

# Scholarships and Awards

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# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

# Funding Opportunities

- Tri-Council Scholarships (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) – Masters and Doctoral
- Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) and Queen Elizabeth II Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEII) – Master's and Doctoral
- Internal awards by FGS
- Program-based awards
- Bursaries
- Fieldwork Cost Fund, Graduate Development Fund
- For details, see <http://gradstudies.yorku.ca/current-students/student-finances/funding-awards/>
- FGS Monthly Newsletters [fgsnews@yorku.ca](mailto:fgsnews@yorku.ca)

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### Funding and Awards

York offers competitive funding to all qualified graduate students and is committed to promoting excellence in research and teaching. Funding opportunities are provided through fellowships, research assistantships in the student's field of study, teaching assistantships with relevant undergraduate programs, graduate assistantships with faculty members or research units, and/or scholarships and awards.

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# Scholarships and Awards

Before starting an application, consider the following:

## 1. Eligibility

- Level and year of study (Master's or doctoral)
- Student status (domestic or international, full-time or part-time)
- Subject matter (For Tri Council awards, refer to:  
<http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=en&n=FEE7261A-1>)
- GPA (minimum academic requirements)
- Other (residence in the province, prior award held, etc.)

\*\*\* Please verify eligibility criteria carefully for each award

## 2. Selection criteria

- Major awards evaluate applications based on:
- Academic Excellence
- Research Potential
- Other (communication, leadership, etc.)

## 3. Timelines, process, value

# TRI-AGENCY CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS – DOCTORAL (CGS-D)

# Tri-Agency CGS-D Overview

- Doctoral level: The three funding agencies (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) have separate application portals but the same deadline (November 21) starting this year.
- Also new this year: SSHRC applications is now submitted online, including references and transcripts.

# Tri-Agency CGS-D Selection Criteria

- 50% Research ability & potential, which includes:
  - Quality of research proposal;
  - Relevant training and experience;
  - Quality of research contributions (publications, presentations, other outputs);
  - Enthusiasm for research, originality, initiative and relevant community involvement;
  - Ability to communicate clearly in written and oral formats.
- 50% Relevant experience & achievements obtained within & beyond academia:
  - Scholarships, awards and distinctions;
  - Transcripts and other academic records;
  - Professional, academic and extracurricular activities.



# Tri-council Doctoral Research Award Eligibility

- Be engaged in a full-time doctoral program with a significant research component
- Be a Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada (Exception: Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship)
- Must not have completed more than 24 months of doctoral studies, to be eligible for a CGSD. 48 months maximum for SSHRC doctoral fellowships.
- Must not hold, or have held, a Tri-Council doctoral scholarship or fellowship
- For details: [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp)

# SSHRC Doctoral Awards

## Value

- Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarships: \$35,000 per year
- SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship: \$20,000 per year

## Duration

- CGS Doctoral Scholarships: 36 months
- SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship: 12, 24, 36 or 48 months

# SSHRC Eligible Health Research

## Eligible projects:

- General well-being and work-life balance related topics
- Healthy policy and management
- Health ethics
- Social construction of health and health behaviour

## Still ineligible:

- Clinical education
- Clinical research and therapy
- Kinesiology and epidemiology

# SSHRC Doctoral Awards

## Timelines

- Student Deadline: October 11, 2019
- Students will be notified of the internal results in late November)
- Final results will be announced in April 2020

**Application process:** <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programmes-programmes/fellowships/doctoral-doctorat-eng.aspx>

(NEW – the application must be submitted online).

**OGS/QEII**

# OGS/QEII

Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) and QEII Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEII GSST) is a merit-based scholarships available to students in all disciplines of academic study.

- **Value & Duration:** \$15,000 per year for a one year maximum (non-renewable, i.e. must reapply each year)
- Must hold the award for a minimum of two consecutive terms
- One single application process for OGS and QEII

\*\*Note: QEII

- Same prestige and value as OGS
- Additional quota for Science and Technology programs

# OGS/QEII – Eligibility Criteria

- Domestic or International students for OGS; Only domestic students for QEII
- Minimum GPA of (A-) in each of the last 2 years of study
- Enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution in Ontario in an eligible program on a full time basis.
- Master's students – incoming or in 1<sup>st</sup> year (of a 2-year program)
- Doctoral students - be in 3rd year or less as of December 2019 (PhD students currently in their 4th year or higher are ineligible to apply for OGS for 2019-2020)

# OGS/QEI Application Process

Please read the instructions available at:

<http://gradstudies.yorku.ca/current-students/student-finances/funding-awards/ogs/>

If you are applying for an OGS and a CGS-M:

- Submit your Tri-Council application following instructions
- Submit an **Ontario Graduate Scholarship & Tri-Council Scholarship Information Form** online

If you are applying for OGS only:

- a. OGS Application Form (.pdf)
  - b. Transcripts from all post-secondary studies
  - c. OGS Reference Assessment – Master’s or Doctoral (.pdf) – to be sent to your grad program
- Submit a. and b. (in combined one PDF) through an **Ontario Graduate Scholarship & Tri-Council Scholarship Information Form**



