

APPLYING SUCCESSFULLY FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

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CGSM Overview

- \$17,500 stipend for one year
- Can hold only one CGSM award
- Apply up to three universities via single application
- Remember to apply for admission



Should I apply?

Eligibility

- Citizenship
- Research area
- Months of study
- First-class academic standing

Competitiveness

- Value of learning to apply



When and where do I submit?

Deadlines (are strict)

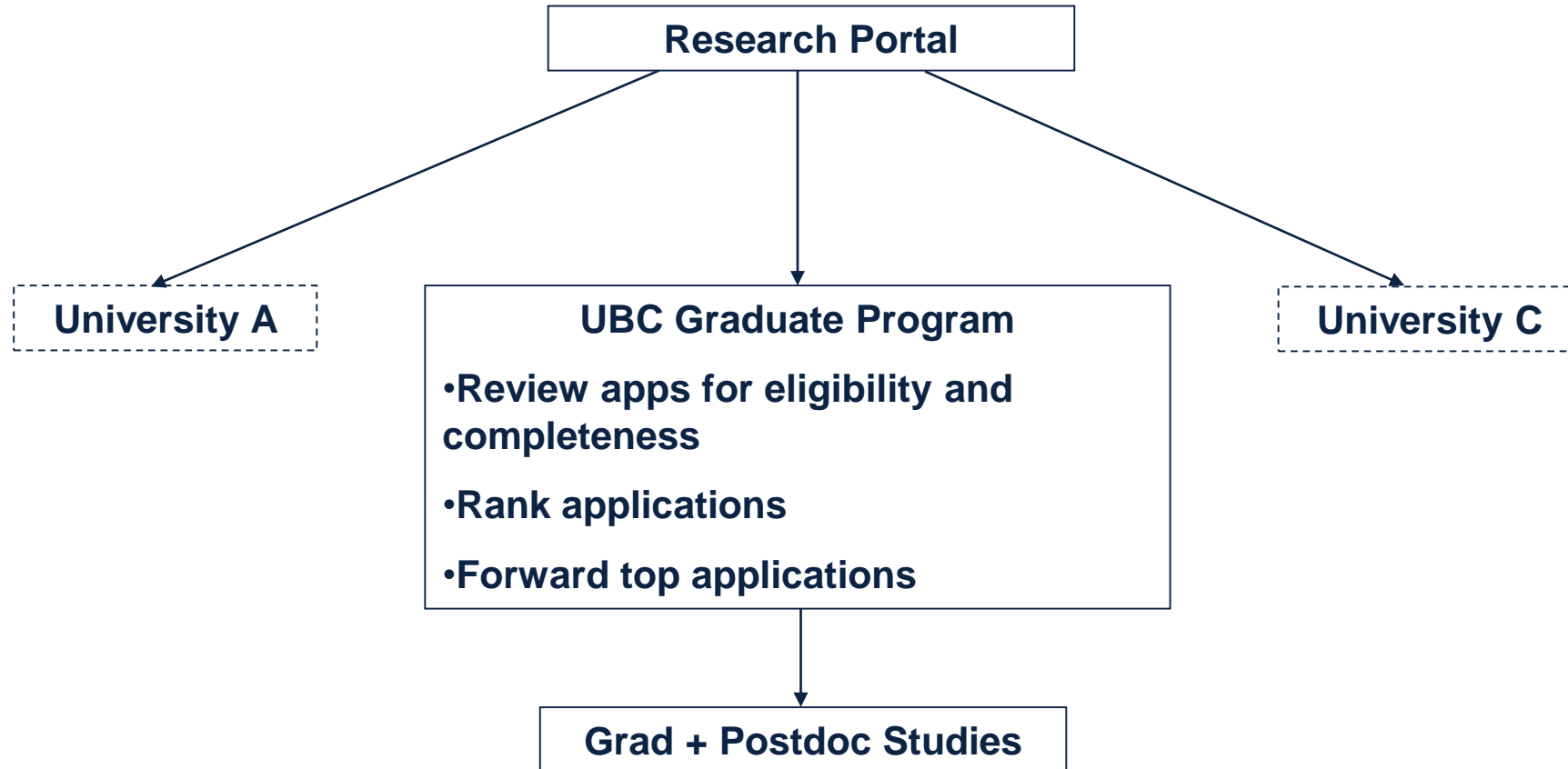
- For referees
 - It's up to applicant to monitor and (gently) remind
- For applicants
 - 8:00pm **EST** on Monday 3 December 2018
 - Allow time for technical glitches (also known as don't submit two minutes before the deadline)

