

Tri-Agency & OGS/QEII-GSST Scholarship Information Session

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DEPARTMENT GRADUATE CO-ORDINATORS

- A list of co-ordinators can be found on the GSPA website under “About Graduate Studies” – they should be your first point of contact
- See the co-ordinator of the graduate department through which you are planning to apply for the scholarship for deadlines (i.e., SSHRC Doctoral) and specific questions about eligibility

TOPICS BEING COVERED

- **Transcripts, research proposals, contributions, awards, reference letters, key steps**
- **Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) and Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science & Technology (QEII-GSST)**
- **Tri-Agency Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s (CGS M)**
- **Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral (Vanier CGS)**
- **NSERC Doctoral Scholarships**
- **SSHRC Doctoral Scholarships**
- **CIHR Doctoral Awards**

FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Federal Tri-Agencies

The major federal source of funds for research and scholarship in academic institutions:

- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

Provincial Scholarships

The major provincial source of funds for scholarship in academic institutions in Ontario:

- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
- Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST)

Note: eligible applicants may apply for one tri-agency scholarship in addition to the OGS/QEII-GSST in the same competition year

TRANSCRIPTS,
RESEARCH PROPOSALS,
CONTRIBUTIONS,
AWARDS,
REFERENCE LETTERS,
KEY STEPS

TRANSCRIPTS – what is required

- Official transcripts are required for your current and previously attended post-secondary institution(s) that are listed on your tri-agency or OGS/QEII-GSST application (**Best practice:** if you list the institution, you need the transcript)
- Waterloo transcripts will be provided without charge if you are a current Waterloo undergraduate or graduate student applying for one of these scholarships through Waterloo
- Depending on the competition, GSPA may use official transcripts that were previously provided for admission purposes. You must refer to the “critical steps” section on the appropriate competition’s Waterloo web page for details on how to order and obtain your transcripts.

TRANSCRIPTS – determining averages

➤ **Minimum Averages Required:**

- Minimum average of 80% (first-class average) in EACH of the last two full-time years or equivalent; averages of at least 85% are recommended for most competitions

➤ **Averaging grades from multiple institutions:**

- GSPA has conversion guides available and refers to them to calculate single overall averages, taking into consideration credit weights and transfer credits, as applicable

RESEARCH PROPOSALS

- A research proposal or program statement is required for your tri-agency or OGS/QEII-GSST application
- For the tri-agency applications, your research proposal **MUST** fall under the mandate of the agency to which you are submitting your application (refer to Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency) – speak to a faculty member for assistance if required
- Master's students in course-based programs may apply for OGS/QEII-GSST and CGS-M. However, for the CGS-M, students **MUST** be conducting a **significant research component** as part of their program (i.e.; thesis, major research project, scholarly publication, performance, recital, exhibit)

RESEARCH PROPOSALS – what to write

➤ **Select your topic**

Even if you are unsure what you want to research, pick a topic you are interested in pursuing during the timeframe in which you will hold the scholarship and write about it; if you are successful in receiving a scholarship you are not bound to that area of research, but **MUST** stay under the mandate of the agency that awarded the scholarship.

➤ **Be as specific as possible, using everyday language**

The committees reviewing the applications are interdisciplinary but members may not necessarily specialize in your area of research. Be sure to include your objectives, outline, methods, procedures and significance of your research to the advancement of knowledge.

RESEARCH PROPOSALS – writing workshops

Writing and Communication Centre (WCC) is hosting workshops on how to plan and write research proposals for scholarships:

Topic	Date & Time	Location
Tri-Agency research proposals	Wed, Sept 20 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	STC 0020
Tri-Agency research proposals	Thurs, Sept 21 10:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	MC 4020

Facilitated by previous tri-agency award recipients, this workshop addresses how to plan and write the critical research proposal portions of your CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC application. Discuss the key components of research proposals. Learn how to communicate your research plan and your credentials with confidence and clarity. The workshop component will last for approximately two hours, but facilitators will remain for the final thirty minutes to answer specific questions and give brief feedback.

Interested students can register for either workshop on the [WCC events web page](#) where a copy of the PowerPoint presentation can also be found.

CONTRIBUTIONS

List scholarly contributions per official agency instructions. Examples of contributions may include:

- **Articles published, accepted or submitted (provide submission #) to refereed journals**
- **Other contributions including: conference proceedings, presentations and posters; contributions resulting from participation in industrial relevant research and development activities**
- **Patents and copyrights awarded**

AWARDS

List meritorious academic scholarships and awards per official agency instructions. Examples of awards may include:

- Federal tri-agency or provincial government scholarships (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, Vanier, OGS/QEII-GSST, Trillium, FRQNT, etc)
- Any competitive post-secondary scholarships, fellowships, prizes
- List declined awards
- Do not list high school or needs-based awards (bursaries)

REFERENCE LETTERS/LETTERS OF ASSESSMENT

Strong reference letters are one of the key components to a strong application package

- **Ask someone who can speak with some experience about your abilities, attributes and potential; someone who has recent knowledge of both where you have been and where you want to go (each competition will suggest examples of allowable referees and the number of referee appraisals required).**
- **In order for your referees to highlight your attributes, provide them with a package containing an up-to-date CV, transcripts, a list of contributions (research and leadership), your research proposal, etc. Encourage referees to address the importance of your publications and contributions in their appraisal.**
- **To further assist your referees, provide them with the eligibility and selection criteria of the scholarship, as well as the instructions for completing the assessment.**

KEY STEPS

Critical steps are outlined on each of Waterloo's competition web pages, but are summarized below:

1. Confirm your eligibility
2. Request your transcripts
3. Read the application instructions
4. Contact potential referees – 2, 3 or 4 referees are required, depending on competition
5. Apply for admission to a graduate program at Waterloo by Feb 1, 2018 if applicable.
6. Start your award application and submit as instructed by the firm deadline - make sure you are applying to the correct agency (if applicable)

QUESTIONS?



ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
(OGS)
&
QUEEN ELIZABETH II –
GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
(QEII-GSST)

OGS/QEII-GSST

Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Provincial master's and doctoral level awards▪ Two competitions (domestic and international) with individual deadlines▪ Selection made by institutions▪ Not portable – must apply at the institution where it will be held▪ Students will be considered for OGS and/or QEII-GSST based on the submission of a single application
Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ \$15,000 per year (\$5,000 per term) + President's Graduate Scholarship (PGS) if held at Waterloo
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2-3 terms (cannot be accepted for only 1 term)▪ Non-renewable – must apply each year▪ Choose start date of May 2018, September 2018 or January 2019
Waterloo quotas for Fall 2017	<p>OGS – quotas coming soon In Fall 2016 – 169 scholarships (162 domestic, 5 international, 2 Indigenous; e.g., Métis, Inuit)</p> <p>QEII-GSST – quotas coming soon In Fall 2016 – 36 scholarships (for domestic students in research program, STEM disciplines only)</p>

OGS/QEII-GSST (cont'd)

Key Eligibility Criteria:

➤ OGS

- Canadian citizens/PR
- International students (must be currently registered in grad program)
- Open to all graduate programs

➤ QEII-GSST

- Canadian citizens/PR only
- Open only to research-based programs within STEM disciplines

➤ First-class average (min. A-/80%)* in **EACH of the last two full-time academic years** or equivalent

➤ Normally successful applicants are within their program time limits

** At Waterloo, competitive applicants normally have a min. academic average of 85%, as well as publications.*

OGS/QEII-GSST (cont'd)

Key Eligibility Criteria cont'd:

- **Maximum Support:**
 - **Master's students cannot exceed 2 years of OGS/QEII-GSST funding; Doctoral students cannot exceed 4 years of OGS/QEII-GSST funding**
 - **6 year lifetime maximum for any combination of tri-agency and MAESD funding (OGS/QEII-GSST/OTS/Tri-Agency)**
- **Cannot concurrently hold awards funded through provincial or federal government sources (OGS/QEII-GSST/OTS/Tri-Agency/MITACS/Foreign government sponsorships)**
- **OSAP restrictions must be cleared prior to OGS/QEII-GSST funds being released**
- **Refer to Waterloo's OGS/QEII-GSST web page for complete eligibility requirements; Each institution has its own process and deadlines**

OGS/QEII-GSST (cont'd)

Evaluation Criteria*

(individual weights are set by each Faculty, listed on award web page)

- Academic Excellence (30-50%):
Academic average (80% minimum)
Scholarships & awards previously held

- Research Ability & Potential (30-50%):
Publications, conferences, presentations, patents, etc.

- Communication and Leadership Abilities (0-20%):
Relevant volunteer, leadership and academic work experience

**Ensure your application package addresses these criteria*

OGS/QEII-GSST (cont'd)

Application Process:

- Students must apply for an OGS/QEII-GSST through the institution where they are planning to hold the scholarship, if successful (as such, multiple applications may be required)
- At Waterloo, students must complete a pdf application and submit it to the proposed department that will evaluate it

Adjudication Process:

- Decisions made at Waterloo
- Departments/Faculties, as appropriate, review and select recipients based on quotas

Awards must be held at the university where the offer of award originates.

OGS/QEII-GSST (cont'd)

Profile of a Competitive Applicant:

- **70% of successful applicants have averages, in each of their last two years of full time academic study, between 85 and 95%**
- **Successful applicants have published on average about 1-2 refereed journal articles, 1 refereed conference proceeding and about 4 conference posters or presentations**
- **Approx 50% of successful applicants have held previous OGS/QEII-GSST or Tri-Agency scholarships**

OGS – INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION DATES

Important Dates:

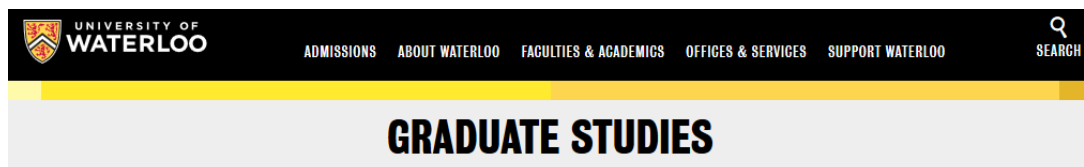
Dates	Action
Beg. September 2017	OGS/QEII-GSST application available on GSPA website
Oct 4, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m. EST	Deadline to request transcripts for OGS international applicants
Oct 13, 2017	Deadline: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ For applicants to submit OGS application to proposed* department➤ For referees to submit reference letters to proposed* department *or current department if you are already in the program for which you are requesting funding
Oct – Nov 2017	Departmental and Faculty adjudication of OGS international applications
Dec 11 – 12, 2017	Offers are made for OGS
Jan 8, 2018	Deadline for initial OGS international offers to be accepted New OGS offers will be made (if necessary) until awards have been accepted

