

The contents of this slide presentation are a summary of scholarship application criteria and procedures. Please also refer to the OGPS website and relevant agency competition websites for full application criteria, requirements and other details.

OGS: <https://graduatestudies.uoguelph.ca/current/funding/scholarships/gov-fundedawards/ogs>

CGS-M: <https://graduatestudies.uoguelph.ca/current/funding/scholarships/gov-fundedawards/cgsm>

CIHR CGS-D: <https://graduatestudies.uoguelph.ca/current/funding/scholarships/gov-fundedawards/cihr>

SSHRC CGS-D: <https://graduatestudies.uoguelph.ca/current/funding/scholarships/gov-fundedawards/SSHRC>

NSERC CGS-D: <https://graduatestudies.uoguelph.ca/current/funding/scholarships/gov-fundedawards/NSERC>

Tri-Agency and Ontario Graduate Scholarships Information Session

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
CGS-Doctoral
CGS-Master's
Fall 23/W24 competitions

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making plans for financial supports 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. Learn more about [successful financial planning strategies](#) . You will want to make sure that you know your income and your expenses. Income may be made up any or all of the following: scholarships, [Graduate Teaching Assistantships](#), [Graduate Research Assistantships](#) or other employment. To assist you in your financial planning please consult these <https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/future/costs>.

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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Graduate Award Search

Browse Awards

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

Academic Level	Class	College
Graduate	◦ Entrance	◦ ARTS
	◦ In-Course	◦ CBE
	◦ Travel	◦ CBS
		◦ CEPS
		◦ CSAHS
		◦ OAC
		◦ OVC

Find Awards

You can find awards using one of the following options.

[A](#) [B](#) [C](#) [D](#) [E](#) [F](#) [G](#) [H](#) [I](#) [J](#) [K](#) [L](#) [M](#) [N](#) [O](#) [P](#) [Q](#) [R](#) [S](#) [T](#) [U](#) [V](#) [W](#) [X](#) [Y](#) [Z](#)

Key Word/Phrase:

Find

Award ID:

Find



Scholarship Application Tips

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Start early!

Read the instructions!

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

The Details

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

The Shout Out!

- Don't underestimate the importance of picking solid referees
 - Useful resource: Adam Chapnick, *How to ask for a reference letter*, University Affairs
<https://www.universityaffairs.ca/>
- You have an A average...what else?
- Help your referee help you – provide them with information that will help them write a strong reference

The Nitty Gritty

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

Staying Positive

- “Keep on keepin’ on”. Bob Dylan

Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)

Master's and Doctoral
2024-2025 Competition

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What is OGS?

- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (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 2023-24?
 - Not yet confirmed by the MTCU
 - Last Year Domestic = 138
 - Last Year International = 4

Where Do I Apply?

- Current U of G students
 - Continuing elsewhere: apply to other institution
 - Continuing at Guelph: apply to Guelph
- Future U of G students
 - Apply to Guelph

Where & How Do I Apply?

- Google “Guelph OGS”
 - eligibility, due dates, application forms available as of November 1
- **Guelph Due Date:** January 31, 2024
 - 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!

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 of study
- Cannot be held concurrently with:
 - CIHR, NSERC, or SSHRC funding
 - QEII-GSST (OGS with a Science & Technology component)

Selection Criteria

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

What is in an OGS application?

- Research Proposal
- List of scholarships/awards
- List of publications/presentations
- Other academic achievements
- 2 Academic Assessment Forms – emailed directly to your department
- A complete application for admission to a graduate program at Guelph – ask your department about graduate program requirements early!

SSHRC/NSERC/CIHR Doctoral Scholarships

F23 Competition
(for 2024-25 funding)

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The Lingo

- SSHRC = Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council
- NSERC = Natural Science & Engineering Research Council of Canada
- CIHR = Canadian Institutes of Health Research

- CGS-D = Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral
 - \$35,000/year for 3 years
 - Harmonized eligibility criteria for SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR

- Agency Specific Awards:
 - NSERC PGS-D \$21,000/year for 3 years
 - Same eligibility criteria as the CGS-D, different locations of tenure
 - SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship
 - \$20,000/year for 1, 2, 3 or 4 years
 - Different eligibility criteria from the CGS-D

