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This dedicated webpage contains valuable information for researchers, such as:

- ✓ **Funding Opportunities**

- ✓ **Resources**

- ✓ **News**

- ✓ **FAQs**

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Funding Opportunities available for trainees

Throughout this presentation, tips and advice will be provided as each of the programs are being described. Be aware that most of these tips can be applied regardless of the program.

- Canada Graduate Scholarships Masters Awards (CGS M)
- Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Awards (CGS D)
- Doctoral Foreign Study Award (DFSA)
- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)
- Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (MSFSS)
- CIHR Fellowship
- Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship

It is searchable and can be sorted by Institute, program type, or target applicant

From any CIHR web page, modify the URL link by entering these 5 digits (http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/35273.html) for an easy access to complete listing of current and archived opportunities.

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Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's Program (CGS M)

This program funds high caliber scholars who are engaged in eligible Masters or, in some cases, doctoral programs in Canada.

Annual Stipend: $17,500

Term: Up to 12-months

Application Deadline: December 1, 2021

For more information about this program:
www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/students-etudiants/pg-cs/cgsm-bescm_eng.asp

Email: CGSMA-BESCBM@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

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Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's Program (CGS M)

Eligibility Criteria

- Open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada or a Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)

- Be enrolled in, have applied for, or will apply for full-time admission* to an eligible graduate program (master's or doctoral) at a Canadian institution with a CGS M allocation

- Have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application:
  - between **zero and 12 months** of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent) in the program for which funding is requested; or,
  - 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 funding is requested

- Have achieved a first-class average as determined by the host institution, in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent). Institutions may, at their discretion, accept CGS M applications from individuals who have not obtained a first-class average.
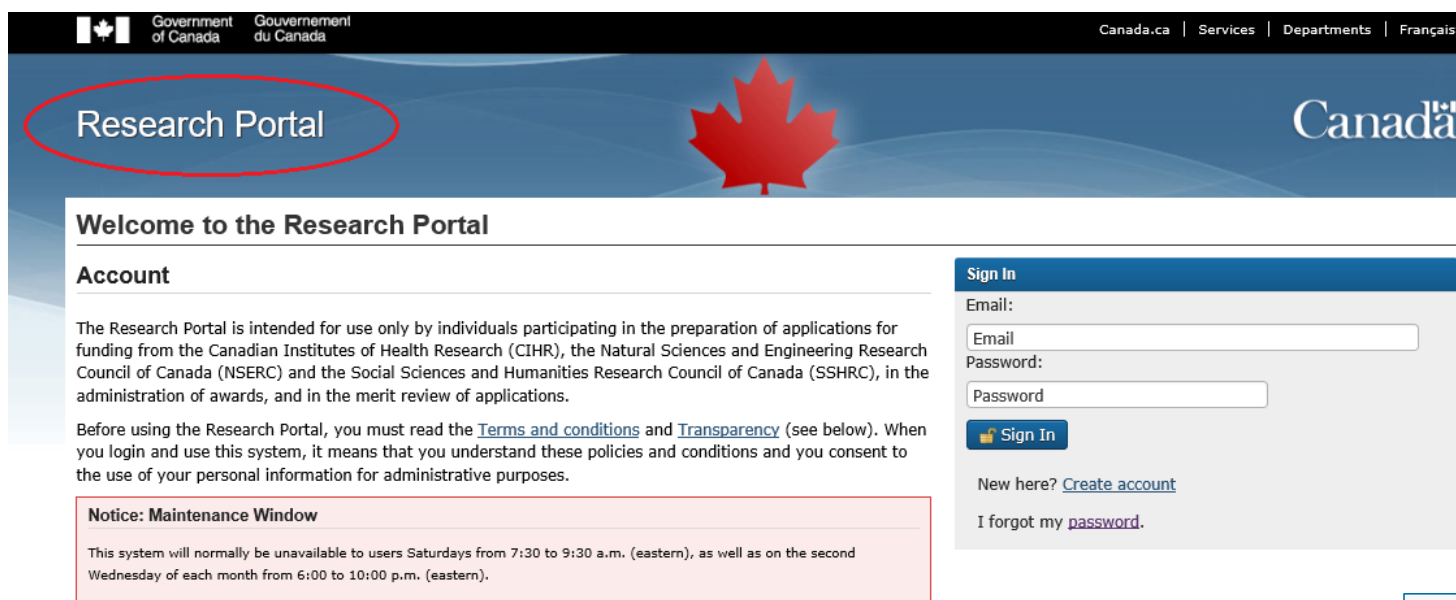
This list is not exhaustive - Review the program's literature for full list of eligibility requirements