Where to submit

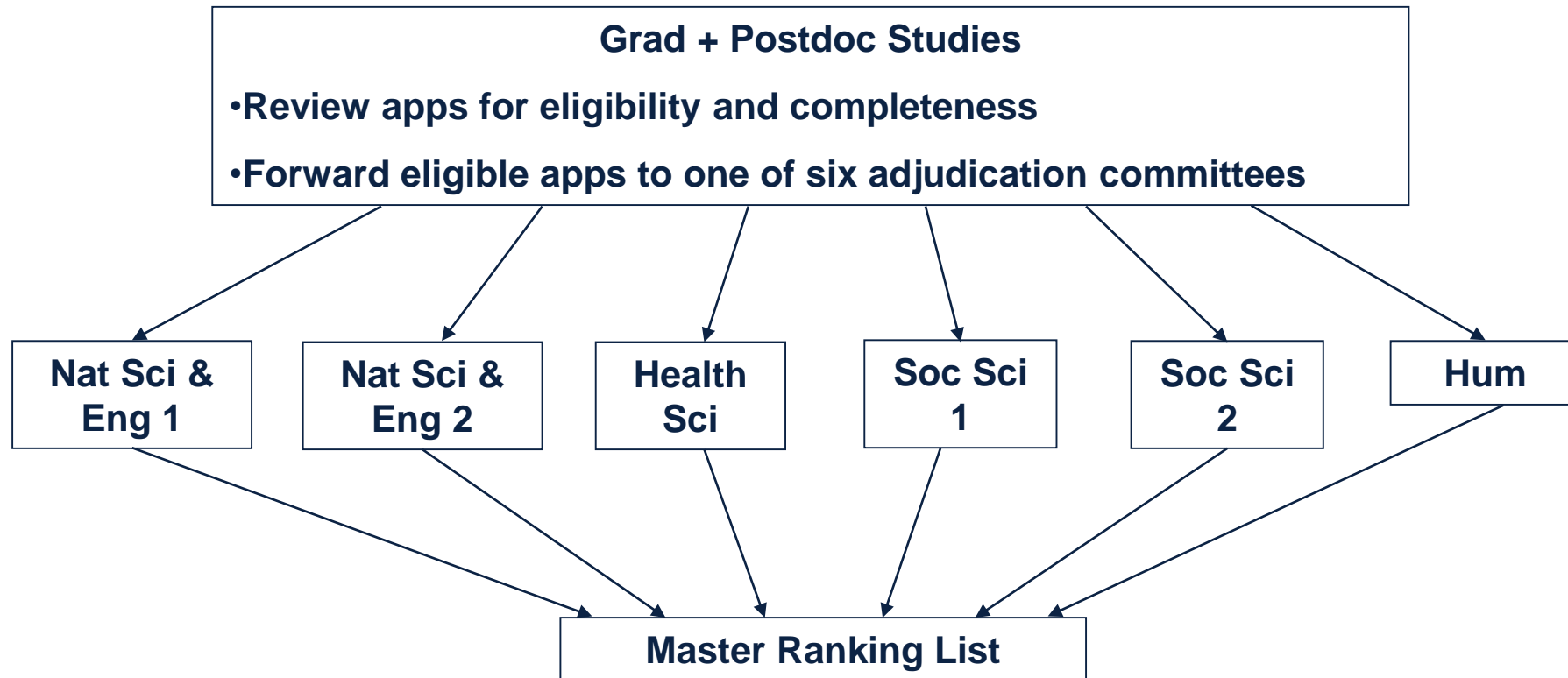
- Online via Research Portal
- <https://portal-portail.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/s/login.aspx>