# OGS/QEI Application Timelines

- Application deadlines are aligned with respective Tri-Council (Doctoral or Masters) deadlines i.e., students will apply simultaneously for OGS and the Tri-Council Doctoral or CGS-Masters
- Students applying only for OGS must verify which deadline applies to them and submit their application by the deadline
- International students should follow the same deadlines as domestic OGS applicants

# Key Dates


## OGS and Tri-council Application Deadlines

- For Doctoral students, apply by the corresponding deadline of the Tri-Council (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) doctoral scholarship:
  - **SSHRC doctoral: October 11, 2019**

# OGS & Tri-Council Info Form

MachForm

Ontario Graduate Scholarship & Tri-Council Scholarship Information Form

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There are known issues with using Internet Explorer to access this form. Please use either Firefox or Chrome to complete this form.

**Note:**

- Please carefully review the [application instructions](#) before submitting this form. In particular, if you are applying to OGS only and not to a Tri-Council scholarship, please prepare the OGS application form and transcripts in advance, as they need to be uploaded to this form.
- **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
- \* indicates a required field.
- Please submit this coversheet before the applicable OGS/Tri-Council application deadlines below:
  - For the doctoral level of study – **CIHR** eligible field of research: **October 11, 2019**
  - For the doctoral level of study – **NSERC** eligible field of research: **October 9, 2019**
  - For the doctoral level of study – **SSHRC** eligible field of research: **October 11, 2019**
  - For the Master's level of study: **December 2, 2019**

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York Student ID (if available)

Name \*

First Last

Student Status \*

<https://fgs.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=87881>



# OGS Only

## Ontario Graduate Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information	
Last name:	First name:
Proposed Graduate Program:	York Student ID (if applicable):
Title of Proposed Research Project/Plan of Study:	
Summary of Proposed Research Project/Plan of Study (up to 200 words)	

<https://gradstudies.yorku.ca/files/2015/09/OGS-application.pdf>

# Information Sessions

- **Workshops on Writing Winning Proposals for Masters' Students**
  - Session #1: Tuesday, October 1, 9:30am-11:30am, 280N York Lanes
  - Session #2 : Friday, October 11, 9:30am-11:30am, 280N York Lanes

# TIPS

# General Tips

- **Start early!!** The process almost always takes longer than anticipated. Plan out to complete the application at least 3 days before the deadline in case an unanticipated delay occurs.
- Determine which additional documents you need and arrange them as soon as possible. Transcripts and letters of reference take 2-3 weeks at least.
- Reference letters do matter. Make sure you select referees early who are willing to give you a strong reference (more on this later).

# Putting Together your Application

An application to a major scholarship typically requires:

- A research statement (2 pages)
- Reference letters
- Transcripts
- Your educational background, research contributions achievements and other relevant information



# Research Output/Contributions

- List all contributions, starting with most recent (unless otherwise specified in the instructions):
  - a. Published or accepted articles in refereed journals
  - b. Submitted articles to refereed journals (must have submission #)
  - c. Other refereed contributions (communications, conference proceedings, posters)
  - d. Non-refereed contributions (publications, reports)
  - e. Contributions from professional or industrially relevant R&D activities

# Applicant's Statement

- **Relevant experience**
  - Describe the research abilities that you have gained through your past research experience, including special projects, honours/master's thesis, co-op reports, etc. Discuss the relevance of that experience to your proposed field of study/research.
  - This section may also be used to describe your training relative to your proposed research such as knowledge gained through lived experience and traditional teachings.
- **Relevant activities**
  - Describe your participation in relevant professional, academic and extracurricular activities as well as collaborations with supervisors, colleagues, peers, students and members of the community

# Notes on Reference Letters

- Reference letters are an essential component of the application for evaluation
- Contact potential referees early (at least 3 weeks in advance)
- Share your draft proposal, and any other relevant information that may help them develop an effective support letter
- Share the Referee Guide:  
(<https://gradstudies.yorku.ca/faculty-staff/student-finances/successful-reference-letters-guide/>)

# Applications - DO's

- Keep audience in mind
- Use clear and concise writing
  - Make every word count and avoid adjectives and filler words
- Seek feedback!
  - Colleagues, supervisors
  - Friends/family that have absolutely no knowledge of your topic
  - **Each person should be able to read your application and clearly understand each section**

# General Formatting

- General formatting: **(review instructions)**
  - Times New Roman or comparable, size 12, black ink
  - Single spaced, single sided only
  - Paper size : 8.5 x 11 inches; Margins:  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch all around
  - Left Justified Paragraphs
  - Number pages sequentially
  - Abide by the page limits
  - Describe abbreviations and acronyms

# Resources

- Each award page on FGS website
- FGS Resource guides:

For students:

[http://gradstudies.yorku.ca/py\\_protected/successful-grant-proposals-guide/](http://gradstudies.yorku.ca/py_protected/successful-grant-proposals-guide/) (Passport York login required)

For referees:

<https://gradstudies.yorku.ca/faculty-staff/student-finances/successful-reference-letters-guide/>

# Questions??

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Thank You!