OGS/QEII-GSST – CDN/PR COMPETITION DATES

Important Dates:

Dates	Action
Beg. September 2017	OGS/QEII-GSST application available on GSPA website
Jan 15, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m. EST	Deadline to request transcripts for OGS/QEII-GSST domestic applicants (<i>for those not applying for a tri-agency award through Waterloo</i>)
Feb 1, 2018	Deadline: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ To apply for admission to a graduate program (<i>if applicable</i>)➤ To submit your OGS/QEII-GSST application to your proposed* department➤ For referees to submit reference letters to your proposed* department <p>* Or current department if you are already in the program for which you are seeking funding</p>
Feb – Apr 2018	Departmental and Faculty adjudication of OGS/QEII-GSST applications
Apr 23, 2018	Offers are made for OGS and QEII-GSST (Faculties of Engineering and Science will make remaining offers within 6 weeks time)
May 14, 2018	Deadline for initial OGS and QEII-GSST offers to be accepted New OGS and QEII-GSST offers will be made until all awards have been accepted

OGS/QEII-GSST



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Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) and the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST)

The information contained on this web page pertains to the fall 2017 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) and Queen Elizabeth Scholarship II in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST) competitions.

Please note: Information and dates may be updated depending on further information received from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD), formerly called Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU), and resources available.

- [What are the OGS and QEII-GSST?](#)
- [How many awards are available?](#)
- [What are the important application dates at Waterloo?](#)
- [What is the eligibility criteria?](#)
- [What are the critical steps in the application process?](#)
- [Waterloo's administrative review process](#)
- [Evaluation criteria](#)
- [Waterloo's timelines](#)
- [Helpful resources & forms](#)

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QUESTIONS?



TRI-AGENCY CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP – MASTER'S (CGS M)



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Tri-Agency CGS M

Background	Federal master's level award that must be held in Canada (however, opportunity to go abroad with CGS-MSFSS); selection made by institutions; applicants identify a maximum of 5 institutions where they want their application considered
Value	\$17,500 for one year (plus President's Graduate Scholarship if held at Waterloo!)
Duration	12 months (with start date of May 2018, Sept 2018 or Jan 2019), non-renewable
Waterloo quotas	CIHR CGS M = 4 NSERC CGS M = 45 SSHRC CGS M = 30
# of eligible applications received for Fall 2016	CIHR CGS M = 34 (quota was 4) NSERC CGS M = 355 (quota was 45) SSHRC CGS M = 144 (quota was 30)

Tri-Agency CGS M (cont'd)

Key Eligibility Criteria:

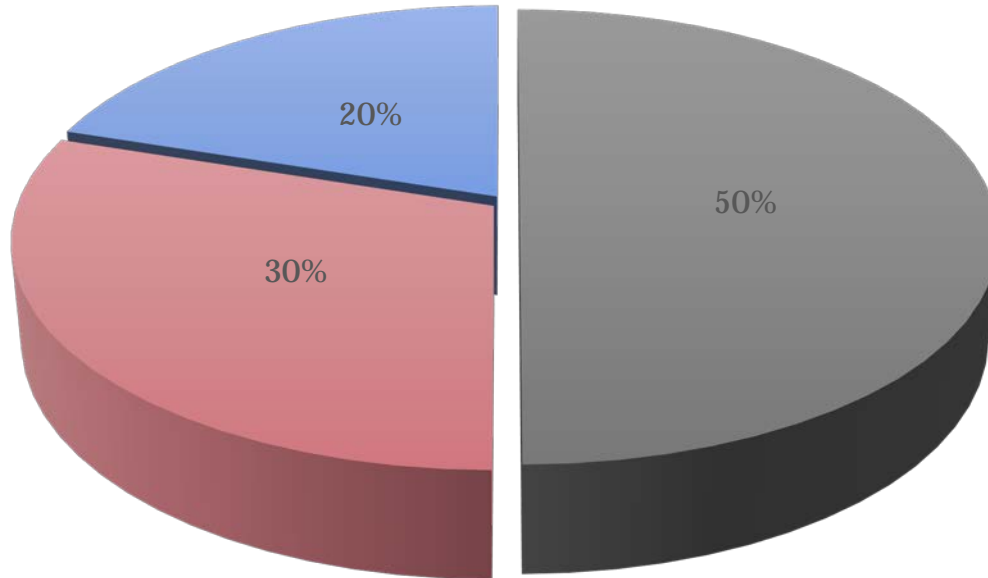
- Canadian Citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- First class average (80% min) in EACH of the last two years of full-time studies completed or equivalent; recommended minimum average of 85%
- Must have completed as of Dec 31, 2017 between 0 and 12 months of full-time studies in:
 - The master's program for which you are requesting funding; OR
 - The doctoral program for which you are requesting funding IF you were admitted directly from a Bachelor's degree; OR
 - A master's program but are requesting funding for a PhD (i.e. students who fast-track from a Master's into a PhD)