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Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's Program (CGS M)

To apply to this funding opportunity, you are to submit an application via the Research Portal, and not ResearchNet.

Candidates should inform their selected references to consult the Information for References hosted on NSERC web page to find out best practices and considerations as well as educate them about unconscious bias.

Tips for Applicants – CGS M

For applicants to CGS M specifically:

If you select *Health* as your Field of Research, you must also provide a CIHR Personal Identification Number (PIN). It takes up to one full working day to process your CIHR PIN Request.

For **program-related information,** contact the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or its equivalent) at the institution(s) where you intend to hold the award.

For **technical matters** related to the Research Portal:

contact the Helpdesk or complete an On-line Services Support Request

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Doctoral Awards Programs

Funding is available for Doctoral studies in Canada and abroad, from these three envelopes of funding:

- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)
  — Nomination process

- Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Awards (CGS D)
  — If proposed location of research is at a *Canadian Institution*

- CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Award (DFSA)
  — If proposed location of research is located *abroad*

Reminder   **CGS D and DFSA are now 2 distinct funding opportunities.**

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Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)

Annual Value: $50,000

Duration : 3 years (non-renewable)

Nomination Deadline :

- November 2, 2021

  (Institution nominations)

For more information about this program: www.vanier.gc.ca

Email: Vanier@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

Open to Canadians, permanent residents of Canada, and foreign citizens and offered by CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC.

Aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies.

Applicants must be nominated by a Canadian Institution with a Vanier quota and awards can only be held at the nominating institution.

NEW: (Optional) Institutions may recommend an unlimited number of self-identified Indigenous applicants above their institutional quota.

Bourses d'études supérieures du Canada
Vanier
Canada Graduate Scholarships

SSHRC≡CRSH

CRSNG NSERC

CIHR IRSC
Canadian Institutes of   Instituts de recherche
Health Research   en santé du Canada

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Vanier CGS - Instructions to Applicants

Vanier CGS - Selection process

Selection Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated and selected based on the following three (3) criteria (weighted equally):

Academic Excellence	As demonstrated by past academic results and by transcripts, awards, and directions
Research Potential	As demonstrated by the candidates research history, interest in discovery, proposed research and its potential contribution to advancement of knowledge in field and anticipated outcomes
Leadership (Potential and Demonstrated Ability)	Personal achievement, involvement in academic life, volunteerism/community outreach, civic engagement or other

Candidates should consult the Selection Criteria on the website for more detailed information

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Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC have worked collaboratively on the Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral program (CGS D) in removing barriers and having consistent processes across the three agencies to simplify the application and adjudication processes.

What is harmonized

- Objective
- Description
- Eligibility
- Program of Study
- Deadlines
- Selection Process
- Selection Criteria
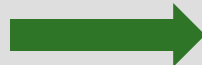
The program supports high-caliber students engaged in doctoral programs in all academic disciplines (applicants should complete the agency application that is best aligned with their research subject matter)

The Doctoral Foreign Study Award (DFSA) program has also aligned with the harmonized CGS D aspects.

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Optional Forms

Voluntary Self-Identification for Indigenous Applicants (*Optional*)

For candidates who want to self-identify as an Indigenous person (First Nation, Inuk (Inuit), or Métis) within their application.

