



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

# Getting Paid to Go to Grad School:

## Tri-Council Awards and You

September 2018

Allison Norris

Awards, Training and Communications Officer

DISCOVER · ACHIEVE · BELONG



## **Tri-Council**

(sometimes referred to as Tri-Agency)

**CIHR**: Canadian Institutes of Health Research

**NSERC**: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council

**SSHRC**: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Don't know to which you apply?

Send a 1 page summary to NSERC at [schol@nserc.ca](mailto:schol@nserc.ca) or check out:

[http://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h\\_FEE7261A.html?OpenDocument](http://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_FEE7261A.html?OpenDocument).

# Canada Graduate Scholarships– Master's

	CGS M
<b>Value and duration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$17,500 for one year</li></ul>
<b>Minimum average</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First-class* in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent)</li></ul>
<b>Where to apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Up to 3 institutions where you would like to hold the award (institutions must have an award allocation)</li></ul>
<b>When and how to apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• By 8 PM (ET) on December 1</li><li>• Research Portal</li></ul>
<b>Award announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As of April 1</li><li>• Research Portal</li></ul>

\* As determined by the host institution

## **In addition, you must:**

- **be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada**
- **not have already held a CGS M**
- **submit a maximum of one application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC, or SSHRC**
- **intend to pursue a master's or doctoral program with a significant research component**
- **have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, between 0 and 12 months of studies in a master's/doctoral program**

*\*\*possibility of holding a CGS M for the first year of a doctoral program\*\**

# Selection criteria and weightings

Selection criterion	Weighting (%)
Academic excellence	50
Research potential	30
Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

# CGS M timeline

**January 1:**  
Earliest allowed start date of **degree** to be funded

**August 29:**  
Research Portal opens for new applications

**December 1:**  
Deadline for applications

**2018**

**April 1:**  
Competition results released

**May 1:**  
First allowed award start date

**September 1:**  
Second allowed award start date

**2019**

**January 1:**  
Last allowed award start date

**2020**

# Research Portal – creating an account

The screenshot shows the Research Portal website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Government of Canada logo and text in both English and French, along with links for Canada.ca, Services, Departments, and Français. Below this is a blue header with a large red maple leaf and the word "Canada". The main content area is white and contains a welcome message, a notice about browser compatibility, and an "Account" section. The "Account" section includes a paragraph about the portal's purpose and a "Sign In" form. The form has fields for "Email" and "Password", a "Sign In" button, and links for "Create account" and "I forgot my password". A "Notice: Maintenance Window" box is also present, stating that the system will be unavailable on Saturdays and Wednesdays. At the bottom, there are links for "Terms and conditions" and "Transparency", and a version number "Version: 15.0.1803.01".

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

Canada.ca | Services | Departments | Français

## Research Portal

### Welcome to the Research Portal

Please note that Research Portal no longer supports Internet Explorer versions 8.  
We recommend upgrading to Internet Explorer 9, Google Chrome, Firefox or Safari.

### Account

The Research Portal is intended for use only by individuals participating in the preparation of applications/nominations for funding from the Canada Research Chairs, the Research Support Fund, and other programs of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), in the administration of awards, and in the merit review of applications.

Before using the Research Portal, you must read the [Terms and conditions](#) and [Transparency](#) (see below). When you login and use this system, it means that you understand these policies and conditions and you consent to the use of your personal information for administrative purposes.

**Notice: Maintenance Window**

This system will normally be unavailable to users Saturdays from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. (eastern), as well as on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. (eastern).

#### Sign In

Email:

Password:

[Sign In](#)

New here? [Create account](#)

I forgot my [password](#).

Version: 15.0.1803.01 .

[Terms and conditions](#) | [Transparency](#)



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

## Canadian Common CV

# Start NOW!

DISCOVER · ACHIEVE · BELONG





THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

## Research Proposal

# Start NOW!

DISCOVER · ACHIEVE · BELONG



## Hot Tips for Applications:

-know your deadlines and start **waaaay** in advance!\* (2-3 months)

\*but still try if you don't!

-give yourself **plenty of time** to navigate the websites and instructions

-get **help**: Faculty, Supervisor, Awards Officer, & 1 clever person **not** in the field

-follow the **instructions**, make a **checklist**, and respect the **limits**

-be sure to address all the **criteria**; break them down as questions to answer

-ask for a **strong** letter of reference and give the referee **time** to write it

-follow-up **\*politely\*** to make sure they send the letter

-include **all** the required documentation (application, transcripts, letters, etc.)

-as you go along, **keep track** of all your awards, RAships, TAships, work/volunteer experience, creative projects, activism, presentations, publications.

-make sure your applications is **complete** with all required documentation



# Questions, Comments, Concerns





## Contact Information!

### CIHR

**Phone:** 613-952-0763 / **Email:** [cgsma@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:cgsma@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

### NSERC

**Email:** [schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca)

### SSHRC

**Phone:** 613-943-7777 / **Email:** [fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

### Grad Studies

To make an appointment email: [gradstudies@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:gradstudies@uwinnipeg.ca).