


Tri-Agency and Ontario Graduate Scholarships Information Session

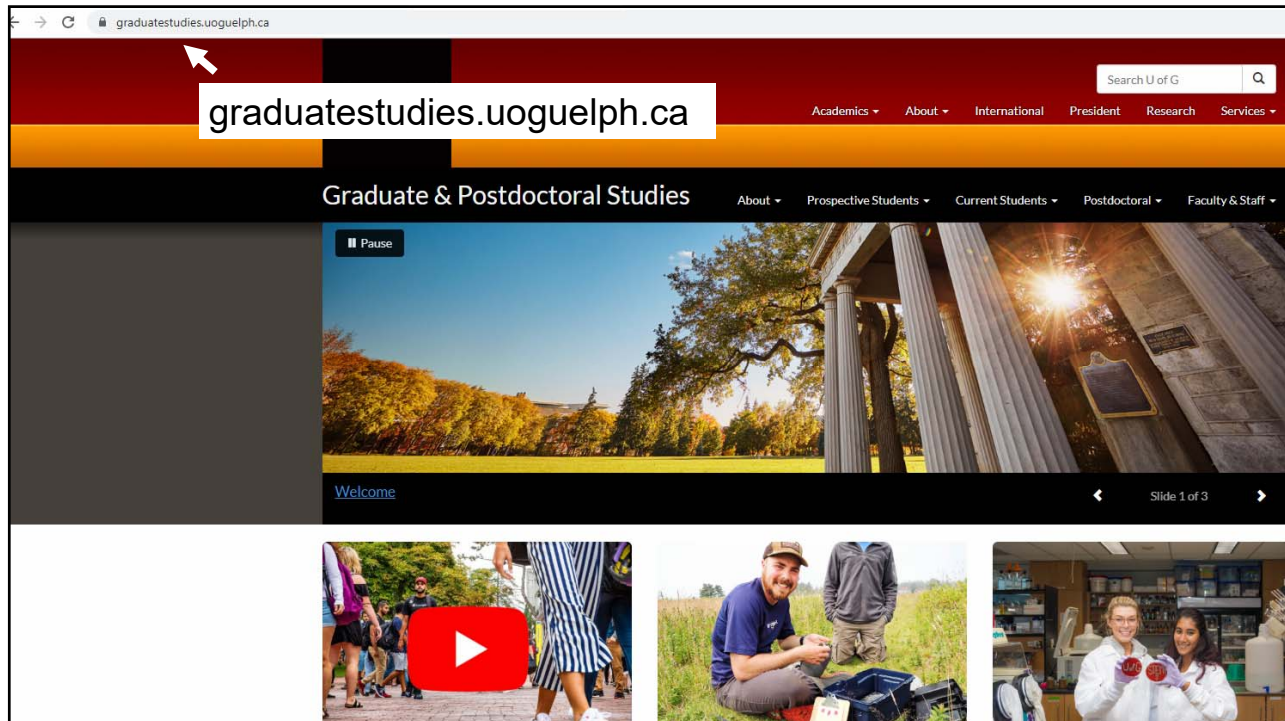
CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC CGS-Master's
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
SSHRC Doctoral
2020-2021



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The screenshot shows the website graduatestudies.uoguelph.ca. The page features a dark red header with a search bar and navigation links for Academics, About, International, President, Research, and Services. Below the header is a section for Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies with sub-links for About, Prospective Students, Current Students, Postdoctoral, and Faculty & Staff. The main content area includes a large banner image of a university building with columns and trees, a 'Welcome' link, and a 'Pause' button. At the bottom, there are three smaller images: a group of people walking, a man in a blue shirt kneeling in a field, and two women in white lab coats holding a red object.