Self-Declaration of No Institutional Affiliation with a quota (*Optional*)

For candidates who have not been affiliated with an Institution with a quota for CIHR within the calendar year of their application.

An application that includes a ***Self-Declaration of No Institutional Affiliation with a Quota form*** within should not be submitted to the institution where studies are intended to be pursued, but rather directly to CIHR by the applicant (see flowchart).

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Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

The Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral Program (CGS D) is available on a common landing page hosted on NSERC's website: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp

Canada Graduate Scholarships - Doctoral Program

The Canada Graduate Scholarships - Doctoral (CGS D) program is a federal program of scholarships awarded through national competitions by the granting agencies: the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

CIHR—Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Awards
NSERC—Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships
SSHRC—Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships

Supervisor's CV *is no longer a requirement*, although at least one primary supervisor must still be identified as part of the application.

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Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

In addition to the harmonized program description hosted on NSERC's website, candidates have access to various information and useful links located on the CIHR website at **http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50513.html**.

It is strongly suggested that you familiarize yourself with the information contained in these links to increase the success of your application.

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Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

CIHR is embarking into it's third year of setting Quotas for the CGS D program.

Each institution will review and submit their best applications to CIHR based on their quotas.

Overview	
Value	Stipend of $30,000 per year Research Allowance of $5,000 per year
Duration	36 months
Tenure	CGS D ⟶ Canadian institutions DFSA ⟶ Abroad
Application Deadline	Directly to CIHR : October 17 – see Notes Through a Canadian Institution: *Contact your institution*

Notes:
1. Remember that each Canadian Institution may set an internal deadline in advance of CIHR. Consult with your Institution to find out about their internal deadline.
2. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the deadline is set to the next business day before 8:00 p.m.
3. Deadline of October 17th applies to CGS D and DFSA competitions.

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Flowchart – CGS D & DFSA

If pursuing a doctoral degree in a health-related field abroad, applicants must apply to the CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Award (DFSA) competition. These applicants must manually enter the foreign institution in the "Other" field under "Institution Paid" within their ResearchNet application.

Are you currently registered in a degree program?

- **YES**
  - **Is it a foreign or Canadian institution?**
    - **Canadian**
      - **Does your institution have a quota?**
        - **YES** → **Apply through the institution at which you are currently registered** → Select this institution from the drop down menu of the "Institution Paid" field within your application
        - **NO** → **Directly to CIHR** → Manually enter "CIHR" in the "Other" field as the "Institution Paid" within your application
    - **Foreign** → **Directly to CIHR*** → Manually enter the non-Canadian institution in the "Other" field as the "Institution Paid" within your application
- **NO**
  - **Were you registered in a Canadian degree program during the calendar year of application?**
    - **YES**
      - **Does the institution of which you were registered have a quota?**
        - **NO** → **Directly to CIHR** → Manually enter "CIHR" in the "Other" field as the "Institution Paid" within your application
        - **YES** → **Apply through the institution at which you were registered** → Select this institution from the drop down menu of the "Institution Paid" field within your application
    - **NO** → **Directly to CIHR** → Manually enter "CIHR" in the "Other" field as the "Institution Paid" within your application

Subtasks	Enter Proposal Information - Details
✔ Overview	* Institution Paid (required)
⊗ Details	☐ 📝 Other
⊗ Descriptors	

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Application deadlines – CGS D & DFSA

CGS D (Quotas)	CGS D (Non-Quotas) & DFSA
INSTITUTION DEADLINE	**AGENCY DEADLINE**
Applications submitted through the Institution	Applications submitted directly to CIHR
Deadline will be set by the institution*	Deadline is on October 17 before 8:00 pm (ET)
The institution will review all applications received and submit the best applications to CIHR (according to their quota)	

* There could be an internal deadline in advance of the CIHR deadline.

Applications from self-identified Indigenous applicants may be submitted beyond the institution's quota.

Don't wait to the last minute – Start working on your application several weeks before the deadline.