Tri-Agency CGS M (cont'd)

Key Eligibility Criteria cont'd:

- Cannot have previously held a CGS M (i.e. for prior Master's degree)
- Must be in a graduate program with a **significant research component** (course-work programs typically not eligible)
- Refer to tri-agency official website for complete eligibility requirements
- Refer to the Government of Canada website (“Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency”) to ensure you are applying to the correct agency

Tri-Agency CGS M (cont'd)



- Academic Excellence
- Research Potential
- Personal Characteristics & Interpersonal Skills

Evaluation Criteria:

- Academic Excellence (50%):
 - First-class average
 - Duration of previous studies
 - Scholarships & awards held
- Research Potential (30%):
 - Quality and originality of contributions to research
 - Significance of proposed research
 - Initiative, independence
- Personal Characteristics & Interpersonal Skills (20%):
 - Work experience
 - Leadership experience
 - Project management
 - Volunteerism, committees, etc.

Tri-Agency CGS M (cont'd)

Application Process:

- All eligible applicants must complete and submit an application, including a CV from the Common CV website, using the agency research portal
- Applicants may select up to five universities on the application where:
 - they are currently enrolled in an eligible program of study and wish to pursue their studies; or
 - they intend to apply for full-time admission to an eligible program of study if not currently enrolled at a university of their choice.

Adjudication Process at Waterloo:

- Departments review and rank applications and final selection is made by institutional-level selection committee

Students can only accept an offer from one institution. Awards are not transferrable.

Tri-Agency CGS M (cont'd)

Profile of a Competitive Applicant:

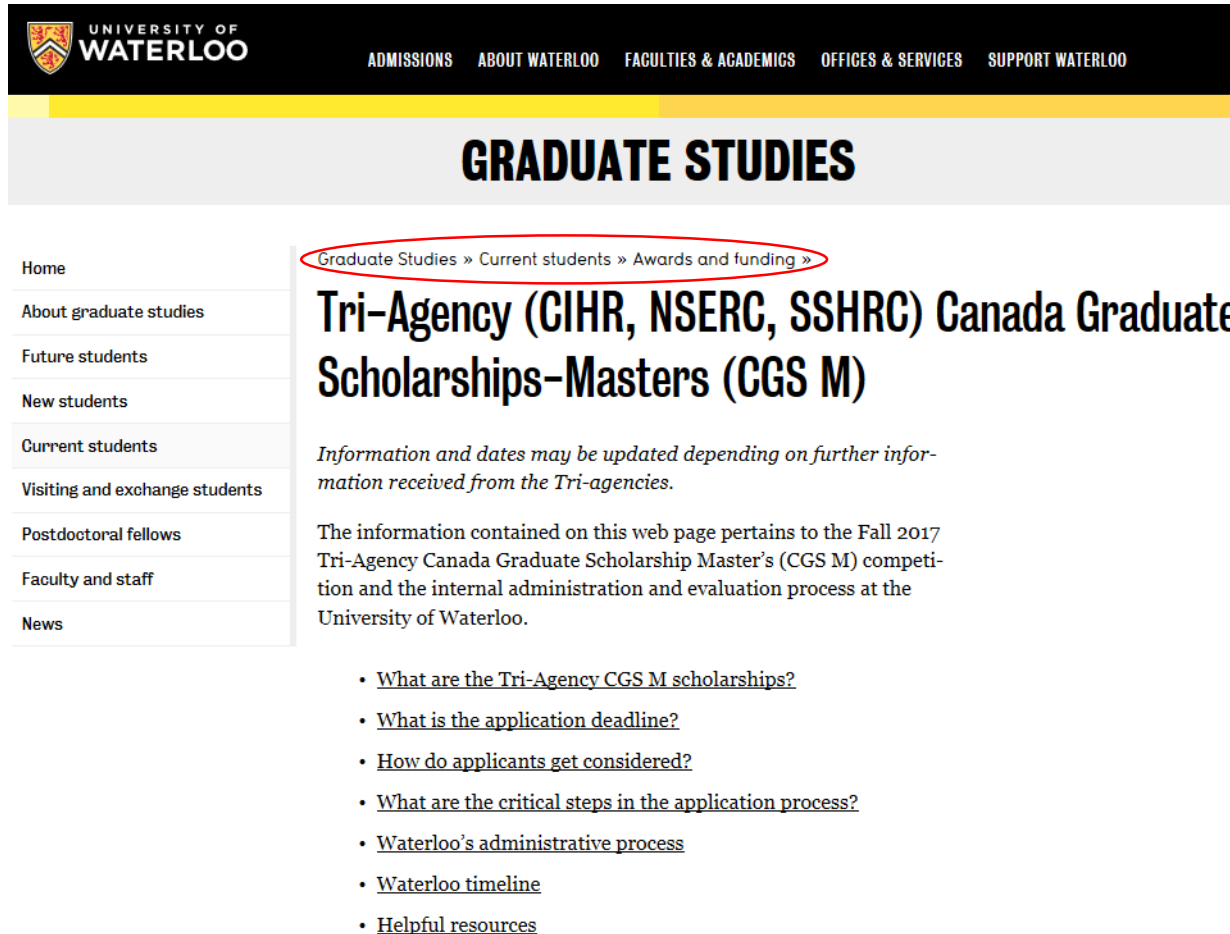
- Nearly always have averages, in each of their last two years of full time academic study, higher than 84% and become much more competitive with averages higher than 88%
- More than half of successful applicants have some academic output – a refereed publication, a refereed conference publication, or a non-refereed conference publication or presentation
- Approx 50% of successful applicants have held previous OGS/QEII-GSST scholarships