Fact Finding

- Google “Guelph SSHRC Doctoral” or “Guelph NSERC” Doctoral” or ”Guelph CIHR Doctoral”
 - for Guelph’s internal deadlines
 - link to SSHRC, NSERC, or CIHR websites for eligibility, application instructions, and subject matter eligibility
- **Internal application deadline: September 28, 2023**

Eligibility Criteria

- CGS-D: <36 months of doctoral studies as of Dec 31, 2023
- SSHRC Fellowship: < 48 months of doctoral studies as of Dec 31, 2023
- Citizen/permanent resident of Canada;
- First PhD (or equivalent);
- Have not already received a doctoral tri-council scholarship or fellowship
- You may apply for a master's level award or a doctoral level award in a given year, not both

How/Where to Apply?

- All applications must be submitted through the appropriate online application portal for each agency
- Refer to the CGS-D directions “[Where should I submit my application](#)”
 - If applying through an institution, input the institution name in your online application
 - Your application will be routed electronically to the institution selected when you submit
- The internal deadline to apply for the CGS-D if you are applying through the University of Guelph is:
 - **Due date:** September 28, 2023

Subject Matter Eligibility

- Google:
 - “subject matter eligibility SSHRC (or NSERC or CIHR)”
 - “selecting appropriate federal agency”
- You may only apply to one agency each year
- Apply to the agency that is the best fit for your research
- Justify submission to SSHRC if in Psychology or health-related field – discuss with your Graduate Coordinator or Advisor if you are unsure

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

Warning: Challenges Ahead

- Order all transcripts
 - By September 20 for free Guelph transcripts
- Ask 2 professors to complete Letters of Appraisal (online)
 - The application portals will block your submission until your referees have submitted their assessments
- Put together your research proposal
- Submit your entire application package before the due date of Sept 28!

What's Next?

- First, the departments review and rank all applications
- Then applications are reviewed by a University-wide awards committee
 - The committee selects the strongest applications to forward to the national competition for consideration
 - SSHRC 27
 - NSERC 63
 - CIHR 4
- Results released by agencies by the end of April (2023) each year

CGS-Master's

CIHR/SSHRC/NSERC
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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

Value

- \$17,500/year for one year
 - At Guelph, CGS-M holders also receive a \$5,000/year top-up
- Non-renewable
- Life-time maximum of 1 CGS-M award
- Submit a maximum of one application a year
- Award is paid out in 3 equal instalments, over 3 semesters
 - Applied to your student account each semester

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
 - NSERC hosts the CGS-M competition for all three agencies

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 = 5 | NSERC = 22 | SSHRC = 21

Eligibility Criteria

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident or protected person
- 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 (80%+ Guelph equivalent), as determined by the university, in **each** of the last two years of study (full-time equivalent)

How Do I Apply?

- On-line using the Research Portal
 - read the instructions!
 - 1 page research proposal, 1 page for references
 - Current up to date transcripts for all post-secondary studies – including F22 registration, transfer credits, and exchanges
- Select up to three universities
 - where you are currently registered
 - where you intend to register
- Selection process & post-award administration carried out by universities
 - A CGS-M award may only be held at the offering institution

Selection Criteria

- Academic Excellence 50%
 - past academic results, transcripts, awards and distinctions, the referee assessments.
- Research Potential 30%
 - research history, interest in discovery, proposed research, potential contribution in the field, any anticipated outcomes, referee assessments.
- Personal Characteristics & Interpersonal Skills 20%
 - past professional and relevant extracurricular interactions, collaborations, referee assessments.

Important Dates

- Dec 1, 2023 – Application Due Online (8 p.m. EST)
 - Hard deadline
- April 1, 2023 – Earliest results available online
 - 21 days later – Applicant must respond to offer(s)

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- Order all transcripts now
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- Register to get your CIHR pin early
- Start your CGS-M Canadian Common CV (CCV) early
- Ask 2 professors to complete Letters of Appraisal
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Michael Smith Foreign Studies Supplements (MSFSS)

- Available to CGS award holders
 - NSERC PGS-D and SSHRC Fellowships not eligible
- Fosters research abroad
- Up to \$6,000 to offset the cost of travel abroad for 2-6 months
- Two competitions per year

Questions?

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