Quota. Maximum number of applications an institution can forward to the agency.

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Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

Harmonized Eligibility Criteria

- Open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada or Protected Persons, as of the application deadline

- Have completed **no more than 24 months** of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if previously enrolled in a graduate program

- Have completed **no more than 36 months** of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if enrolled in a joint program, e.g., MD/PhD, MA/PhD*, regardless if previously enrolled in a master's program*

- Have completed **no more than 36 months** of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if enrolled directly from a bachelor's to a PhD program (not previously enrolled in a graduate program)

An applicant who commenced studies in a doctoral program directly from an undergraduate program (i.e., never enrolled in a Master's program) <u>must </u>be enrolled in their doctoral program at the time of application - *These applicants may be eligible to apply to the [CGS M program](#)* *for their first year of doctoral funding.*

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Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

Harmonized Eligibility Criteria – Cont'd

- Applicants can submit a maximum of one scholarship application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC. Nominations to the Vanier CGS program and applications to the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program do not count toward this limit (other exceptions may apply to CIHR internships)

- Applicants cannot have already received a doctoral-level scholarship from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC (does not apply to CIHR Fellowships)

Eligibility is based on the number of months of full-time study in the degree for which the applicant is requesting funding by **December 31 of the calendar year of application**. Two-terms of part-time study count as one term of full-time study.

An eligible doctoral program **must include** a significant research component.

CGS D & DFSA – Selection process

Selection Criteria

1. Research Ability or Potential (50%)
- Quality of research proposal
- Relevant training
- Research experience and achievements relative to stage of study
- Quality of contributions to advance the field of research
- Sound judgment and critical thinking skills
- Demonstration of responsible and ethical research conduct
- Enthusiasm for research, originality, initiative, autonomy, relevant community involvement and outreach
- Oral and written scientific communication skills

2. Relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia (50%)
- Scholarships, awards and distinctions (amount, duration and prestige)
- Academic record
- Professional, academic and extracurricular activities as well as collaborations with supervisors, colleagues, peers, students and members of the community

Annex A of the CIHR Reviewers' Guide provides detailed information of these evaluation criteria

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New! – Additional space allocated for Research Project Summary & Training Expectations written in French

Candidates submitting a <u>research project summary</u> and/or <u>Training Expectations</u> in French for their doctoral application (CGS D / DFSA) will be allowed to submit additional pages, in support of evidence demonstrating that French documents require approximately 20% more space than similar English documents.

Research Project Summary

Written in English ► 1 page
Written in French ► 1.5 pages

Training Expectations

Written in English ► 2 pages
Written in French ► 2.5 pages

Although ResearchNet is not designed to only allow for the upload of half pages, text included in these sections must not exceed limits above or will be removed with no further notification to the Nominated Principal Applicant by CIHR.

It is at the discretion of each institution to follow up with their applicants who have exceeded the page limits allowed, so that they can rectify their application, **before their Institution's internal deadline or CIHR's deadline, whichever comes first.**

For more information, consult the Acceptable Application Formats and PDF Attachments and the Frequently Asked Questions CIHR web pages.

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CGS D & DFSA – Tips for success

Tasks	Useful Information to Know
Identify Participants	- In addition to yourself, you must also identify a supervisor. - If only one supervisor, it must be selected as "Primary Supervisor". - CV is not required for the supervisor.
Identify Sponsors	- Only 2 sponsor assessments are required. - Applicants can manage the deadline by which sponsors must submit their assessment. - Refer your sponsors to the Information to Sponsors web page, so they can follow best practices and limit unconscious bias.
Enter Proposal Information	- Indicate the institution that will administer the funds as early as possible in order to view their internal deadline (CGS D applications only). - Use full page allowances* and adhere to format guidelines (e.g. font, page limits). - Carefully read instructions related to *Training Expectations* and *Research Project Summary* sections, as they align with the evaluation criteria. ** Note: Page allowance vary depending on official language selected.*

