

Award Announcement

To: Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators
From: Laura Stathopoulos, Sr. Awards Officer, Graduate Awards Office
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Date: September 27, 2013
Re: **Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's Program:**
CIHR – Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships
NSERC – Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships
SSHRC – Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships

Award Overview:

Graduate Unit Deadline:	January 16, 2014 - final day to submit candidate list to SGS
Student Deadline:	December 1, 2013
Value/Duration:	CGS M - \$17,500 for one year
Level of study:	To support Master's or, in some cases, doctoral programs in Canada
Required Legal Status:	Domestic (Canadian citizen or permanent resident)

Purpose

The objective of the Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (CGS M) Program is to help develop research skills and assist in the training of highly qualified personnel by supporting students who demonstrate a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and early graduate studies. The Tri-council [allocates](#) CGS M awards to universities specifying the number of awards that each may offer to their students annually. CGS M awards can only be offered to students pursuing graduate studies at eligible [Canadian Universities](#) and the award must be held at the university that has made the offer.

Eligibility of Applicant (NEW)

To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- be enrolled in, or intend to apply for full-time admission to an [eligible](#) graduate program at the master's or doctoral level at a Canadian university with a CGS M allocation;
- have completed, as of December 31, 2013, between zero and 12 months of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent) in:
 - a) the master's program for which you are requesting funding; or
 - b) the doctoral program for which you are requesting funding if you were admitted into a doctoral program directly from your bachelor's program (you were never registered in a master's program, or you are registered in a combined Master's-PhD program); or
 - c) a master's program, but are requesting funding for a doctoral program (an example is a student who is fast-tracking from a master's to a doctoral program within 12 months of starting their master's and is seeking funding for the first 12 months of their doctoral program); and
- not have previously held a CGS M award;
- have achieved a first-class average (3.7 GPA or A- average at U of T), in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent); and
- submit a maximum of one CGS M application per year

Eligibility of Degree Programs

An eligible graduate program must have a significant research component. Master's programs that are based only on course work are not eligible. A significant research component is considered to be original, autonomous research

that leads to the completion of one of the following: thesis, major research project, dissertation, scholarly publication, performance, recital and/or exhibit and is merit/expert reviewed at the institutional level and is a requirement for completion of the program.

Application Process

When completing a CGS M application, students may select up to 5 separate universities (one graduate department per university) where they intend to pursue graduate studies and hold the award. Once completed and submitted online, the entire application will be available to all the proposed universities the student has listed. Students applying for an award at U of T will not be required to submit a paper application.

Applicants must complete and submit the online application using the [Research Portal](#). Students should refer to the CGS M application [instructions](#) currently housed on the NSERC's website for details on how to complete their application. Additionally the [Canadian Common CV](#) (CCV) must be completed and uploaded to the CGS M application.

A completed CGS M application will include the following:

1. Completed 3 part online application
 - Identification
 - Summary of Proposal
 - Activity Details
2. Outline of proposed research (as PDF attachment)
3. Canadian Common CV (as PDF attachment)
4. All official academic transcripts, undergraduate and graduate (as PDF attachment)**
5. Completed Reference Assessments (x2) – invitation initiated and form completed electronically

** registered students must provide official transcripts showing fall 2013 registration

Resources and Contact Information:

- **Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's Program Instructions for Completing an Application:**
http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/CGS_M-BESC_M_eng.asp.
- **Canadian Common CV - How to Complete the Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's Version:**
http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/index_eng.asp

Questions:

If you have questions regarding the CGS M award competition, please refer to the CGS M webpage or contact appropriate Awards Officer at SGS or the granting council:

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