APPLYING SUCCESSFULLY FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

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FallCompetitions

- Vanier Scholarships – 2 September at 12:00 noon PDT
- Tri-Agency / Affiliated Doctoral Scholarships – 14 September at 12:00 noon PDT
- Tri-Agency / Affiliated Master’s Scholarships – 1 December at 5:00 pm PDT
- Trudeau Scholarships – to be confirmed, likely January
What should I apply for?

Eligibility – consider:

- 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
• For applicants
• For graduate programs
• For universities

Where to submit

• Online vs. hard-copy submission
• Grad program vs. G+PS vs. funding agency
Competition Overview

**Graduate Program**
- Review apps for eligibility and completeness
- Rank applications
- Forward top apps to Grad Studies

**Vanier**

**Affiliated Fellowships**

**NSERC**

**SSHRC**

**CIHR**

Grad + Postdoc Studies
Competition Overview

Grad + Postdoc Studies

- Review apps for eligibility and completeness
- Forward eligible apps to one of six adjudication committees

Master Ranking List

- Nat Sci & Eng 1
- Nat Sci & Eng 2
- Health Sci
- Soc Sci 1
- Soc Sci 2
- Hum
Competition Overview

Master Ranking List
1. Jones – Affiliated
2. Singh - Affiliated
3. Cushan - NSERC
4. Wong - CIHR
5. Thompson - SSHRC
6. Wright - NSERC
7. Tennebrau - Affiliated
8. Lowrie - CIHR

Top NSERC apps forwarded to NSERC (doctoral) / offered CGSM (Master’s)
Top SSHRC apps forwarded to SSHRC (doctoral) / offered CGSM (Master’s)
Top CIHR apps forwarded to CIHR (doctoral) / offered CGSM (Master’s)
Vanier, NSERC, SSHRC, and CIHR release doctoral results in late March to late April

UBC release first round of CGSM results 1 April

UBC release Affiliated Fellowship results in June
Application Materials

Application form

- Each agency uses a different platform
- Allow time for technical glitches (also known as don’t submit two minutes before the deadline)
- Spell check content
- Follow the instructions
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Application Materials

Form 201 - Application Profile

This information was transferred from the New Application screen. You may update the fields as needed.

Program: Postgraduate Scholarships - PGS D

Fall 2021 test application

Title of proposal

174 (200 chars)

Application language: English

Proposed starting date of award: 2022

Current status: Option C

Option A = You are currently registered at an institution (Canadian or foreign) without a quota for NSERC.

Option B = You were not registered at any time during the year of application in a degree program at any institution, with or without a quota for NSERC.

Option C = You are currently registered in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a quota for NSERC, or are on an approved leave of absence from such a degree program.

Option D = You are not currently registered in a degree program but were registered at any other time during the year of application in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a quota for NSERC.

If you selected Option C or Option D, indicate the name of the institution and department. Your application will be sent to this institution for an internal selection process and, if recommended, will be submitted to NSERC.

Institution: British Columbia

Department: Mathematics
Application Materials

Canadian Common CV

• Select correct CCV type
Application Materials

Canadian Common CV

- Submitting, reference numbers and PDF

Your CV has been submitted. The confirmation number is: 557433
You can view the submitted PDF and XML files by clicking on the History page.
Application Materials

Research proposal

- Free-form pages completed as separate document and uploaded / added to your application
- Review after file has been uploaded
- Page limits, margins, font size
Application Materials

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)
Application Materials

Reference letters

• Allow lots of time for referees to prepare and submit their references
• Encourage referees to log into online system early, to confirm no technical difficulties
• Set an earlier deadline for your referees
• Electronic vs. hard-copy references
• Using reference forms vs. free-form letters
TYPICAL SELECTION CRITERIA

• Tri-Agency Doctoral
  – 50% Research ability and potential
  – 50% Relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia

• Tri-Agency Masters
  – 50% Academic excellence
  – 30% Research potential
  – 20% Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- Funding agencies are promoting the integration of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) considerations in research design and practices
  - CIHR - [https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52553.html](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52553.html)
Ethics and Integrity

• Application must be an accurate picture of applicant
  – Beware of hyperbole and embellishment
  – Give credit where credit is due

• Who should write the research proposal?
  – Applicant alone?
  – Applicant together with supervisor?

• Consequences
Last Advice

- Don’t neglect the basics: spelling, formatting, follow the instructions
- Have others read your research proposal

*This is a very important project, and I am the very best person to do it*
Further Resources

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Resources for Award Applicants

Workshop and Presentation Materials
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