level during any year of a doctoral program.
- There is lifetime maximum of six years of government-funded student awards. This maximum includes awards offered by OGS, QEII-GSST, CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, and Vanier.
- Student may not hold a scholarship from NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR, Vanier, Trillium, or a QEII-GSST at the same time as OGS.

Eligibility Conditions Continued

- Applicants must be planning to pursue, or continue in, full-time studies in a master’s or doctoral degree for the 2019-20 academic year for at least two consecutive terms (cannot be completing degree requirements prior to December 2019)
- Canadian citizens and permanent residents must apply to the domestic competition
- International students must have a valid study permit by the departmental deadline for international students in order to be eligible

Academic Eligibility

At the time of application:

**Undergrad, 1st and 2nd year graduate students:**
- Must have an average of at least A- in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent).

**3rd + year graduate students:**
- Applicants in their third year or beyond of graduate studies at the time of application must have an overall average of at least A- for **ALL** graduate level courses completed.

http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/currentstudents/Pages/Ontario-Graduate-Scholarship.aspx
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### 2. Review Instructions

**Ontario Graduate Scholarship Application Instructions**

To view all the instructions on screen, please click the "Printer-friendly version" link above and cancel the print dialog box.

- **General Information**
- **Proposed Studies for 2018/2019**
- **Applicant Profile**
- **Academic Background**
- **Awards & Financial Aid**
- **Academic Achievements**
- **Plan of Study**
- **Academic References**
- **Review**
- **Confirmation**
- **Questions?**

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**Ontario Graduate Scholarship**

**2017-18 Application Information**

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3. Apply

Please select your preferred single sign-on method for logging in:

- Click on the method to Sign-in
- Only currently registered U of T students can sign-in using their UTORid

Application Dashboard

OGS Application Components

- Applicant Profile
- Academic Background
  - Transcripts (unofficial copies accepted)
- Awards & Financial Aid
- Academic Achievements
- Plan of Study
- Academic References (submit request early)
- Review
- Confirmation

Remember to click “Submit”!
Transcripts

- Scanned unofficial or student issued transcripts are permitted;
- If you have online access to your academic history (e.g. ACORN/ROSI), you may submit screenshots (printscreen/snipping tool);
- For those with multiple degrees from the same university, upload one pdf for all degrees from that university;
- You must upload all your transcripts, including a U of T transcript, even if you are a U of T student.
- Include a legend for transcripts outside of U of T.

Plan of Study/Statement of Intent

- Write a clear and concise statement (or plan) and ask someone (ideally, a professor or senior graduate student) to review your submission and provide you with feedback. This is one of the most important parts of your application.
- More detailed instructions are available on SGS website.

List of Scholarships or Awards

- Highlight scholarships and awards that are competitive and include their value.
- Include all awards that you have been offered, even if you later declined the offer.
- Limit awards to those achieved during your University years.
References/ Academic Assessments

- Contact referees early to inquire about a possible reference;
- Feel free to remind them of your contributions and information you would like to have in the letter (screenshot available under online instructions);
- Send request before finishing your application – referee will not be able to see your online OGS application;
- Follow-up prior to the deadline (note you must have both references completed before you can submit your application); and
- Remember to give them a big thank you.

What Happens to Your OGS Application:

- Once submitted, applications will be received and reviewed at the University (graduate department at U of T) where you intend to hold your OGS
- Results available on application site by June
- Official award notifications sent out by SGS in July
- Payments are issued through ROSI
Writing Support

- The following departments/faculties offer writing support through one-on-one consultations for currently enrolled students: Architecture, OISE, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Education and Social Work.

- If you are not part of these departments, you may also visit the Graduate Centre for Academic Communication.

Additional Tips
What Makes a Great Merit Based Application?

