Welcome!

Tri-Agency and CIHR Funding Opportunities for Trainees

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Funding Opportunities
This database:

- Provides a complete listing of current and archived opportunities
- Is searchable
- Can be viewed by Institute, program type, or target applicant

http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/35273.html
Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master’s Program

This program funds... high caliber scholars who are engaged in eligible Masters or, in some cases, doctoral programs in Canada.

Annual Stipend: $17,500

Term: up to 12 months

Application Deadline: December 1st, 2016 (Canadian Institutions may have an internal deadline ahead of CIHR’s)

To be eligible:
• Candidates must have completed, as of December 31st of the year of application, between 0 and 12 months of full-time studies;

• Must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.

All necessary information about the CGS M program can be accessed through the links listed on the following web page:
Funding is available for... Doctoral students in Canada and Abroad.

Three envelopes of funding:

- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (VCGS)
- Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral Awards (CGS-D)
- Doctoral Foreign Study Awards (DFSA)
Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships

- Open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada, and international students and offered by CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC
- Aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies
- Applicants must be nominated by a Canadian university with a Vanier allocation and awards can only be held at the nominating university

**Deadline (university nominations):** November 2, 2016

**Annual Value:** $50,000

**Duration:** 3 years

[www.vanier.gc.ca](http://www.vanier.gc.ca)
This program funds Canadian students and permanent residents who are pursuing a PhD degree in a health-related field in Canada or abroad.

Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral Awards
These awards provide special recognition and financial support to students who are pursuing a Doctoral degree in a health-related field in Canada. Candidates are expected to have an exceptionally high potential for future research achievement and productivity.

CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Awards (DFSA)
These awards provide special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a doctoral degree in a health-related field in Canada or abroad.

Stipend per annum: $30,000

Research Allowance per annum: $5,000

Term: Up to 3 years

Application Deadline: October 4, 2016 (Canadian Institutions may have an internal deadline ahead of CIHR’s)
This program funds existing Canadian Vanier and Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) Master’s or Doctoral award recipients interested in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional short-term research experiences at research institutions outside of Canada.

Supplement: up to $6,000

Term: 3 to 6 months

Next Application Deadline: October 11, 2016

To benefit from this program, candidates must have accepted or hold a CGS (Masters or Doctoral) or Vanier CGS and not have held previously a CGS-MSFSS.
These awards celebrate Nelson Mandela’s legacy, and his tireless pursuit of peace, democracy, justice and freedom through learning, understanding and education.

The awards seek to recognize and support graduate students conducting research in one or more of five areas championed by Nelson Mandela:

- national unity;
- democracy, freedom and human rights;
- leadership;
- children’s participation in society; and
- children’s health.

Number of awards: Up to 10 CGS Master’s (CGS-M); and Up to 10 CGS Doctoral (CGS-D)
Funding is available for... to support highly qualified candidates that are at the postdoctoral level or hold a professional graduate degree in the field of health.

Two envelopes of funding are available:

- Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships
- CIHR Fellowships
Program Objectives:
- Attract and retain top-tier postdoctoral talent nationally and internationally;
- Develop their leadership potential; and
- Position them for success as research leaders of tomorrow, positively contributing to Canada’s economic, social and research-based growth through a research-intensive career.

Deadline: September 21, 2016 (Canadian Institutions may have an internal deadline ahead of CIHR’s)

Annual Stipend Value: $70,000

Duration: 2 years

http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca
This program funds... provide support for highly qualified applicants in all areas of health research at the post-PhD degree or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research either in Canada or abroad.

**Annual Stipend**: From $21,000 to $55,000

**Annual Research Allowance**: $5,000

**Term**: Up to 5 years

**Application Deadline**: November 1, 2016 (Canadian Institutions may have an internal deadline ahead of CIHR’s)

Stipend and term is determined based on the candidate’s educational background and proposed location of research.
Priority Announcements

• Offer additional sources of funding for highly rated applications that are relevant to specific CIHR research priority areas.

• Candidates may request to be considered for up to three priority announcement research areas within their application.

• Priority Announcements are offered through the Fellowship and Doctoral Research Awards programs.
Application Process
Awards programs use an automated application process through the use of ResearchNet (with few exceptions)

Candidates should review the following:

- “How to Apply” section of the funding opportunity to which they are applying as well as the “Application Instructions”
- “FAQ’s” related to the funding opportunity
- “CIHR Reviewers’ Guide” to get a perspective of how the application will be evaluated
- “Grants and Awards Guide” for policies related to the administration of applications and awards
Most training awards applications are based on the following three evaluation criteria:

**Achievements and Activities of the Candidate**
- Publication and other activities, academic performance

**Characteristics and Abilities of the Candidate**
- Sponsor’s assessment that provides information on the candidate about the following: Critical thinking, Independence, Perseverance, Originality, Interest in discovery, Research Ability, etc.