Tri-Agency CGS M (cont'd)

Important Dates:

Dates	Action
September 2017	CGS M application available on tri-agency portal
Nov 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.(EST)	Deadline for students to order Waterloo transcripts
Dec 1, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. (EST)	Agency-set deadline for students to submit their application
Feb 1, 2018	Deadline to apply for admission to a graduate program at Waterloo
Beg. March 2018	University-wide adjudication of CGS M applications
April 1, 2018	CGS M results start being released by institutions
April 22, 2018	Deadline for students to accept or decline CGS M offers – scholarship is not portable (must be held at the institution where you accept it)
April 22, 2018 onwards	Offers made to students on reversion list until all awards are accepted

Tri-Agency CGS M (cont'd)



The screenshot shows the University of Waterloo website's Graduate Studies section. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the University of Waterloo logo and links for Admissions, About Waterloo, Faculties & Academics, Offices & Services, and Support Waterloo. Below this is a large yellow banner with the text "GRADUATE STUDIES". On the left side, there is a vertical menu with links for Home, About graduate studies, Future students, New students, Current students, Visiting and exchange students, Postdoctoral fellows, Faculty and staff, and News. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: "Graduate Studies » Current students » Awards and funding »". The title of the page is "Tri-Agency (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) Canada Graduate Scholarships-Masters (CGS M)". Below the title, there is a note: "Information and dates may be updated depending on further information received from the Tri-agencies." This is followed by a paragraph: "The information contained on this web page pertains to the Fall 2017 Tri-Agency Canada Graduate Scholarship Master's (CGS M) competition and the internal administration and evaluation process at the University of Waterloo." At the bottom of the page, there is a list of seven links: "What are the Tri-Agency CGS M scholarships?", "What is the application deadline?", "How do applicants get considered?", "What are the critical steps in the application process?", "Waterloo's administrative process", "Waterloo timeline", and "Helpful resources".

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Tri-Agency (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) Canada Graduate Scholarships-Masters (CGS M)

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The information contained on this web page pertains to the Fall 2017 Tri-Agency Canada Graduate Scholarship Master's (CGS M) competition and the internal administration and evaluation process at the University of Waterloo.

- [What are the Tri-Agency CGS M scholarships?](#)
- [What is the application deadline?](#)
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- [Waterloo's administrative process](#)
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5 MINUTE INTERMISSION

VANIER CGS



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Vanier CGS

Background	federal doctoral level award; selection made by agency
Value	\$50,000 per year for up to 3 years (plus President's Graduate Scholarship if held at Waterloo!)
Duration	up to 3 years depending on how many months already completed in your doctoral program (with start date of May 2018, Sept 2018 or Jan 2019)
Waterloo quotas	CIHR = 2 NSERC = 13 SSHRC = 5
# of eligible applications received for Fall 2016	28 (13/28 were sent forward; 6/13 were successful – 46% success rate)

Vanier CGS (cont'd)

Spirit of Vanier: to *recruit* high-caliber students to pursue Doctoral studies – students apply through the institution where they want to hold it (not portable)

REMINDER

Students must have received departmental endorsement in order to submit their application through Waterloo (deadline to notify the department of their interest was August 4)

Vanier CGS (cont'd)

Key Eligibility Criteria:

- Canadian Citizen or permanent residents of Canada and international students
- First class average (80% min) in EACH of the last two years of full-time studies completed or equivalent
- Be pursuing first doctoral degree
- Cannot have previously held a tri-agency doctoral award
- Refer to [Vanier's official website](#) for complete eligibility requirements

Vanier CGS (cont'd)

Evaluation Criteria (equal weightings):

➤ Academic Excellence:

- First-class average (transcripts)
- Awards & distinctions (CCV)
- Academic background (duration of previous studies)

➤ Research Potential:

- Candidate's contributions to research and interest in discovery
- Research proposal and its contribution and benefit to society
- Critical thinking, application of knowledge

➤ Leadership:

- Personal achievement
- Involvement in academic life
- Volunteerism
- Civic engagement

Ensure application package addresses these criteria

Vanier CGS (cont'd)

Profile of a Competitive Applicant:

- 90% of applicants have averages, in each of their last two years of full time academic study, higher than 85%
- NSERC researchers have about 5 journal articles (50% as first author) and an additional 5 competitive presentations
- SSHRC researchers have about 5 journal articles (75% as first author), two book chapters, and 8 competitive presentations; typically, SSHRC recipients can demonstrate the impacts of their research both inside and beyond academia
- CIHR researchers have about 5 journal articles and 5 competitive presentations
- All researchers have received significant and diverse financial support for their research as a graduate student, including external and institutional awards
- All researchers can demonstrate strong leadership qualities

Vanier CGS (cont'd)

Statistics – results by year for applications submitted by Waterloo

Year	# of Apps Rec'd	# Of UW Submitted Applications	# Of Successful Applicants	% Of Successful Applicants
2013-2014	19	11	3	27
2014-2015	39	17	10	59
2015-2016	27	16	2	13
2016-2017	29	14	3	21
2017-2018	28	13	6	46

Vanier CGS (cont'd)

Application Process at Waterloo:

- Interested eligible applicants receive departmental support to proceed with a formal application through Waterloo (where they want to hold the award, if successful)
- “Approved” applicants complete and submit an application, including a CV from the Common CV website, using ResearchNet by an institution-set deadline

Adjudication Process at Waterloo:

- Departments review and rank applications and final selection for endorsement is made by an institutional-level selection committee
- Endorsed applications are sent forward for national level competition

Awards are not transferrable.

