



**UNIVERSITY OF
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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? [Select the appropriate federal granting agency](#)
 - Still unsure? **Ask them!**
 - **CIHR** cgsma@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
 - **NSERC** schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca
 - **SSHRC** fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

- 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 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:
https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/Guides-Guides/TriRTA-TriBFR_eng.asp
- UCalgary regulations while holding other funding:
<https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/policies-and-regulations/regulations>

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

- 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

- 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 [registrar](#) 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=PLsKmRbF9zAwAr1_j7Rb26HN3Pd9Cv6_DL

- 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

- **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.

- 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?