Advice from Graduate Awards Office & Prof. Malcolm Campbell - Former Vice-Principal Research, UTSC

• Reviewers spend 6-8 minutes on each application. You have a short period of time to sell yourself on paper.
• Selection/Evaluation Criteria – make sure you “hit” them all

Academic Achievements

• Reviewers look heavily at PROGRESS. Ongoing awards look good. Publications, historical grade trends, and PRODUCTIVITY
• Your contributions/role in a project, impact of the work, awards, presentations, research background, communication achievements, leadership roles (volunteer, elected positions, clubs, sports, etc.)
• Limit to university level achievements

Research Proposal/Plan of Study

• Write a clear and concise research proposal that an educated non-expert could understand
• Give your proposal to as many people as possible to review – ideally a professor/ senior graduate student
• Read the proposal out loud to yourself and others. If it doesn’t sound natural, then it needs more work.
• Engage the reviewer
• Importance/Significance – you want your reviewer to advocate for your application

Writing Style/Formatting

• Make it easy for the reviewer to find key information
• Use headings
• Apply boldface or underlined text strategically
• Be clear, succinct, scholarly but understandable
• Be straight forward, emphasize strengths, not a time to be shy
• Follow formatting standards
Your Reference Letters

• Must be very strong
• Be enthusiastic
• Provide additional information (skills and past achievements) and demonstrate how your attributes and qualifications surpasses selection criteria & worthy of the award

Questions

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The Federal Tri-Councils

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– Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

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• Selecting the Appropriate Federal granting agency
  http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=FEE7261A-1#NSERC1
• NSERC has clarified its section of the guidelines for Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency to help applicants better identify the appropriate agency when applying for funding.

• Applicants with questions on subject matter eligibility or those whose subject matter has a link, overlap, or future application to health (in particular drug discovery, disease diagnosis or treatment/prevention, development of medical devices, and collaboration with pharmaceutical companies), should contact NSERC with a one page summary of their research proposal in advance of submitting an application to seek clarification or a ruling.

• The Addendum to the guidelines for the eligibility of applications related to health has additional information and specific examples relating to subject matter eligibility.

PGS Competition

1. Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)

2. Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS)
   - 2 Awards Available: PGS D, CGS D
   - No separate application for CGS program
   - Highest-ranked PGS applicants will automatically be considered by NSERC for a CGS

PGS/CGS Award Details

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Maximum Funding – 36 months
You will be eligible for only a two-year CGS/PGS D, if:

You have completed more than the full-time equivalent of 12 months of your doctoral program (24 months if you were admitted to the doctoral program directly from your bachelor’s program) as of December 31 of the year of application.

PGS D/ CGS D Eligibility

- As of December 31, 2018 completed between zero and 24 months of studies in the doctoral program for which you are requesting funding.
- Direct entry – as of December 31, 2018 completed between four and 36 months of studies in the doctoral program for which you are requesting funding.
- Not hold or have held a CGS D or Vanier CGS from CIHR or SSHRC or previously taken up an NSERC PGS B, PGS D, CGS D, IPS 2 or a Vanier CGS for the program of study to which you are applying for funding.

* A NSERC PGS D can be held abroad if you hold a degree from a Canadian University.

Application Weighting

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Selection Criteria

**Academic Excellence**

- Academic record
  - First-class average (an average of "A-") expected
- Scholarships and awards held
  - Competitiveness, amount, duration and prestige
- Duration of previous studies
Selection Criteria

**Research Ability or Potential**
- Quality of contributions to research and development i.e. publications, patents, reports, posters, etc.
- Academic training and relevant work experience – co-op included
- Research proposal: the feasibility, merit and significance of the project
- Critical thinking, application of knowledge, judgment, originality, initiative, autonomy, and enthusiasm for research
- Determination and ability to complete projects within an appropriate time line

**Communication, Interpersonal and Leadership Abilities**
- Awards for papers, posters and oral presentations
- Professional and extracurricular interactions and collaborations
  - mentoring, teaching, supervisory experience, project management, etc.
- Rating and detailed evaluation of the applicant
- Overall presentation of the application

The Application Process

**Step 1** Determine where to apply:
- If you have been registered in a degree program at U of T at any time since January 2018 you should apply through a graduate unit at U of T.

**Step 2** – If applying through U of T, consult your graduate unit regarding their application deadline, the method of submission, and the contact details for the ‘University Designate’ representative.

