Dear Students,

Please see below for information on the 2020-21 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. Forestry students who are part of the funded cohort are reminded that they must apply for all awards for which they are eligible.

**The deadline is December 2, 2019 (8:00 p.m., not midnight).** Please keep the deadline in mind, and try to apply as early as possible, as the portal can get quite busy, and slow, in the last day or so before the deadline. Please make sure your referees are aware of the deadline, as you will not be able to submit your application until the referee portion is done. For U of T students, a reminder to order a U of T transcript, as you need to upload a transcript which shows Fall, 2019 registration.

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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 Graduate Department 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 mid-November 2019—you will need to submit a complete application to our MScF program by March 15th at the latest.

A completed CGS M application will include the following:

1. Completed 3 part online application:
   - Identification
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   - 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 (scanned together as a single PDF document)**
5. Completed Reference Assessments (x2) – invitation initiated and form completed electronically

** registered students must provide official transcripts showing Fall 2019 registration.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Thanks,
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2020-2021 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

Award Overview

Student Deadline: December 2, 2019 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, 2020 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, as of December 31, 2019:
  a) between zero and 12 months of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent) in the program for which you are requesting funding, which may be:
  ▪ a master’s program; or
  ▪ a doctoral program that you are entering without having ever been enrolled in a master’s program (that is, direct-entry); or
  ▪ a combined master’s-doctoral program; or
  ▪ a master’s program that will transition to an eligible doctoral program, either before or after award activation, with no master’s degree conferred (that is, fast-track); or
  ▪ a master’s program for which the degree requirements will be completed before the end of the award, allowing the award to continue into an eligible doctoral program at the same institution; or
  b) between four and 12 months of full-time study (or full-time equivalent) in an eligible 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;
▪ not have previously held a CGS M award;
▪ 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 as 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 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](http://www.cgs-m.ca) (housed on the NSERC website), and/or contact the SGS Graduate Awards Officer and/or agency listed below:

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