It is important for candidates to familiarize themselves with the CIHR Doctoral Research Awards – Application instructions

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CGS D & DFSA – Tips for success (Cont'd)

Tasks	Useful Information to Know
Attach Other Application Materials	- Order the transcripts several weeks before the deadline (must include all undergraduate and graduate studies, completed or ongoing). - Complete the **Doctoral Studies Timelines** form – it must be uploaded as one single PDF with transcripts. - Complete the **Confirmation of Scientific Area** form – it must be uploaded as one single PDF. **Optional !** For candidates who have not been affiliated with an Institution with a quota for CIHR within the calendar year of their application a **Self-Declaration of No Institutional Affiliation with a quota** form must be included – it must be uploaded as one single PDF under "*Other*". **Optional !** For candidates who want to self-identify as an Indigenous person (First Nation, Inuk (Inuit), or Métis) within their application a Voluntary Self-Identification for Indigenous Applicants form must be included – it must be uploaded as one single PDF under "*Other*".
Apply to Priority Announcements / Funding Pools (Optional)	- It increases funding success if the application is relevant to a specific CIHR research area – can be considered for up to three areas. - The Canada Graduate Scholarship to honor Nelson Mandela is listed as a Priority Announcement.

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CGS D & DFSA – Tips for success (Cont'd)

Tasks	Useful Information to Know
Print/Upload Signature Pages	- Only the supervisor's signature is required (maximum of two supervisors can be identified per application). - Institutional signatures are not required at time of application.

Preview	- Ensure consistency between the various sections of the application.
	- Proofread your application (grammar and orthography).
	- Show the complete application to your supervisor and other researchers for feedback.
	- Refer to the *Flowchart* to validate how your application is to be submitted:
	   - For CGS D ► a Canadian Institution with a quota or directly to CIHR
	   - For DFSA ► Directly to CIHR

Consent and Submit	- Be particularly careful when determining if your application should be submitted to a Canadian Institution or directly to CIHR for your application to not be rejected. **Note:** For CGS D application submitted to an institution <u>with</u> a quota, it is the responsibility of the Scholarships Liaison Officer (or equivalent) to inform applicants of the outcome of the institution's internal selection process

Applicants may submit their application in the official language of their choice.

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Fellowship Awards Programs

Funding is available for Post-Docs and Post-Health professionals in Canada and abroad.

Two envelopes of funding:

- **Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship**
    - ❖ Endorsement from Host Institution required
    - ❖ Intended for students pursuing research training

- **CIHR Fellowship**
    - ❖ Intended to:
        - o PhD holder pursuing a Post-PhD
        - o Health Professional pursuing a graduate degree or a research training.

Peer Review Opportunity

Depending on expertise requirements, there are opportunities for Postdoctoral Fellows to participate in evaluating applications for CIHR's Doctoral Research Awards. For more information, please see the peer review pilot studies.

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Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships

✓ Aims to attract and retain top-tier postdoctoral talent nationally and internationally;

✓ Develop their leadership potential;

✓ Position them for success as research leaders of tomorrow, positively contributing to Canada's economic, social and research-based growth through a research-intensive career.

For more information about this program:
http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca

Email: Banting@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

Annual Value: $70,000

Duration: 2 years

Application Deadline:

► September 22, 2021

Note: Institutions may have prior internal deadlines

Banting PDF - Application Guide

Selection process

Selection Criteria

Applications are evaluated based on the following three criteria (weighted equally):

1) Research excellence and leadership in the research domain

2) Quality of applicant's proposed research program

3) Institutional commitment and demonstrated synergy between applicant and institutional strategic priorities

Applicants should read the <u>Selection committee guide</u> prior to commencing their application as it contains valuable information on how these criteria are evaluated.

CIHR Fellowship

This program provides support for highly qualified candidate trainees in all areas of health research at the post-PhD degree or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research either in Canada or abroad.

Stipend and term is determined based on the candidate's educational background and proposed location of research.