• Create an online account on NSERC’s website
• Begin working on PGS application (Form 201) – Make sure you follow the “Presentation Standards” defined by NSERC – font size, etc. Click “Save” each time you complete a page.

Person Profile – full name, citizenship, email, etc.  
*NSERC PIN – can leave blank if you don’t already have one.  
*Self-Identification - Aboriginal students are forwarded automatically to NSERC  
• Addresses – current, previous, etc. – NSERC uses this info to contact you. If you move or change email addresses, before the results are out, update your online profile and contact them directly.  
• Academic Background – all degree studies, college programs can be included under “Other” – transcripts not required.
Collection of Self-Identification Data

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Indigenous Applicants

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NEW - This year, in order to be considered for this, Indigenous applicants must provide consent within the application form to share this information with their institutions and NSERC. Self-identification data are not seen or used by NSERC’s selection committee members or by the applicant’s references.

NEW - In addition to Indigenous applicants providing consent, a similar consent will also be required so that NSERC may increase equity and diversity among qualified applicants by giving award priority to meritorious applicants who self-identify as Indigenous and/or as a woman if sufficient funds become available.
• **Experience** – paid or unpaid work, research, projects, etc. Applicants must indicate if work contributed to their degree(s).

• **Awards** – competitive (i.e. not needs based) can include Dean's lists, non-monetary, and declined awards.

• **Location of Tenure** – must list at least one choice, up to three (justification for PDF only)

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**S&F Information** – months of graduate studies; months of study in program funding is being requested for; even if taking up at foreign university, should choose yes to be considered for CGS

**Research Subject Code** – important for determining your Selection Committee!

**Key Words** – up to 10 to describe proposed area of research/research project – also important for specific committee member selection
Outline of Proposed Research

- Summary of future research endeavours included as a .pdf attachment
- See the presentation standards provided by NSERC
- Specific, clear, enthusiastic, without being too jargon-laden
  - Objectives, Hypothesis, Experimental approach/Methods, Significance
- Do not repeat information from Thesis section (you can refer to it)
- Focus on what you will be working on during the tenure of the award
- Refer to Eligibility of Proposed Research, Clearly explain the significance to the NSE
  - Maximum of one page in length (including references)

Justifying the eligibility of your research (as per NSERC)

- Complete the Justification for Eligibility of Proposed Research section if your research has any potential overlap with health or social sciences
- This section is used by NSERC staff to determine the eligibility of your proposed research; it is not seen by the selection committees
- Use plain language to explain why you believe that your research is eligible at NSERC
- It should not be another description of your research project
- It should be a short explanation (a paragraph is fine, you do not need to use the whole page)

Common mistakes when writing proposal / contributions / statement (as per NSERC)

- Lack of focus or coherence
- Repetitiveness
- Failure to cite important work in the area
- Failure to cite recent relevant work
- Citing too many irrelevant articles
- Relying too much on secondary sources (lack of understanding)
- Too much detail on minor issues; too little detail on major issues
- Research contributions not properly highlighted
- Impact / importance of research not explained
Contributions and applicant’s statement

- Part 1: Articles published, accepted, submitted
  - explain your role & contribution if not 1st author
- Part 2: Most significant contributions to R&D
- Part 3: Applicant’s statement:
  - research experience
  - relevant activities (describe what leadership role you took, not just position title)
  - special circumstances (e.g. if thesis supervisor not a referee)
- No updates accepted once application is submitted to NSERC

Transcripts

- Transcripts from North America - official & up-to-date (current fall session or after the last term during which you were registered, even if no grades)
- Official – No ROSI print-outs
- Transcripts from outside North America - certified copies
- Identify appropriate graduate unit “University Designate”
- Check with your unit to see what transcripts are already on file and can be used
- Official transcripts required for graduate unit deadline
- You are responsible for ensuring all transcripts have been uploaded according to the guidelines and are readable
Report on the Applicant