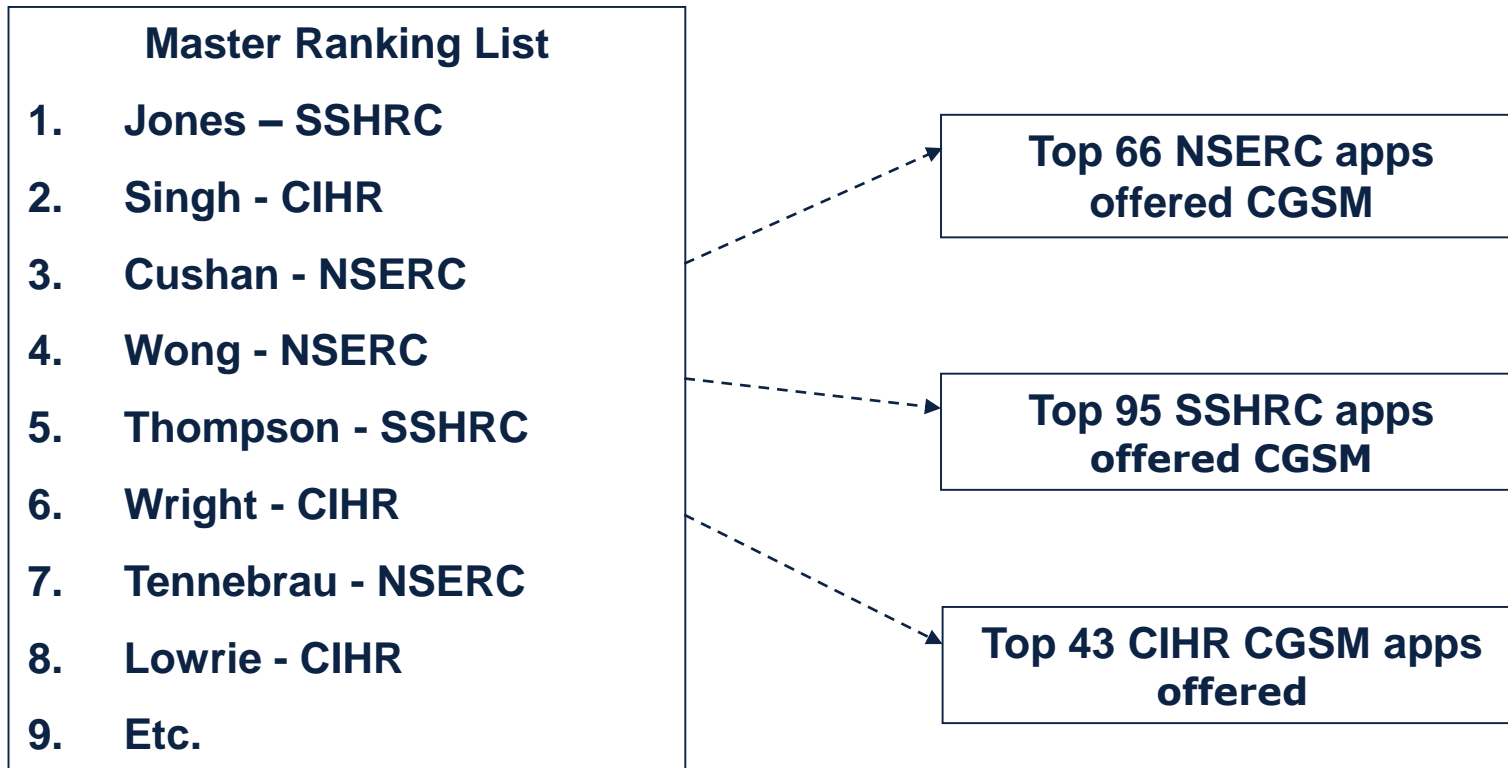
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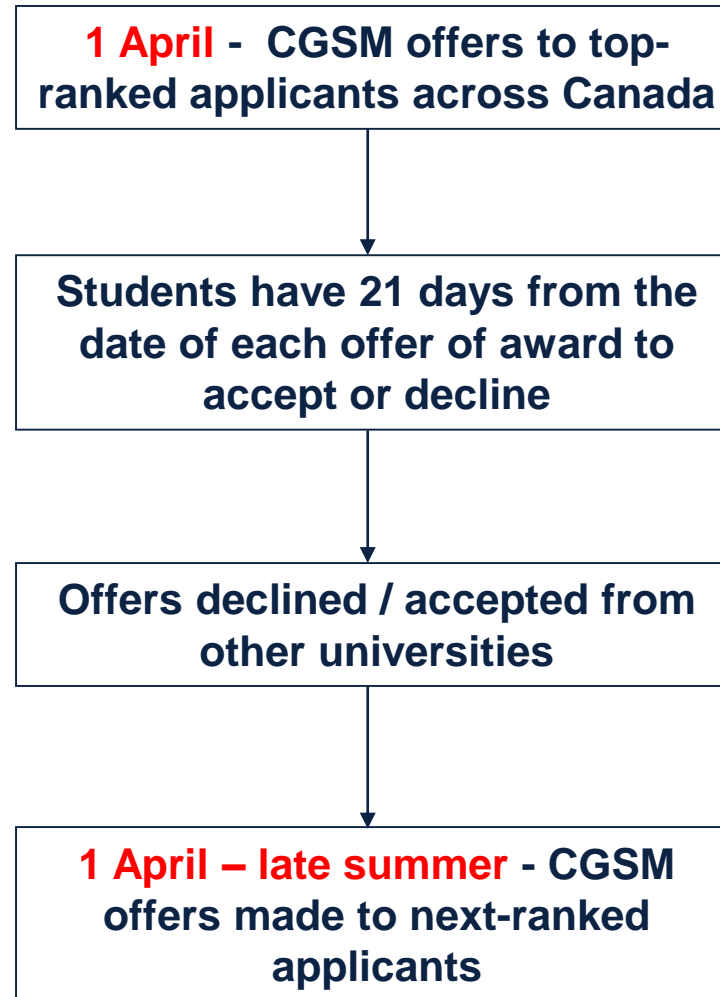
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Application Materials