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graduatestudies.uoguelph.ca/current/funding

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Home / Current Students

Current Students

Funding Graduate Studies

Financial Planning

Making plans for financial support is very important as you plan for the next stage of your education as a graduate student. How do you handle your financial concerns? Financial planning for graduate students is a must. You will want to make sure that you know your

Graduate Calendar
Important Dates and Deadlines
Forms & Documents
Search Graduate Studies

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https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/current/funding

Registration

Scholarships & Funding

Scholarships and Awards

Managing Your Award

Financial Aide and Counselling

Tools and Resources

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Services for Graduate Students

Graduate Students Association

Open Learning and Educational Support

Student Affairs

Counselling Services

Student Health Services

Office of Research

Career Services

Support for Graduate Students

The University of Guelph is committed to providing a minimum stipend of \$17,500.00 for all domestic and international doctoral students for a period of three years. Many graduate programs offer stipends to master's students, so please check with the program for details. In some programs a student may be admitted where that student does not require funding. In these instances the program will submit a waiver request, explaining the reasons for the recommendation. All income and funding commitments are contingent on satisfactory progress in the program, as defined by the academic unit. The university reserves the right to amend the commitments made in the student funding agreement should satisfactory progress not be achieved.

Funding & Employment

As a graduate student you will have received a funding package made up of a number of components. The options may be one or more of the following:

- Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA)
- Graduate Research Assistant (GRA)

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https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/studentfinance/apps/grawards

Office of Registrarial Services
Student Financial Services

search Web Directory

Academics Campus International Library Research Services

Scholarships / Financial Aid Fees / Payments Forms / Documents Dates / Deadlines Contact Us

Have a question? Ask Gryph! Ask your question here. Use two or more words! Ask

Graduate Award Search

Browse Awards
 You can browse awards based on Academic Level and when they are offered.

Academic Level	Class	College
Graduate	o Entrance	o ARTS
	o In-Course	o CBE
	o Travel	o CBS
		o CEPS
		o CSAHS
		o QAC
		o QVC

Find Awards
 You can find awards using one of the following options.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Key Word/Phrase:
 Find


Award ID:
 Find

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CGS-Master's

CIHR/SSHRC/NSERC 2020-2021 Competition



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The Lingo

- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
 - Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters (CGS-M)
- Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
 - Alexander Graham Bell CGS-M
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
 - Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS-M



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Value

- \$17,500/year for one year
 - At Guelph, also receive \$5,000/year top-up
- Non-renewable



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Fact Finding

- Google “Guelph CGS-M”
 - For details on Guelph’s internal process
 - Link to NSERC website for eligibility, application, instructions, and subject matter eligibility



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Important Dates

- Dec 2, 2019 – Application Due Online (8 p.m. EST)
- April 1, 2020 – Earliest results available online
 - 21 days later – Applicant must respond to offer(s)



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Eligibility Criteria

- Canadian or permanent resident
- Full-time in an eligible Master's program
- Completed 0-12 months of full-time study or equivalent of:
 - Master's program
 - Direct-admit doctoral program (never registered in a Master's)
 - 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
- Not previously held a CGS-M
- A first-class average, as determined by the university, in **each** of the last two years of study (full-time equivalent)
- Submit a maximum of one application a year



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Subject Matter

- Applicants must categorize proposed field of research:
 - Health (CIHR)
 - Natural Sciences and Engineering (NSERC)
 - Social Sciences and Humanities (SSHRC)
- Ensure submission to the correct agency
 - Google “selecting federal granting agency”
- Allocation:
 CIHR = 3 | NSERC = 22 | SSHRC = 20



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How Do I Apply?

- On-line using the Research Portal
 - read the instructions!
- Select up to three universities
 - where you are currently registered
 - where you intend to register
- Selection process & post-award administration carried out by universities



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Selection Criteria

- Academic Excellence 50%
- Research Potential 30%
- Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills 20%



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Warning: Challenges Ahead

- Order all transcripts now
 - By November 22 for free Guelph transcripts
- Start your CGS-M Canadian Common CV (CCV) early
- Ask 2 professors to complete Letters of Appraisal
- Research proposal
- Submit your entire application package before the due date!