What you should do

- Contact your proposed referees to ensure they are willing to complete a report for you.
- In the Report on the Applicant page of your application, enter the names and e-mail addresses of each of the referees who will be completing a report, as well as the deadline on which you would like the report to be completed.
- Once the information is saved, an e-mail containing the appropriate links will be forwarded to the referee so that he or she may view your completed application and complete the report.
- The status of the request can be verified on this page.
- Referees are asked to review your Form 201 on the report so be sure to complete as much of it as you can before sending the reference request.
Report on the Applicant – Referee View

Tutorial Videos
NSERC Results - Canada Wide

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NSERC Results - UofT

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2019-2020 PGS D Competition
Quota = TBA
REMEMBER:
Consult your graduate unit regarding their internal deadline – this is not the same as the University or NSERC deadline

MSFSS Objective
- To support high-calibre graduate students in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional research experiences at research institutions outside of Canada.
- Available to active CGS Master’s, CGS Doctoral or eligible Vanier CGS holders
- Up to $6,000

Eligibility to Hold an Award
- hold an active CGS at the time your study period abroad starts;
- be registered full time in a graduate research studies program at a Canadian institution for the duration of the time abroad;
- take up the award within one year of receiving the notice of award for the CGS Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement; and
- return to complete your degree in Canada.

MSFSS Key Dates
- Deadline for universities to submit applications to the granting agencies: June 10th and October 10th
- Students submit application and all required documents to the School of Graduate Studies for consideration
  - SGS Fall deadline: September 25, 2018
Questions

NSERC Scholarships & Fellowships:
schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca

University of Toronto:
Graduate Awards Office
Tel: 416-946-0808
Email: graduate.awards@utoronto.ca
Through its Doctoral Awards funding opportunity, SSHRC offers two types of funding for doctoral students:

- **SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships**;
- **Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS): Doctoral Scholarships**.

Applicants apply for both awards by completing one application form. If you are eligible for both awards, SSHRC will automatically consider you for both.

Most Canadian universities receive a quota indicating the number of students they can nominate for the national competition.
Eligibility of Degree Programs

Doctoral Awards are tenable only in degree programs that include significant original, autonomous research that leads to the completion of:

- a dissertation; or
- major scholarly publication; or
- performance/recital; or
- Exhibit

Which is a requirement for completion of the program, and is merit reviewed at the institutional level.

Eligibility to Apply

Combined MA/PhD, fast-track and direct-entry PhD programs

MA/PhD, fast-track and direct-entry PhD students:

- Are eligible to apply for either a CGS Master’s Scholarship or a Doctoral award if they have completed between zero and 12 months of graduate-level study by December 31, 2018.
- Students who have completed more than 12 months of graduate-level study by December 31, 2018 can only apply for a Doctoral Award.
- However, in order to be eligible for the CGS Doctoral award, students can only have up to 16 months of graduate-level study by December 31 of the year of application.

Eligibility to Apply:

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada at the time of application;
- Be applying for support to pursue your doctoral studies in the social sciences or humanities;
- Not have already received an award for same level of study (i.e., doctoral) from SSHRC, NSERC or CIHR;
- Not be applying in the same academic year for funding through NSERC or CIHR (except Vanier);
- Not have exceeded the allowable number of months already spent in doctoral study; and
- At the time of application, you need not be assured of admission to a degree program.

General Guidelines for the Eligibility of Subject Matter

Applications to SSHRC must meet the following two criteria:

1. The proposed research or related activities must:
   - be primarily in the social sciences and humanities (i.e., aligned with SSHRC’s legislated mandate).

2. The intended outcome of the research must:
   - primarily be to add to our understanding and knowledge of individuals, groups and societies—what we think, how we live, and how we interact with each other and the world around us.

Please see Subject Matter Eligibility for more information.
Subject Matter Eligibility – interdisciplinary/health related research

Applicants with questions or whose subject matter has a link, overlap, or future application to health (in particular studying a disease population, therapy or health systems), should email fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca with a one page summary of their research proposal in advance of submitting an application to seek clarification or a ruling.

Include a copy of the ruling/email confirmation from SSHRC with your application.

Note, the use of social sciences or humanities theories, methodologies and hypotheses is, in and of itself, not sufficient to make a proposal eligible for SSHRC funding.

Complete guidelines on selecting the appropriate federal granting agency are available at www.science.gc.ca.

