

Hello all,

The Vanier CGS program aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health. Please see below for further information on this award. The final day to submit applications is Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – to Deborah Paes (ES1017A).

Please note that the Vanier CGS competition is separate and distinct from the NSERC and SSHRC scholarship competitions. Award announcements for both the NSERC and SSHRC competitions will follow. Eligible students who are interested in applying for the Vanier competition are asked to consult with their supervisor, or with Deborah Paes prior to submitting their application.

By the application deadline of September 20, 2017, applicants must submit a completed Vanier CGS application online, via ResearchNet; as well as a printed, hard copy of the entire application including all original official transcripts to Deborah Paes. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the “Identify Referee” task on ResearchNet well in advance, as referee assessments must be completed and submitted by the referee before the student can complete the online submission process.

Please also note that applicants are required to upload two leadership reference letters as two PDF attachments (previously only one was required), in addition to two confidential academic assessments submitted directly to ResearchNet by the referees. Tip: Vanier recommends that the four assessments come from four individuals but letters from the same sources will not be declared ineligible.

Thanks,
Deborah

SGS Award Announcement

Re: 2018 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC)

Award Overview

Student submission deadline:

Application goes offline:

September 20, 2017 – to Deborah Paes (ES1017A)

September 25, 2017 8:00 p.m.

Value/Duration:

\$50,000 per year for three years

Level of study:

To support PhD, or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD

Required Legal Status:

Domestic or International

Results:

March 31, 2018 directly from Vanier

Purpose:

The Vanier CGS program aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health. The Vanier CGS program strongly encourages candidates to pursue their studies beyond the university that granted their previous degree(s).

Nomination:

Candidates must be nominated by the institution at which they wish to study and hold the award. Candidates seeking institutional nomination must first receive the endorsement of their proposed graduate unit through a local selection process. Candidates seeking this endorsement must submit a completed Vanier CGS application using the [ResearchNet](#) application system. Graduate units will receive access to ResearchNet in order to view the submitted applications from candidates seeking endorsement.

[Nomination Letters](#) must be completed and **signed** by the **Department Head** nominating the candidate (see SGS Instructions to Administrators for guidelines on preparing this letter and candidate selection to be distributed in July).

Eligibility to Apply:

Please refer applicants to the Vanier website for complete [eligibility requirements](#).

To be considered for a Vanier CGS, applicants must:

- be pursuing their **first** doctoral degree (or the PhD portion of a joint program including MD/PhD, JD/PhD) full-time at the nominating university in the academic year immediately following the of release of results in March;
- have completed no more than 20 months of doctoral studies as of May 1, 2018 (see [calculating months of doctoral studies](#));
- have achieved a first-class average (A-), in **each** of the last two years of full-time study or equivalent;
- have not already received a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from [CIHR](#), [SSHRC](#) or [NSERC](#) to undertake or complete a doctoral degree (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD); and
- be nominated by only one Canadian university, which has received a [Vanier CGS allocation](#).

Application Process:

Applicants will need to contact their proposed graduate unit regarding their specific student submission deadline and requirements. Applicants should refer to the Vanier website for step by step [application/nomination instructions](#).

Please note the following:

- The ResearchNet application will only be accessible to applicants until the published **Institution Internal Deadline** of **Sept 25th at 8pm**, at which time it will go offline.
- Candidates **must** complete the entire application process by their **unit's student submission deadline** (which may be earlier) to be eligible for consideration, this includes:

- 1) the online submission of a completed Vanier CGS application via ResearchNet;

and

2) a printed, hard copy submission of the entire application including all original official transcripts. (**REMINDER:** Institutions will be required to include an evaluation/summary of all foreign transcripts. In order to assist with this task, foreign transcripts submitted by the applicant should be accompanied by a grade legend.)

- Graduate units may access those applications that have been completed and successfully submitted online; applications still in progress by candidates cannot be viewed on the system.
- Students are strongly encouraged to complete the “Identify Referee” task on ResearchNet well in advance as referee assessments must be completed and submitted by the referee before the student can complete the submission process.
- **CHANGES to Student Application:**
Please note that starting summer/fall 2017:
 - Applicants are required to upload two leadership reference letters as two PDF attachments (previously only one was required), in addition to two confidential academic assessments submitted directly to ResearchNet by the referees. Tip: Vanier recommends that the four assessments come from four individuals but letters from the same sources will not be declared ineligible.
 - All information about interruptions to a student’s academic career, choice of nominating institution, and mobility must be included either in the Personal Leadership Statement or the Research Proposal. The “special circumstances” attachment is to solely be used for calculating the number of months completed in PhD studies by the Vanier Secretariat and will no longer be forwarded to the selection committee.
- The students’ proposed research project and doctoral program of study must be eligible within the mandate of the agency to which the nomination will be submitted. If there is any doubt (especially for those applying to SSHRC or NSERC whose subject matter touches upon health in **any** capacity), students are urged to email the granting agency directly with a one page summary of their research to seek **written confirmation** in advance of submitting their application. Complete guidelines on selecting the appropriate federal granting agency are available at www.science.gc.ca. Lastly, if the applicant is applying for both a doctoral award and a Vanier, both applications must be under the same agency.

Contacts & Resources:

Questions regarding the Vanier Awards competition can be directed to Vanier at info@vanier.gc.ca, or the Graduate Awards Office at the School of Graduate Studies by emailing graduate.awards@utoronto.ca or calling 416-946-0808, or Deborah Paes, Graduate Administrator, Faculty of Forestry deborah.paes@utoronto.ca .

For more information visit:

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