

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

CGS Master's (CGS M) Scholarship

Student Workshop

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- Tri-agency Canada Graduate Scholarships Master's (CGS M) Program
 - CIHR: Canadian Institute for Health Research
 - NSERC: Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council
 - SSHRC: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council
- Value: \$17,500 for one year, non-renewable
 - (Official confirmation of increase to \$27,000 pending from funder)
- Application Deadline: December 1 (8:00 PM ET/6:00 PM MT)
- Not sure which Tri-agency you fall into? <u>Select the appropriate federal</u> granting agency
 - Still unsure? Ask them!
 - CIHR cgsma@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
 - NSERC schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca
 - SSHRC fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca



Additional CGS M Award Streams

- Indigenous Scholar Awards
 - \$27,000 plus \$5,000 supplement

- Black scholars funding
 - \$17,500 (Pending official confirmation of increase to \$27,000)
 - 20 awards per tri-council per year

Other opportunities

Note: the CIHR Strategic Masters Award program is inactive at this time as per CIHR



CGS M & Other Awards

- CGS M applicants may also be considered for scholarship funding through other sources (e.g., AGES) based on ranking in the university competition.
- Your program also receives graduate funding to distribute.
- Tri-agency regulations while holding other funding: <u>https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/Guides-Guides/TriRTA-TriBFR_eng.asp</u>
- UCalgary regulations while holding other funding: <u>https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/policies-and-regulations/regulations</u>

Applying to the Tri-agency can increase your visibility to other funding sources.



Eligibility & Application Process

- Eligibility to apply is set by the Tri-agencies: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM_eng.asp#star2
- All applicants to the CGS M competition submit through a common online portal: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/CGS M-BESC M eng.asp
- Applicants apply to the university they plan to carry out their studies (may be different from their present locale).
- Applicants can apply to up to 3 institutions.
- Universities receive a quota per Tri-agency and the awards are determined by the University (FGS) committee (application does not go to Ottawa).



What do you need to submit?

- Application through Research Portal (open)
- Brief summary of proposal (maximum of 1,800 characters (including spaces), in language that the public can understand)
- Outline of proposed research (max 1 page)
- Bibliography/citations (max 1 page)
- Up-to-date, official, undergraduate and graduate transcripts
 - You upload them after receiving official copies from institution
 - See the UCalgary website for transcript criteria: https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/award-opportunities/canada-graduate-scholarships
- The CGS M Canadian Common CV (CCV)
 - To be completed then connected to application through Research Portal
- Two reference assessments
 - Uploaded through Research Portal



Obtaining Transcripts

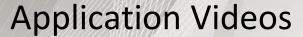
- If you are currently registered as a master's student at UCalgary, and you are not applying for this award at other universities, you may request copies of your transcripts https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/award-opportunities/canada-graduate-scholarships
 - Please do **not** request updates on the status of your transcripts prior to the date on the website. FGS will contact you if there are issues with your transcripts.
- If you are not currently registered as a master's student at UCalgary, or are applying elsewhere, transcripts must be requested from the <u>registrar</u> of each post-secondary institution you have attended.



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Pay attention to countdown!

Contact REFEREES ASAP





- On the UCalgary CGS M YouTube page there are a series of videos that will guide you through the application process:
- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsKmRbF
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Top Reasons Good Students Don't Get Funded

- A generic reference--the assessment is positive but gives no specifics and does not address criteria
- Content, context and/or impact of research not clearly stated. "So what?"
- Not following instructions by stretching the rules
- Frustrating evaluators by making material hard to find
- Diluting genuinely important/impressive material by describing generic material at length
- Not addressing possible weaknesses in the application



Create a Strong Scholarship Application

Start early

Writing a good application takes time and planning.
 Make a schedule so that you can meet the competition deadlines and submit with confidence.

Know what you are applying for

 Read the terms of reference to confirm you meet the eligibility criteria and understand what is required to complete the application.



Workshops & Peer Mentoring

 Attend a workshop hosted by the Tri-agencies and receive one-on-one mentoring support from the Graduate Leaders Circle (GLC).

Details & Registration links posted on the UCalgary CGS M webpage:

https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/award-opportunities/canada-graduate-scholarships



Questions?