- Application form
- CCV
- Research Proposal
- Transcript
- References



Application Materials



Application form

- Spell check content
- Follow the instructions
- Follow the instructions
- Follow the instructions

Application Materials



Canadian Common CV

- Select correct CCV type

Canadian Common CV
www.ccv-cvc.ca

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Funding CV - List of Sections 2018-10-29 19:01 EST

Load Preview Submit

* Funding Source CGS-Master's

* CV Type CGS-Master's

PIN/System Account Status Valid

Section	Included/Entries	Last Updated
0 record(s)		

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Application Materials



Canadian Common CV

- Submitting, reference numbers and PDF



The screenshot shows the Canadian Common CV website interface. At the top, there is a blue banner with a red maple leaf and the text "Canadian Common CV" and "WWW.CCV-CVC.CA". Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for "Français", "Home", "Contact Us", "Help", and "Logout". A secondary menu includes "Welcome", "CV", "Versions", "History", "Consent", "Utilities", "PIN/System Account", and "Account". The main content area displays "Funding CV - List of Sections" and a confirmation message: "Your CV has been submitted. The confirmation number is : 914332". The number "914332" is circled in red. Below the message are buttons for "Load", "Preview", and "Submit". There are also two dropdown menus for "Funding Source" and "CV Type", both set to "CGS-Master's", and a "PIN/System Account Status" field showing "Valid". The date and time "2018-10-29 19:02 EST" are visible in the top right corner.