SSHRC – Revised Guidelines for the Eligibility of Applications Related to Health (New starting 2018-19)

SSHRC will be expanding its funding of health-related research projects with a focus on social sciences and humanities.

Eligible projects would include:
- General well-being and work-life balance related topics
- Health ethics
- Social construction of health and health behavior

Certain areas will remain ineligible:
- Clinical education or research
- Therapy (e.g. counselling, interventions, psychotherapy, rehabilitation, speech and occupational therapy, validation/testing of diagnostic tools)
- Kinesiology and epidemiology

Be sure to provide a compelling justification for why your research falls under SSHRC if your proposal is interdisciplinary or crosses over with health.

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In order to be considered for this, Indigenous applicants are asked to select the “Option for Self-Identified Indigenous Applicants” in the Identification section of the online application form. Once completed, this information will be displayed on Page 1 of the application form. Self-identification data are not seen or used by SSHRC’s selection committee members or by the applicant’s references.

Additionally, Indigenous applicants may also complete an allowable inclusion to explain any special circumstances that may have delayed their academic career (e.g., cultural or community responsibilities, and/or challenging socio-economic contexts). This information should be taken into account by selection committee members.

NEW – Indigenous Research

Applicants may identify a proposed program of study as Indigenous research, such that SSHRC’s Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research will apply.

Where and how to apply?

- Applicants registered in any U of T degree program (including those at the master’s level) during the fall of the application year, or on an approved leave of absence from the University must complete the application, print, sign and submit a completed paper application to their current/proposed U of T graduate unit.

- Applications submitted directly to SSHRC from registered U of T students will be rendered ineligible.

- All other applicants, e.g. those who are convocating in the fall and are not registered in any degree program, should apply directly to SSHRC.
When to Apply?

Registered students: inquire with your current or proposed graduate unit regarding internal deadlines

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https://webapps.nserc.ca/SSHRC/faces/logonFellowships.jsp
Remember to include your current degree in progress.
Don’t click “Highest degree” and your degrees will automatically sort in chronological order with your current degree in process at the top.

Does your proposal involve Aboriginal research, as defined by SSHRC?
Select “Yes” if you wish to signal to the adjudication committee that your application should be reviewed in the context of SSHRC’s definition of Aboriginal research, SSHRC’s Aboriginal Talent Measures and its Guidelines for the Merit Review of Aboriginal Research.

Supplements Justification — maximum one page per supplement

Aileen D. Ross Fellowship
• A $10,000 supplement is awarded yearly to a SSHRC doctoral award recipient conducting poverty-related research in sociology.

Queen’s Fellowship
• A $10,000 supplement is awarded yearly to a SSHRC doctoral award recipient entering a Canadian Studies program at a Canadian postsecondary institution. At the time of application, SSHRC considers eligible candidates who are either registered in the first year of a Canadian Studies program, or who intend to enrol in such a program.

Applicants who indicate their interest in these supplements must provide a maximum one-page justification, per supplement, indicating how their program of study responds to the objectives.
**Application - Program Information**

**Expected start date:** If you are currently holding an award that ends August 31, 2019, choose a September 2019 start date.

**Number of months of doctoral studies:** If started in September and remained full-time without leaves, should be in denominations of 0, 4, 16, 28, and 40.

**Transcripts:** If you list it here, it must be included in your application.

**Research Proposal/Plan of Study**

- Write a clear and concise research proposal that an educated non-expert could understand
- Give your proposal to as many people as possible to review – ideally a professor/senior graduate student
- Read the proposal out loud to yourself and others. If it doesn’t sound natural, then it needs more work.
- Engage the reviewer
- Importance/Significance – you want your reviewer to advocate for your application

**Writing Support**

- The following departments/faculties offer writing support through one-on-one consultations: Architecture, OISE, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Education and Social Work.
- If you are not part of these departments, you may also visit the Graduate Centre for Academic Communication

**Transcripts**

Using no more than 200 characters, including spaces, list all university transcripts appended to your application. You must include all undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

If you are already registered in your program of study at the time of application, you must submit a transcript for this program, regardless of the number of months completed, to demonstrate registration in the program, e.g. Fall 2018, even if there are no grades.