**Research Training Environment**
- Training program, scientific activities, research resources, training record

Consult the CIHR Reviewers’ Guide for each program
Applications to more than one competition

Applicants may only apply to one competition per year (September 1\textsuperscript{st} to August 31\textsuperscript{st}) for funding from any of these:

- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

Exception to this rule:
- Individuals eligible to apply to the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships program or the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program may also submit an application to the agency specific program.
Tips for Applicants

Candidates are encouraged to...

✓ Find out the institution internal deadline for application submission – they could be in advance of the CIHR deadline
✓ Start several weeks before the deadline
✓ Work on the research proposal in collaboration with their supervisor
✓ Proofread their application (grammar and orthography)
✓ Show the complete application to their supervisor and other researchers for feedback
✓ Ensure consistency between the various sections of the application
✓ Ensure that the overall goal of the project is clearly explained

All ResearchNet tasks must be listed as complete in order to allow successful application submission. Do not wait until the last minute to submit the application!
Candidates are encouraged to...

- Follow instructions and adhere to format guidelines (e.g., font, page limits)
- Use the full page allowances and/or characters limits
- Order the transcripts several weeks before the deadline (if applicable)
- Obtain the CCV confirmation number from their supervisor in order to attach their CCV to the application (a CCV is almost always required for supervisors, which requires a CIHR PIN).
- Submit their CV well in advance of the competition deadline (during peak periods, there can be a delay between the time that the CV is being submitted and when ResearchNet is able to validate it, which could prevent successful submission of the application).

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.
Tips for Applicants

Sponsor’s Assessment

Candidates should choose sponsors that know them well enough to be able:

✓ to assess their potential
✓ to provide specific examples of their behaviour with respect to each characteristic on the sponsor assessment form

For most programs, an automatic e-mail will be sent through ResearchNet to the chosen sponsors:

✓ After all sponsors have submitted their assessments, this task will be marked as Complete in the ResearchNet Application Task List

Sponsors must submit their assessments 48hrs prior to the competition deadline date of the candidate
Tips for Applicants

For applicants to **CGS-M specifically**:

- If you select Health as your Field of Research, you must also provide a CIHR Personal Identification Number (PIN). It takes up to one full working day to process your CIHR PIN request.

- For **program-related information**, contact the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or equivalent) at the institution(s) where you intend to hold the award.

- For **technical matters** related to the Research Portal or the CCV, contact the [Helpdesk](#), or complete an [On-line Services Support Request](#).
Common issues with CCV:

• Degree information (completed or in progress) must be provided.

• Interruptions or situations that could explain delays in training and research should be listed in the sub-section “Leaves of Absence and Impact on Research” under “Employment”.

• CV attachment entitled “List of Publications” should provide, for each multi-authored publication, the role of the candidate in the publication and their percent contribution to the team effort. Candidates may also comment on environmental factors that affected their capacity to publish (Maximum of 2 pages and only for those publications that have been listed within the CV) - except for the Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master’s Program.
Selection process
Each program* has a set of peer review committees that are created specifically to review applications for that program:

- Most committees review applications relevant to a specific research theme or group of themes
- Reviews are done individually by reviewers and submitted to CIHR via ResearchNet.

*Except for the Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master’s Program

Committees’ mandates are available at the following link:
http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/40194.html
Selection Process

**Individucal Reviews**

- **A**- Applications received
- **B**- Applications assigned to a committee and reviewers.
- **C**- Reviewers prepare individual written reviews and score application.
- **D**- Applications ranked.

**Group Review**

- **E**- Application discussed (i.e. Asynchronous Discussion). Score is finalized.
- **F**- Applications ranked within each committee.

**Ranking and Funding Recommendations**

- **G** - A final competition ranking list is generated using committee percent rank.
- **H** - Funding recommendations are presented based on the set budget for the competitions.
Program statistics
### Tri-Agency 2015 CGS-Master’s Competition Statistics Snapshot

#### Institutional Affiliation at Time of Application

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**Total**: 2477 awards, 100% acceptance rate (35%)

### Number of Institutions to Which Applicants Applied

#### Awards by Gender

- **Male**: 736 awards, 30% acceptance rate (34%)
- **Female**: 1081 awards, 44% acceptance rate (37%)
- **Unknown**: 660 awards, 27% acceptance rate (32%)

### Awards by Language

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### Top Ten Host Institutions by Applications Received*

1. Toronto (1603)
2. British Columbia (1095)
3. McGill (885)
4. Waterloo (621)
5. McMaster (538)
6. Ottawa (535)
7. Western (488)
8. Queen's (473)
9. Calgary (437)
10. Alberta (395)

*Each applicant can apply to up to 5 host institutions.*
Excludes the CGS – Vanier competition.
Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships
Historical Statistics

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| Applications Unfunded | 55 | 56 | 55 | 56 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 |
| Applications Funded   | 48 | 79 | 73 | 68 | 49 | 49 | 49 | 49 |
Excludes the Banting competition.
Banting PDF Statistics

![Bar Chart]

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