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Transcripts

- All post-secondary studies
- Official vs. original transcripts
- Must be up-to-date
- Often need to show fall term registration
- Include transcript key
- Talk to your graduate program about which transcripts they can provide (don't assume)



Ethics and Integrity



- Application must be an accurate picture of applicant
 - Beware of hyperbole and embellishment
 - Give credit where credit is due
 - Review Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research (<http://www.rcr.ethics.gc.ca/eng/policy-politique/framework-cadre/>)
- Who should write the research proposal?
 - Applicant alone?
 - Applicant together with supervisor?
- Consequences

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**PREPARING EXCELLENT
APPLICATIONS**

APPLICATION AS LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

- Adjudication is what we do in science, parallel to peer review for publications, etc.
- Process designed to ensure fairness/consistency
- Selection of excellence from pool of eligible applicants
- Large pool of applicants, small number of recipients



INTERDISCIPLINARY/INTERCULTURAL

Expectations of excellence vary across disciplines

- Provide that context in applications
 - E.g. conference invitations/proceedings vs journal publications

Expectations of excellence vary internationally

- Some markers of excellence do not translate well
 - E.g. competition for entry into institutions, positions with public service

Language around excellence varies

- Excellence is described very differently, offer examples/metrics and encourage reference writers to do so
 - E.g. US enthusiasm vs German and Japanese reticence



SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic Excellence
- Research Ability / Potential
- Communication, interpersonal and leadership abilities
- Weightings vary by competition



FOLLOW GUIDELINES/SELECTION CRITERIA

- Instructions are carefully and deliberately worded
- If there is something you disagree with in instructions, ask questions, but follow guidelines
- If guidelines specify criteria, speak to all of these criteria in your application



PREPARING APPLICATIONS

- Think/plan ahead
- Work backward from deadlines to include
 - Time for references (if needed)
 - Feedback from peers
 - Considered revisions
- Share your drafts/ask for others' applications
- Seek out feedback beyond your immediate specialization
- Does your application generate enthusiasm?



SPECIFIC ELEMENTS: PROPOSED RESEARCH

- **Must** be easy to read, including in its use of technical, (sub)discipline-specific terminology
- Clear discussion of objectives of research/hypotheses
- Highlights contributions to be made
- Must be do-able in terms of methods, time, other resources
- Detailed proposals beat out vague plans
- Will readers share your excitement about your research?



THINK ABOUT FORMATTING

Application forms specify formatting parameters, but

- Use (sub)headers to structure text
- Think about reminders to adjudicators when they review an application
- Consider some **bold** or *italics* to highlight aspects
- Be obvious by mirroring application instructions: If criterion is “Research”, why not have a subheader, “Research: [insert your topic here]”?



SPECIFIC ELEMENTS: CV

- Think about narrative (selection of research topic, events/breaks in progress)
- Not all entries are automatically meaningful to all audiences
 - Kinds of publications, rates of productivity, positions, incl academic positions, etc
- Define and highlight your personal contributions, esp in collaborations

“I designed the experiment...”

“While we designed the study jointly, I focused on identifying the research site...”



SPECIFIC ELEMENTS: REFERENCES

- Plan ahead
- Developing a “stable” of references vs not overburdening referees
- Be strategic in selection
- Give (gentle) instructions, including elements to highlight, address, etc.
- Do legwork for referees and provide them with complete information/drafts of application



OTHER CRITERIA

- What are selection criteria? Speak to them!
- Always be specific, give examples
- Let referees know about non-standard criteria
- Clarify role

In organizing grad conference, did you set the agenda,
select papers, or handle logistics?

As a volunteer, what exactly did you do?

If dissemination of results will rely on “a website” how
will you find audience/audience find you?



Further Resources

www.grad.ubc.ca/awards



Resources for Award Applicants



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