Annual Stipend: From $21,000 to $55,000

Annual Research Allowance: $5,000

Term: Up to 5 years

Application Deadline: October 6, 2021

The [CIHR Fellowship program](#) launched on July 13, 2021

Canadian Institutions may have an [internal deadline](#) ahead of CIHR.

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CIHR Fellowship

Eligibility Criteria

This year an additional eligibility criterion has been added in an effort to highlight the importance of sex and gender in research

- The candidate must be a trainee.
- A primary supervisor must be identified on the application.
- As of the application deadline, the candidate must hold or be completing a PhD or regulated health professional degree.
  - ➤ The candidate must expect to have completed all degree requirements by the latest date on which they may commence their award.
  - ➤ Health Professional degree holders may request support to pursue a graduate degree or to pursue post-degree research.
- Canadian citizens and permanent residents are eligible to hold awards in Canada or abroad; Foreign applicants are eligible to hold awards in Canada only.
- Applicants must complete one of CIHR's three interactive modules on sex and gender in research. *NEW*

For more information visit the CIHR Health Research Training Award Programs webpage

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CIHR Fellowship – Peer Review

Adjudication Criteria

1. **Achievements and Activities of the Candidate (60%)**

   - Training Expectations (10%)
   - Proposed Research Project (10%)
   - Honours, Awards and Academic Distinction (10%)
   - Publications and Related Research Achievements (30%)

2. **Sponsor's Assessment of the Candidate's Characteristics and Abilities (20%)**

3. **Research Training Environment (20%)**

Annex A of the *CIHR Reviewer's Guide for Fellowship Awards* **provides detailed information on these adjudication criteria**

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CIHR Fellowship – Tips for success

Start at least several weeks before the deadline !

Tasks	Useful Information to Know
Identify Participants	- In addition to yourself, you must also identify one supervisor. You may identify up to two (2) supervisors. - If only one supervisor, it must be selected as "Primary Supervisor". - It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain their supervisor(s)' CCV confirmation number and enter it in this section. **Note**: submit all required CCVs well in advance of deadline.
Enter Proposal Information	- It is important to justify if *Research Project Summary* exceptionally lacks sex and gender considerations. - Indicate the institution that will administer the funds as early as possible in order to view their internal deadline (if proposed research will be conducted in Canada).
Complete Application	- Work on the *Research Project Summary* and *Training Expectations* in collaboration with your supervisor. - Ensure that your research project goals are clear and concise. - Carefully read instructions related to the adjudication criteria in *Appendix A*. - Use full page allowances and adhere to format guidelines (e.g. font, page limits).

**It is important for candidates to familiarize themselves with the
CIHR Fellowship Awards– Application instructions**

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CIHR Fellowship – Tips for success

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted !

Tasks	Useful Information to Know
Identify Sponsors	▪ Three (3) sponsor assessments are required. ▪ Applicants can manage the deadline by which sponsors must submit their assessment. ▪ Refer your sponsors to the Information to Sponsors web page, so they can follow best practices and limit unconscious bias.
Attach Other Application Materials	▪ Complete the *Confirmation of Scientific Area* form – it must be uploaded as one single PDF. ▪ **NEW -** complete the appropriate CIHR interactive module on sex and gender in research that applies to the research project and attach the certificate of completion – it must be uploaded as one single PDF under "*Other*".
Apply to Priority Announcements / Funding Pools (Optional)	▪ It increases funding success if the application is relevant to a specific CIHR research area – application can be considered for up to three areas.

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CIHR Fellowship – Tips for success

Do not wait until the last minute to submit your application !

