

Dear Students,

Please see below for information on the 2019-20 Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's Program awards (CGS M).

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

**The deadline is December 3, 2018.** Forestry students who are part of the funded cohort are reminded that they must apply for all awards for which they are eligible.

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Undergraduate students, if you decide to go ahead with the CGS M application, and if you select Forestry, U of T as one of your choices, your application will be reviewed/ranked by the Faculty of Forestry. You will also need to submit an application for admission to our MScF program. Our online application will be available via our website by November 1, 2018—you will need to submit a complete application to our MScF program by March 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

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1. Completed 3 part online application:
  - Identification
  - Summary of Proposal (written in lay language)
  - Activity Details
2. Outline of proposed research (as PDF attachment)
3. Canadian Common CV (uploaded as a confirmation number)
4. All [official](#) academic transcripts, undergraduate and graduate (as one PDF attachment)\*\*
5. Completed Reference Assessments (x2) – invitation initiated and form completed electronically

\*\* registered students must provide official transcripts showing Fall 2018 registration.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Thanks,  
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## SGS Award Announcement

**Re: 2019-2020 Canada Graduate Scholarships- Master's Program (CGS M):**  
CIHR – Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships  
NSERC – Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships  
SSHRC – Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships

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### Award Overview

**Student Deadline:**

**December 3, 2018 at 8:00 PM ET**

**Value/Duration:** \$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)  
**Results:** April 1, 2019 via Research Portal

### 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 to Apply

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- be enrolled in, have applied for, or will apply for full-time admission\* to an [eligible](#) graduate program at the master's or doctoral level at a Canadian institution with a CGS M allocation. \***Note:** Applicants who are not currently enrolled in their intended graduate program must submit an application for admission by the deadline for their intended graduate program or by **March 15**, whichever comes first;
- have completed:
  - a. as of December 31, 2018 **between zero and 12** months of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent) in:
    - the master's program for which you are requesting funding; or
    - the direct-entry doctoral program for which you are requesting funding; or
    - the combined master's-doctoral program for which you are requesting funding; or
    - a master's program that was or will be fast-tracked to a doctoral program, and you are requesting funding for the first 12 months of this doctoral program; or
    - a master's program for which the degree requirements will be completed before the end of the award, allowing the remaining balance of the award (1 or 2 sessions) to continue into an eligible doctoral program [at the same institution](#); or
  - b. as of December 31, 2018 **between four and 12** months of full-time study (or full-time equivalent) in a master's program for which the degree requirements will be completed before activation of the award, allowing it to be activated during the subsequent doctoral program for which you are requesting funding (CIHR and NSERC only). SSHRC CGS M recipients must activate and hold the award as a master's student for a minimum of one session (i.e. summer 2019);

- not have previously held a CGS M award; note that for CIHR and NSERC, scholarship support for graduate studies (master's and doctoral) is limited to a lifetime maximum of four years (48 months) of full-time equivalency. If you have received the maximum support toward your graduate-level studies by any of the three federal granting agencies, you may not be eligible to apply for a CGS M;
- have achieved a first-class average (3.5 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 scholarship application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC, or SSHRC (Research Portal will allow the application to be submitted to up to three institutions). Students are not permitted to apply for a CGS M and a Tri-Agency doctoral award in the same academic year.

For full eligibility criteria, visit the [Tri-agency Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's Program website](#).

## Program of Study Eligibility

An eligible graduate program must have a **significant research component**. 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 that is merit/expert reviewed at the institutional level and is a requirement for completion of the program. Master's programs that are based only on course work are typically not eligible since they do not include a significant research component.

**Clarification for SSHRC CGS M eligible programs:** Programs formerly deemed eligible for SSHRC funding will continue to be considered eligible in the new harmonized program, more specifically, if the Master's program is an acceptable basis for admission to the related PhD program (that is eligible for funding by SSHRC), SSHRC would consider the Master's program to be an eligible program of study...".

## Application Process

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## Contacts and Resources

For more information, visit the [CGS M webpage](#) (housed on the NSERC website), and/or contact the SGS Graduate Awards Office at [graduate.awards@utoronto.ca](mailto:graduate.awards@utoronto.ca). Additional contact information is provided below:

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