# Transcript Checklist for Fall 2019 Vanier and Tri-Agency/Affiliated Doctoral Competitions

# **Transcripts Required**

- All post-secondary (undergraduate and graduate) studies, including those undertaken but not completed. This also includes transfer courses and exchange terms.
- When making scans or copies, include **one** copy of the legend or marking key (usually on back of transcript) for each institution. Please do not scan the legend multiple times.
- UBC Academic History (print-out) from SISC must include 2019W1 registration
  - Acceptable for students who have completed previous studies at UBC (i.e., for those who have grades from UBC)
  - Required for students who have no UBC registration prior to 2019W1 to demonstrate 2019W1 registration in current UBC program
  - Must include UBC transcript key. The current version is available on the <u>Awards</u> <u>Resources for Programs</u> webpage.
- Scanned copies of official transcripts (i.e., validated and uploaded by G+PS for admitted students stamped "G+PS Official") available via e:Vision are acceptable.
  - Unofficial transcripts uploaded by prospective students are **not** acceptable.
- For students including foreign transcripts, if the transcripts are not presented in one of Canada's two official languages (English or French), a certified translation must be provided, in addition to the official transcripts in its original language.
- If transcripts from any institutions listed in the academic background section of the application are missing when the application is submitted to G+PS, the application will be withdrawn from the competition as incomplete.

# Submission instructions for Vanier CGS applications

- Transcripts are provided by the applicant's graduate program and are required only for applicants whose application will be forwarded to university-level adjudication
- Transcripts are submitted by graduate program to G+PS (via Workspace) to meet the nomination deadline of 24 September 2019

# Submission instructions for CIHR CGS-D applications

- The completed "<u>Doctoral Studies Timelines</u>" form and transcripts are uploaded by the applicant as a single PDF to complete the "Attach Other Application Materials" task in ResearchNet before the application deadline of 17 September 2019
- Detailed transcript requirements are available on the CIHR website

### Submission instructions for NSERC PGS/CGS-D applications

- Transcripts are uploaded by the graduate program staff to the applicant's NSERC application in response to an email prompt
- Detailed transcript requirements are available on the <u>NSERC website</u>

### Submission instructions for SSHRC CGS-D/Doctoral Fellowships applications

- Transcripts are uploaded by the applicant as a single PDF to their online application before the application deadline of 17 September 2019
- Detailed transcript requirements are available on the <u>SSHRC website</u>

# Calculating Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA)

Graduate programs may continue to calculate GPA for their internal review. Information on calculating weighted GPA is listed below:

- Calculate for each of the last two years of full-time study
- Use all courses taken in each of last two years of full-time study to determine GPA

# Weighted average

• sum of weighted grades (credits multiplied by grades for each course), divided by sum of credits

| Example | Credits | Grade | Weighted Grade |
|---------|---------|-------|----------------|
|         | 3       | 79    | 237            |
|         | 2       | 83    | 166            |
|         | 3       | 90    | 270            |
|         | 6       | 82    | 492            |
|         | 4       | 76    | 304            |
|         | 2       | 82    | 164            |
|         | 1       | 83    | 83             |
|         | 3       | 87    | 261            |
|         | 3       | 80    | 240            |
|         | 4       | 85    | 340            |
| Total   | 31      |       | 2557           |

# Weighted Average = 2557 divided by 31 = 82.48%

# First-class

- UBC
  - Minimum of 80%
  - Use SISC Weighted Average Calculator (found under "Grades" tab)
- Other Canadian universities
  - See "Canadian University Grading Systems" posted on the <u>Awards Resources for</u> <u>Programs</u> webpage
  - Please **do not convert** grades from another university to UBC's grading system
- Foreign universities
  - Refer to transcript marking key
  - If no transcript marking key, refer to the <u>International Student Evaluation Manual</u> on the G+PS website (CWL authentication required)
  - Please **do not convert** grades from another university to UBC's grading system

### Each of the last two years

- Not average over last two years; average calculated separately for each of the last two years
- All courses are counted, even if not in student's area of study
- Each academic year treated separately (may not combine grades for different academic years)
- Academic year = September to August (except in some foreign universities)

## Full-time study at UBC

- Graduate students
  - Students are considered full-time if paying tuition according to full-time payment schedule (Schedule A)
  - Number of credits does not matter
  - Undergraduate and unclassified students
    - Minimum 9 credits per term for minimum two terms (8 months) in any academic year

# Full-time study at other universities

- Check transcript marking key and their official website as appropriate
- If year in question was not full-time study, go back until required years of full-time study are found
  - No matter how long ago or how far apart the two years are
- If year in question does not have grades (e.g., Pass/Fail, in progress, etc.), go back until required years of full-time study are found
  - No matter how long ago or how far apart the two years are

### Part-time study

- Two part-time terms = one full-time term
- Ideally, combine two part-time years/terms that are consecutive
- Part-time years, split up: (e.g., Part-time year, Full-time year, Part-time year) Put together grades from two part-time years to determine GPA for one year of full-time study. Then use grades from full-time year to determine GPA for the other year of full-time study.
- Part-time years, split up: (e.g., Part-time year, full-time year, full-time year, part-time year) Use grades only from two full-time years.

### One co-op term in a year

• If student took one co-op term (and no grades for this co-op term) and courses in another term in the same year, use the grades in the courses taken in that year to determine weighted GPA.

#### Exchange program year or term

• If student did exchange program for either a term or year, use grades from that term (together with grades from other terms in the same year) or that year to determine weighted GPA

#### Master's Thesis grades

• Master's thesis grades will not be used in calculating weighted GPA for scholarship eligibility

### Universities using letter grading system

- In cases where universities use a letter grading system with only a single numerical equivalent for each letter grade (e.g., no range of grade), first-class cut-off shall be considered the point halfway between an A- and a B+
- Example: Transcript Marking Key for AAA State University

| A+ | 4.3       |  |
|----|-----------|--|
| A  | 4.0       |  |
| A- | 3.7       |  |
| B+ | 3.3       |  |
| В  | 3.0       |  |
| В- | 2.7       |  |
| C+ | 2.3       |  |
| С  | 2.0       |  |
| D  | 1.3       |  |
| F  | below 1.3 |  |

• Calculate weighted GPA in usual fashion. First-class minimum cut-off will be halfway between an A- and a B+, which in this case is **3.5** out of 4.3