**Note:** SSHRC will accept official and certified copies of transcripts only. Web-based, faxed or photocopies transcripts are not accepted and will subsequently be removed from the application. Applications without transcripts are considered incomplete.
Click “Preview” on your application to obtain a copy of your Letter of Appraisal (2) & Departmental Appraisal.

- The “Preview” version will have your name, phone number, and address prefilled once you’ve added the info into your online application.
- Referees must use this form and sign with ink at the bottom. Separate attachments or formats are not accepted.
Your Reference Letters

- Must be very strong
- Be enthusiastic
- Provide additional information (skills and past achievements) and demonstrate how your attributes and qualifications surpass selection criteria & worthy of the award

Remember to click “Verify” on your application. Double check that your Family name and Given name are in correct order.

Your graduate unit will fill this form out if putting your application forward to SGS for central adjudication.

Generate your PDF application by clicking “Preview” and print. Sign Page 3 of your application. Submit to your graduate unit your entire paper application.
There is no weight assigned to each criteria the application is assessed as a whole

- Academic results
  - transcripts
  - awards and distinctions
- Program of study
  - potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge
- Professional and academic experience
  - research assistantships or other relevant work experience
  - publications
  - conference presentations
- 2 Letters of Appraisal
- Departmental Appraisal (Canadian universities only)

### Evaluation Criteria

#### U of T Results

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Graduate Awards Office

(416) 946-0808
graduate.awards@utoronto.ca

THANK YOU
Vanier Canadian Graduate Scholarship

Fong Di Caterina Manager, Graduate Awards Office

Stacey Kwan Provincial Awards Officer

University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies
gsawards.utoronto.ca

Important Disclaimer!
What is said (or not said) at this workshop does not supercede the material contained in the agencies guidelines or application packages

Agenda

1. Overview
2. Eligibility
3. Competition Evaluation Criteria
4. Application Process
5. Questions

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship

- Tri-Agency program designed to attract & retain world-class doctoral students to a Canadian University.

- Do not have to be registered or admitted to a graduate program at time of application

- Must be nominated by University

- Full online submission via ResearchNet for all 3 agencies (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR) (http://www.researchnet.ca)

- $50,000/yr for 3 years

Eligibility

To be considered for a Vanier CGS, you must:

- be nominated by only one Canadian university, which must have received a Vanier CGS allocation;

- be seeking financial support to pursue your first doctoral degree (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD);

- intend to pursue, in the summer semester or the academic year following the announcement of results, full-time doctoral studies and research at the nominating university;

- have completed no more than 20 months of doctoral studies as of May 1, 2019 (started no earlier than Sept 2017);
Eligibility continued…

• have achieved a first-class average (A-) in the last two years of full-time study or equivalent; and
• not have already received a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from CIHR, SSHRC or NSERC.

Notes:
All prior doctoral-level studies, regardless of discipline, will be considered in the evaluation of eligibility

• Direct entry PhD students or those who fast-tracked from a master’s to a PhD (did not complete their master’s before transferring to a PhD), the agencies will not include the first 12 months of graduate study when evaluating eligibility (started no earlier than Sept 2016).

Evaluation Criteria

Academic excellence, as demonstrated by past academic results and by transcripts, awards and distinctions.

Research potential, as demonstrated by the candidates research history, his/her interest in discovery, the proposed research and its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field, the potential benefit to Canadians, and any anticipated outcomes.

Leadership (potential and demonstrated ability), as defined by the following qualities:
• Personal Achievement
• Involvement in Academic Life
• Volunteerism
• Civic Engagement

Emphasis on Recruitment & Student Mobility

Vanier CGS candidates are strongly encouraged to pursue their studies at a university other than that (or those) which granted their undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Candidates who are nominated by a university at which they have completed a previous degree must provide a strong and compelling rationale as to why they have chosen to undertake their PhD at the same university.