Tasks	Useful Information to Know
Print/Upload Signature Pages	▪ All 3 pages of the document must be uploaded as part of the application prior to submission. ▪ Only the supervisor(s) signatures are required. ▪ Institutional signatures are not required at time of application.
Preview	▪ Proofread your application (grammar and orthography). ▪ Ensure consistency between the various sections of the application. ▪ Show the complete application to your supervisor and other researchers for feedback.
Consent and Submit	▪ Applicants must review the terms listed and respond to the questions regarding consent in order to submit their application. ▪ All ResearchNet tasks must be listed as **complete** in order to allow successful application submission. ▪ It is highly recommended that applicants submit their application well ahead of the CIHR deadline.

Applicants may submit their application in the official language of their choice.

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CIHR Fellowship – Useful Resources

Visit the [CIHR Health Research Training Award Programs](#) web page, under the *Postdoctoral/Degree Fellows* tab, for a series of useful links.

| Masters students | Doctoral students | Postdoctoral/degree fellows | CIHR Institute initiatives |

All Postdoctoral training awards offered by CIHR or through CIHR Institutes can be accessed through CIHR's grants and awards database.

ℹ️ **Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships**

These awards aim to attract and retain top-tier talent, both nationally and internationally, to develop their leadership potential and to position them for success as research leaders of tomorrow, positively contributing to Canada's economic, social, and research-based growth through a research-intensive career.

ℹ️ **CIHR Fellowship Program**

These awards provide support for highly-qualified candidates at the postdoctoral (post-PhD) or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research either in Canada or abroad.

Useful links:

- CIHR Fellowship Awards – Application instructions
- CIHR Reviewers' Guide for Fellowship Awards
- Information for Sponsors
- CIHR Fellowship Awards – Frequently Asked Questions
- Individual Development Plans
- Peer Review Committees and Mandates – Fellowships
- Tri-agency Research Training Award Holder's Guide

Peer review opportunity

Depending on expertise requirements, there are opportunities for Postdoctoral Fellows to participate in evaluating applications for CIHR's Doctoral Research Awards. Invitations will be sent by email. For more information, please see the peer review pilot studies.

"One-stop shop" location where to find useful information to increase application success – Have a look!

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Other Useful Information

CGS Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (CGS MSFSS)

This program funds existing Canadian Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS) and Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) Master's or Doctoral award recipients interested in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional short-term research experiences at research institutions outside of Canada.

Supplement: up to $6,000
Term: 2 to 6 months
Application Deadline:
June 10 and October 10 each year
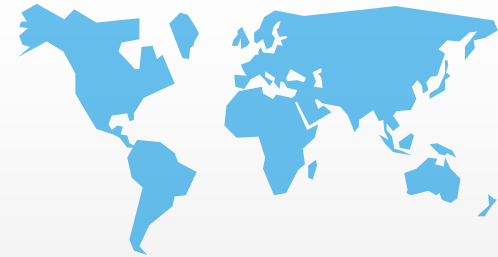
To benefit from this program, candidates must have accepted or hold a CGS (Master or Doctoral) or CGS Vanier and not have previously held a CGS MSFSS.

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Priority Announcements

Additional funds are available through the following competitions:
- ❑ CIHR Fellowship
- ❑ Doctoral Research Award:
    - – Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Awards (CGS D)
    - – Doctoral Foreign Study Awards (DFSA)

✓ It offers additional sources of funding for highly rated applications that are relevant to specific CIHR research priority areas.

✓ Candidates may request to be considered for **up to three priority announcement** research areas within their application.

Sponsor Assessments

Candidates should choose sponsors that know them well enough to be able:

- ✓ to assess their potential
- ✓ to provide <u>specific</u> examples of their behaviour with respect to **each** characteristic on the sponsor assessment form

Candidates are responsible to inform their selected sponsors to consult the Information for Sponsors web page for useful tips.

To know….

Applicants can manage the deadline by which sponsors must submit their assessments.

- By default, the Sponsor Required Deadline in ResearchNet is set for two days before the application deadline. However, applicants can adjust this to any date prior to the application deadline.

**Access a PDF version of the Sponsor Assessment form to better understand what it consists of :
https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/797.html**

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Restrictions

This restriction also applies to the Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master (CGS M) competition, even if the platform used is the Research Portal, and not ResearchNet.