VANIER CGS (cont'd)

Important Dates:

Dates	Action
Sept 25, 2017	Deadline to request Waterloo transcripts using GSPA web form
Sept 25, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m. EST	GSPA deadline for applicants to submit their Vanier application to Waterloo via ResearchNet
Oct 5 – 12, 2017	Depts to review applications and identify a maximum of 3 highly competitive nominees per agency for consideration at university level
Oct 19, 2017	University-wide adjudication of applications
Nov 1, 2017	GSPA electronically submits Vanier nominations for national competition
March 2018	Competition results released by agency

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Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)

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- [What is the Vanier CGS?](#)
- [What are the important application dates at Waterloo?](#)
- [How do applicants get considered?](#)
- [What are the critical steps in the application process?](#)
- [Waterloo's administrative review process](#)
- [Waterloo timeline](#)

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NSERC DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS



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NSERC Doctoral

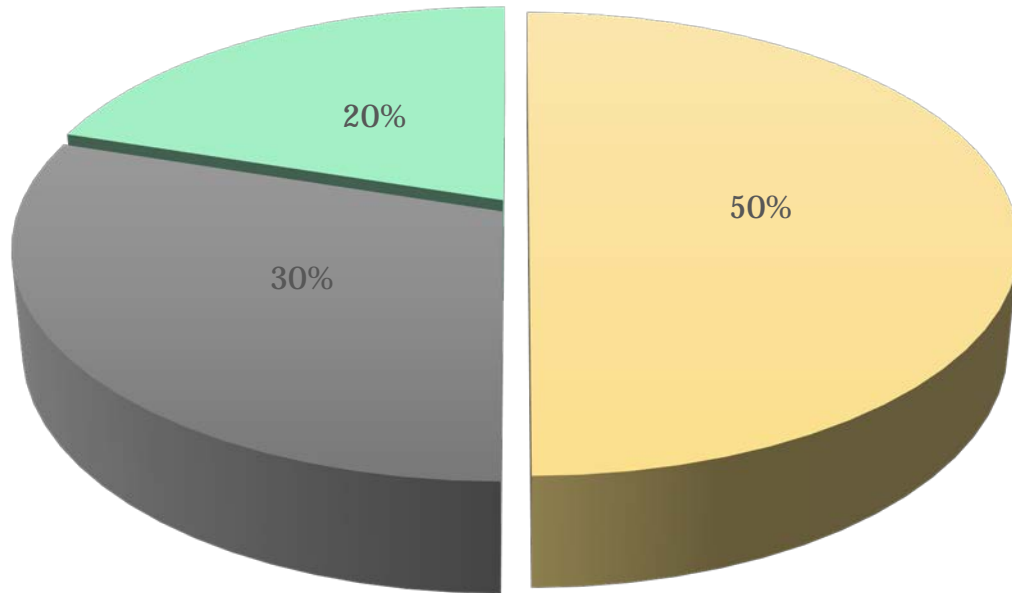
Background	Federal doctoral level research award; applications submitted through an online portal; selection made by agency; STEM disciplines
Types of Awards	CGS D and PGS D (same application for both; however, CGS must be held in Canada but opportunity to go abroad with CGS-MSFSS)
Value	\$35,000 (CGS D) and \$21,000 (PGS D) (plus President's Graduate Scholarship if held at Waterloo!)
Duration	2 or 3 years depending on how many months already completed in grad program and previously held Master's level awards (with start date of May 2018, Sept 2018 or Jan 2019)
Waterloo quotas	TBD (Fall 2016 quota was 113)
# of eligible applications received for Fall 2016	116 (44/113 were successful; 39% success rate)

NSERC Doctoral (cont'd)

Key Eligibility Criteria:

- Canadian Citizen or permanent residents of Canada
- First class average (80% min) in EACH of the last two years of full-time studies completed or equivalent
- Hold or expect to hold a degree in natural sciences or engineering
- Be conducting research under NSERC's mandate - refer to official site for Subject Matter Eligibility - speak to a faculty member for assistance if required
- Cannot have previously held a tri-agency doctoral award
- Must have completed, as of December 31, 2017, between zero and 24 months of studies in the doctoral program for which you are requesting funding (between four and 36 months if admitted to the doctoral program directly for a bachelor's program)
- Ensure you apply the appropriate way - either through a Canadian institution or NSERC directly
- Refer to NSERC's official website for complete eligibility requirements

NSERC Doctoral (cont'd)



- Research ability
- Academic Excellence
- Communication, interpersonal & leadership skills

Evaluation Criteria:

- **Research Ability or Potential (50%):**
 - Quality and originality of contributions to research
 - Significance of proposed research
 - Initiative, independence
- **Academic Excellence (30%):**
 - First-class average
 - Scholarships & awards held
- **Communication, Interpersonal & Leadership Skills (20%):**
 - Work experience
 - Leadership experience
 - Project management
 - Volunteerism, committees, etc.