Selecting the Appropriate Agency

The students’ proposed research project and doctoral program of study must be eligible within the mandate of the agency to which the nomination will be submitted. If in doubt, students are urged to seek written confirmation by the tri-council in advance of submitting their application. Complete guidelines on selecting the appropriate federal granting agency are available at http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=en&n=FEE7261A-1
SSHRC Basic Criteria

• The program of research must be primarily in the social sciences and humanities (i.e., aligned with the SSHRC legislated mandate) and;
• The intended outcome of the research must primarily be to add to our understanding and knowledge of individuals, groups, and societies - what we think, how we live and how we interact with each other and the world around us.

NSERC Basic Criteria

• The program of research must be primarily in the natural sciences and engineering;
• The intended objectives of the research must be, primarily, to advance knowledge in one of the natural sciences or in engineering.
• Proposals that include the use of methodologies, tools, techniques and knowledge from the NSE are not automatically considered eligible by NSERC.

CIHR Basic Criteria

The intended outcomes of the research must, as stated in CIHR’s mandate, primarily improve or have an impact on health and/or produce more effective health services and products and/or strengthen the Canadian health care system. CIHR considers applications across the full spectrum of health research. CIHR categorizes health research in four broad themes:

– Bio-medical Research
– Clinical Research
– Health Services Research
– Social, Cultural, Environmental and Population Health

Points to Remember

• Vanier nominees must demonstrate superior leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement;
• Proposed research project and doctoral program of study must be eligible within the mandate of the agency to which the nomination will be submitted. Contact Vanier directly if in doubt;
• If a nomination is judged to be outside of a granting agency’s mandate after the deadline, it will not be entered into the competition;
• Vanier CGS candidates may apply to the same or different federal granting agency in the same academic year, provided that the research proposed in each application falls within the mandate of the federal granting agency to which the application is submitted. They may not hold more than one agency doctoral scholarship or fellowship.
Leadership (Potential and Demonstrated Ability)

- Given the prestige of the Vanier CGS program, this is an important criterion that has to be assessed in an indirect manner, since there is no opportunity for the selection committee to interview candidates.
- When evaluating this criterion, reference the instructions provided to candidates.
- More information on leadership is available in the SSHRC-funded study, *Leadership at the Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Levels* [PDF (260 KB)].
- When assessing the leadership criterion, consider how the nominee has gone above and beyond the expected norms in order to overcome obstacles, foster others, spearhead change, or otherwise demonstrate Leadership.

Leadership (Potential and Demonstrated Ability)

- When crafting your Personal Leadership Statement, consider the following:
  - Leadership can take many forms. When crafting this statement, be sure to outline not just your accomplishments for the committee, but how those accomplishments required you to leverage your leadership skills to achieve your goals – your personal story.
  - Be sure to outline how you have gone above and beyond the expected norms in those areas in order to overcome obstacles, foster others, spearhead change, or otherwise demonstrate leadership.

Define your career goals and trajectory, and outline for the committee the ways in which you have created opportunities for yourself and others, how you have overcome obstacles to your vision, and how your PhD research, knowledge dissemination and mentorship activities will help accomplish those goals.

- How have you fostered your ability to lead others, and how have you leveraged that skill?
- What led you to doctoral research? How have your life experiences and personal circumstances (which may include administrative responsibilities, maternity/parental leave, childrearing, illness, cultural or community responsibilities, socio-economic context, trauma and loss, or health-related family responsibilities) shaped your academic, research, and leadership choices, challenges, and successes?
- How has your life driven you to share and disseminate your research? How does your nominating institution provide an environment that nurtures your leadership skills?
Application Process

Please refer to the Vanier website for step-by-step application instructions


Please note the following:

• Applicants should contact their proposed graduate unit regarding internal deadlines and submission requirements

• Candidates must 1) print and provide to their graduate unit, a paper copy of their complete application including all original transcripts and 2) electronically submit the online application via ResearchNet, by the unit’s internal deadline

• Graduate units may only access candidate online applications that have been completed and electronically submitted; applications still in progress by the candidate will not be visible on the system

• Students should complete the “Identify Referee” task on ResearchNet well in advance as assessments must be completed and submitted to ResearchNet before students can complete the submission process

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