Applicants may only submit an application to one competition per academic year (September 1st to August 31st) for funding from any of these granting agencies:

- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

Any exceptions to this rule will be indicated within the funding opportunity to which you are applying.

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CIHR Training Resources

Resources Available for Trainees

1 **Training Webpages**

http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50507.html

2 **Training Tools & Modules**

http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50517.html

3 **Individual Development Plans**

http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50516.html
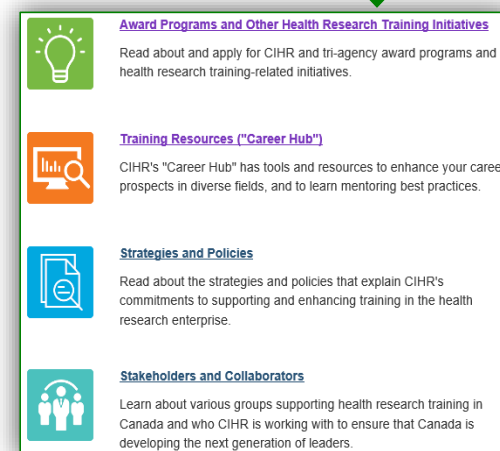
Training Tools and Modules

CIHR has created a **series of research training tools and modules** to ensure trainees are aware of and can integrate emerging practices to advance rigorous and responsible research.

Global Health Research Training Module

Sex and Gender Considerations

Research Involving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples of Canada

Unconscious Bias Training Module

The TCPS2 Tutorial Course on Research Ethics

CIHR Research Data Management (RDM) Learning Module

Ethics in Research: A Science Lifecycle Approach

http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50517.html

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Individual Career Development Plans

CIHR encourages the use of Individual Career Development Plans (IDPs) to **empower trainees** to prepare for the career(s) of their choice.

✅ **What are Individual Development Plans (IDPs)?**
IDPs help map one's career by encouraging the identification of career goals and the intentional planning of short and long-term strategies to attain the goals.

✅ **5 steps to develop and complete an effective IDP**

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
SELF-ASSESSMENT	CAREER EXPLORATION	GOAL DETERMINATION	PLAN DEVELOPMENT	PLAN REFINEMENT & IMPLEMENTATION

For more information on how to fill out an IDP, check out the CIHR IDP webpage for useful resources, including:

- ❑ Step by step guide to IDP
- ❑ IDP tip sheet
- ❑ IDP learning modules (for trainees and mentors)
- ❑ CIHR IDP Form (revised)

** Alternate IDP forms may exist at your university.

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Benefits of IDP Use

Active career management, such as using the IDP tool, has been shown to:

Decrease time to degree completion

Increase success in securing research funding (e.g., scholarships and awards)

Enhance access to career advice

Create better career outcomes for trainees

Increase career satisfaction

Learn more about the benefits of IDPs for:
- Trainees
- Mentors
- Canadian Economy

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Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at CIHR

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Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at CIHR: Self-Identification

CIHR has committed to identifying and eliminating systematic biases against any individual or group that would hinder access to CIHR funds.

Reliable and comparable data is essential to identify, track and monitor equitable access to research funds.
- *Data collection has been harmonized across the Tri Agencies*

All applicant participants on submissions to all CIHR programs are asked to fill out an Equity and Diversity Questionnaire.

Five questions: gender, age, Indigenous identity, visible minority identity, and person with disabilities.
- *Each question has "I prefer not to answer" option*

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Equity and Diversity Questionnaire

Links

CIHR is committed to ensuring the fair treatment of all participants, and the questionnaire is a tool that will allow CIHR to monitor the equity performance of its programs.

You are invited to view more information at the following links:

- [Message from the Associate Vice-President: CIHR launches new Equity and Diversity Questionnaire for applicants](#)

- [How to complete the Equity and Diversity Questionnaire](#)

- [Frequently Asked Questions about the Equity and Diversity Questionnaire](#)