NSERC Doctoral (cont'd)

Profile of a Competitive Applicant:

- Nearly always have averages in each of their last two years above 85% and become much more competitive with averages above 92%;
- Have published on average about two refereed journal articles, one refereed conference proceeding and about three conference posters or presentations;
- Have in about 80% of the cases held Provincial (OGS/ QEII-GSST) or Federal Tri-Agency scholarships

NSERC Doctoral (cont'd)

Statistics – results by year for applications submitted by Waterloo

Competition Year	# of Applicants Submitted (QUOTA, plus any aboriginal)	# Successful	% Successful
2013-2014	91	39	42%
2014-2015	108	47	43%
2015-2016	101	47	46%
2016-2017	108	53	49%
2017-2018	113	44	39%

NSERC Doctoral (cont'd)

Application Process at Waterloo:

- Eligible applicants complete and submit an application using the NSERC application portal by Waterloo's set deadline

Adjudication Process at Waterloo:

- Departments review and rank applications and final selection for endorsement is made by an institutional-level selection committee
- Endorsed applications are sent forward for national level competition

NSERC Doctoral (cont'd)

Important Dates:

Dates	Action
Sept 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. (EST)	Deadline to assign transcript designate in application portal
Oct 6, 2017	Referees must complete their online assessment
Oct 9, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. (EST)	Deadline to submit complete NSERC application in online portal (NOTE: this is earlier than NSERC's advertised deadline)
Nov 15, 2017	University-wide adjudication of applications
Nov 24, 2017	Official NSERC agency deadline; institutions complete electronic submission in portal
March/April 2018	Competition results released by agency

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Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Doctoral Scholarships

Information and dates may be updated depending on further information received from the agency.

The information contained on this web page pertains to the Fall 2017 **NSERC Doctoral Scholarships** competition and the internal administration and evaluation process at the University of Waterloo.

For information pertaining to the Tri-Agency Canada Graduate Scholarships Master's (CGS-M) competition, please visit [Waterloo's Tri-Agency \(CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC\) Canada Graduate Scholarships Master's \(CGS-M\) web page](#).

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SSHRC DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS



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Canada

SSHRC Doctoral

Background	federal doctoral level award; selection made by agency; social sciences & humanities disciplines; application is submitted as a hardcopy
Types of Awards	CGS D and Doctoral Fellowship (same application for both however, CGS must be held in Canada but opportunity to go abroad with CGS-MSFSS), Nelson Mandela honour if research falls in one or more of five areas championed by him
Value	\$35,000 (CGS D) and \$20,000 (Doctoral Fellowship) (plus President's Graduate Scholarship if held at Waterloo!)
Duration	1 - 4 years depending on how many months already completed in your grad program (with start date of May 2018, Sept 2018 or Jan 2019); if you are or will be registered in a fast-track or direct-entry PhD program, you may be eligible to apply for a CGS M. *Refer to SSHRC's official website for value and duration details.
Waterloo quotas	39 (Fall 2016 quota was 38)
# of eligible applications received for Fall 2016	112 (22/38 were successful; 58% success rate)

SSHRC Doctoral (cont'd)

Key Eligibility Criteria:

- Canadian Citizen or permanent residents of Canada
- First class average (80% min) in EACH of the last two years of full-time studies completed or equivalent (Waterloo requirement)
- Be conducting research under SSHRC's mandate – refer to official SSHRC website for Subject Matter Eligibility - speak to a faculty member for assistance if required
- Cannot have previously held a tri-agency doctoral award
- Refer to SSHRC's official website for complete eligibility requirements

SSHRC Doctoral (cont'd)

Evaluation Criteria:

- Past academic results as demonstrated by transcripts, awards, distinctions
- The program of study and research and its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge
- Conference presentations, scholarly publications
- 2 reference letters
- Departmental appraisal

SSHRC Doctoral (cont'd)

Profile of a Competitive Applicant:

- Nearly always have averages in each of their last two years above 86% and become much more competitive with averages above 90%
- Have published on average more than 2 refereed journal articles, 3 refereed conference proceedings and between 4-5 conference posters or presentations
- Have often held Provincial (OGS/QEII-GSST) or Federal Tri-Agency scholarships

SSHRC Doctoral (cont'd)

Statistics – results by year for applications submitted by Waterloo

Competition Year	# of Applicants Submitted (QUOTA)	# Successful	% Successful
2013-2014	33	19	58
2014-2015	32	20	63
2015-2016	35	18	51
2016-2017	36	22	61
2017-2018	38	22	58

SSHRC Doctoral (cont'd)

Application Process at Waterloo:

- Eligible applicants complete an application using SSHRC's online system and submit a hardcopy to their current department by a department-set deadline

Adjudication Process at Waterloo:

- Departments review and rank applications and final selection for endorsement is made by an institutional-level selection committee
- Endorsed applications are sent forward for national level competition

SSHRC Doctoral (cont'd)

Important Dates:

Dates	Action
Oct 13, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m. EST	Deadline for students to request Waterloo transcripts using GSPA web form
Dept deadlines	Check with department graduate co-ordinator – must be registered in Fall 2017 in order to apply through Waterloo, otherwise must apply directly to SSHRC by November 7
Nov 17, 2017	Deadline for departments to submit ranked applications to GSPA
Dec 8, 2017	University-wide adjudication of applications
Jan 8, 2018	Official SSHRC agency deadline to receive endorsed nominations from institutions
April 2018	Competition results released by agency

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Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Scholarships

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CIHR DOCTORAL AWARDS

CIHR Doctoral

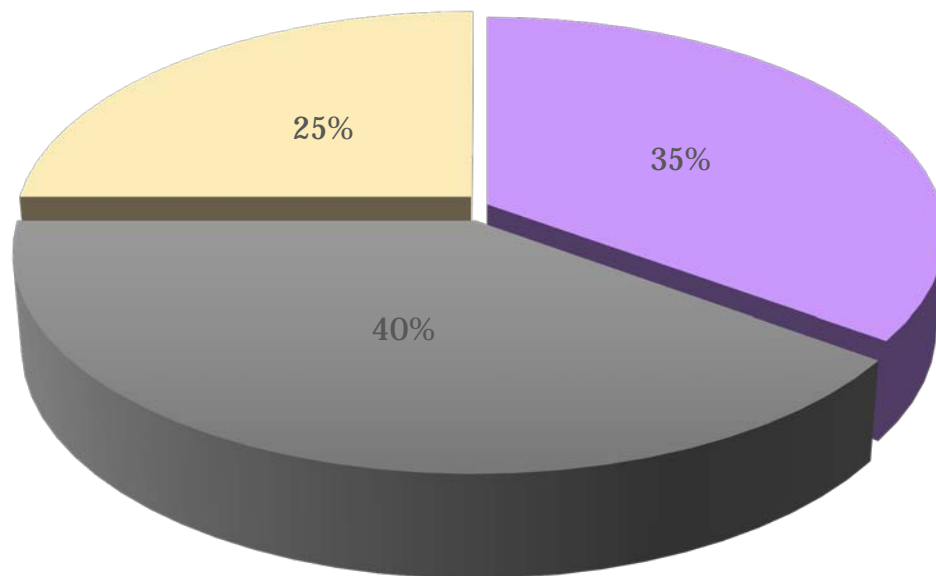
Background	federal doctoral level award; selection made by agency; medical/health disciplines; application submitted through ResearchNet
Types of Awards	CGS D and DFSA (same application for both however, CGS must be held in Canada but opportunity to go abroad with CGS-MSFSS), Nelson Mandela honour if research falls in one or more of five areas championed by him
Value	\$35,000 CGS D and DFSA (plus President's Graduate Scholarship if held at Waterloo!)
Duration	up to 3 years *refer to official website (ResearchNet) for value and duration details
Waterloo quotas	NOT APPLICABLE

CIHR Doctoral (cont'd)

Key Eligibility Criteria:

- Canadian Citizen or permanent residents of Canada
- Students must be engaged in full-time doctoral research training
- As of October 1, 2017 applicants must have completed a minimum of 12 months of graduate study at the master's or doctoral level
- Cannot have previously held a tri-agency doctoral award
- Be conducting research under CIHR's mandate – refer to official site for Subject Matter Eligibility - speak to a faculty member for assistance if required
- Refer to official website (ResearchNet) for complete eligibility requirements

CIHR Doctoral (cont'd)



- Achievements & activities
- Characteristics & abilities
- Research training environment

Evaluation Criteria:

- Achievements and activities of the candidate (35%):
 - Academic performance, awards, publication activity, research activity (i.e. field work)
- Characteristics and abilities of the candidate (40%):
 - Critical thinking, independence, originality, interest in discovery, research ability, leadership, perseverance
- Research training environment (25%)
 - Scientific activity of the supervisor, research resources, training record of supervisor, training for the applicant

CIHR Doctoral (cont'd)

Statistics – results by year for applications submitted by Waterloo

Competition Year	# of Applicants Submitted	# Successful	% Successful
Fall 2014	18	3	17
Fall 2015	17	3	18
Fall 2016	11	1	9

Prior to Fall 2014 competition, students applied directly for award without university administrative involvement. Since Fall 2014, students must apply through the institution, even though there is no institutional quota.

CIHR Doctoral (cont'd)

Application Process at Waterloo:

- Eligible applicants complete and submit an application, including a CV from the Common CV website, using ResearchNet by Waterloo's set deadline

Adjudication Process at Waterloo:

- Not applicable

CIHR Doctoral (cont'd)

Important Dates:

Dates	Action
Sept 22, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m. EST	Deadline for students to request Waterloo transcripts using GSPA web form
Sept 26, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m. EST	Waterloo deadline for students to submit application in ResearchNet
Oct 3, 2017	Official CIHR agency deadline to receive e-submission of applications from institution
Mid-April 2018	Competition results released by agency

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Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Doctoral Research Award

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The information contained on this web page pertains to the Fall 2017 CIHR Doctoral Research Award competition. For information pertaining to the Tri-Council Canada Graduate Scholarships Master's (CGS M) competition, please visit Waterloo's [Tri-Agency CGS M website](#) as well as the [official agency website](#).

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