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Michael Smith Foreign Studies Supplements (MSFSS)

- Available to CGS award holders
- Fosters research abroad
- Up to \$6,000 to offset the cost of travel abroad for 2-6 months



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Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)

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What is OGS?

- Funded by Ontario and U of Guelph
- Encourage excellence in Master's and Doctoral studies
- \$5,000/semester for 3 semesters
- Max. 2 years for Master's, 4 years for Doctoral
- How many OGS at U of G in 2020-21?
 - Domestic = TBD (was 135)
 - International = TBD (was 4)

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Where Do I Apply?

- Current U of G students
 - Continuing elsewhere: apply there
 - Continuing here: apply here
- Future U of G students
 - Apply here



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Where & How Do I Apply?

- Google “Guelph OGS”
 - eligibility, due dates, application available as of November 1
- **Guelph Due Date:** January 31, 2020
 - complete application package due to your Department
- If applying for OGS at other universities, visit their websites
 - due dates and processes vary, so check now!



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Eligibility Criteria

- Full-time in an eligible graduate program
- Master's – by December 31, 0-12 months of full-time study
- Doctoral – by December 31, 0-36 months of full-time study (transfers counted from start of doctoral program)
- Minimum first class average (A-) in **each** of your last 2 years (full time equivalent)
- Cannot hold concurrently with:
 - CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, QEII-GSST



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Selection Criteria

- Academic Excellence 40%
- Research Proposal 30%
- Letters of Reference 30%



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What Will the Application Entail?

- Research Proposal
- List of scholarships/awards
- List of publications/presentations
- Other academic achievements
- 2 Academic Assessment Forms
- A complete application for admission to a graduate program at Guelph



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SSHRC Doctoral Scholarships

2020-2021 Competition



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The Lingo

- SSHRC = Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council
- Doctoral Fellowship
 - \$20,000/year for 1, 2, 3 or 4 years
- CGS D = Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral
 - \$35,000/year for 3 years



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Fact Finding

- Google “Guelph SSHRC Doctoral”
 - for Guelph’s internal process
 - link to SSHRC website for eligibility, application, instructions, subject matter eligibility
- **Due date:** September 30, 2019



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Eligibility Criteria

- < 48 months of doctoral studies as of Dec 31, 2019
- Citizen/permanent resident of Canada;
- First PhD (or equivalent);
- Doctoral studies in the social sciences or humanities;
- Have not already received a doctoral tri-council scholarship or fellowship
- Not applying to NSERC or CIHR in the same year



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Subject Matter Eligibility

- Google:
 - “subject matter eligibility SSHRC”
 - “selecting appropriate federal agency”
- Justify submission to SSHRC if in Psychology or health-related field



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Evaluation Criteria

50% Research Ability & Potential:

- research proposal
- training, experience, contributions
- judgment & critical thinking, responsible & ethical conduct
- enthusiasm & originality, clear communication

50% Relevant Experience/Achievements (academia +):

- scholarships & awards
- academic record
- professional/academic/extracurricular activities & collaborations



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What's Next?

- Department reviews and ranks your application
- University-wide awards committee selects **34** applications to forward to national competition
- Results announced in April 2020



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Scholarship Application Tips



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Start early!

Read the instructions!

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The Message

- Exude enthusiasm and excitement
- Demonstrate thorough knowledge and deep understanding of your field
 - Provide context for your research
 - Highlight main research question(s)
 - Describe significance/impact
- Write for lay audience

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The Details

- Highlight and elaborate your significant contributions
 - Awards
 - Publications/presentations
- Showcase your personal strengths and commitments
 - Volunteer, service, extracurricular



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The Shout Out!

- Don't underestimate the importance of picking solid referees
 - Adam Chapnick, *How to ask for a reference letter*, University Affairs
- You have an A...what else?
- Leaving an escape route...



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The Nitty Gritty

- Did you spel things rong?
- Is your application organized?
- Have you left any gaps?



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Staying Positive

- “Keep on keepin’ on”. Bob Dylan



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Questions?

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