

# SSHRC and OGS Scholarship Workshop

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# Ontario Graduate Scholarships

## February 2024

- \$15,000 for one year (three consecutive terms)
- Merit based.
- This will be a pared-down version of your thesis.

Information at:

[https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external\\_funding/ogs.html](https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/ogs.html)

<https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/PRDR019245.html>



# Canada Graduate Scholarships - Master's

## December 1, 2023

- \$17,500 for 12 months (non-renewable)
- 1 page research proposal
- Canadian Common CV (Start Early)
- Adjudication takes place at universities

Information at:

[https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external\\_funding/cgsm.html](https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/cgsm.html)



# CGS-M

## Eligibility

Be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada or a Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) as of the application deadline date

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

Have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application either between 0 and 12 months of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent) in the program for which you are requesting funding

Not have held or be currently holding a CGS M scholarship from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC

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)

Submit a maximum of one scholarship (master's or doctoral) or fellowship application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC



## Evaluation Criteria

### **Academic Excellence (50%)**

Past academic results, as demonstrated by transcripts, awards, and distinctions

### **Research Potential (30%)**

As demonstrated by the applicant's research history, his/her interest in discovery, the proposed research, its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field, and any anticipated outcomes.

### **Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills (20%)**

As demonstrated by the applicant's past professional and relevant extracurricular interactions and collaborations.



## References

### Two References

Assessments should be completed by individuals who are familiar enough with your research and/or other abilities that they can provide a meaningful commentary (for example, current or previous academic research supervisor, industrial supervisor, employment/volunteer supervisor, teacher or thesis advisor).

It is your responsibility to ensure your reference assessments are complete and submitted early enough to allow you to submit your complete application in the Research Portal before the



# Canada Graduate Scholarships - Doctoral

## September 23, 2023

- \$35,000 per year for 36 months (non-renewable)
- SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships: \$20,000 per year for 12, 24, 36 or 48 month
- 2 page research proposal
- 2 page research contributions

Information at:

[https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external\\_funding/sshrc/index.html](https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/sshrc/index.html)



# CGS-D

## Eligibility

Be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada or a Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada), as of the application deadline

Have completed no more than 24 months of full-time study in your 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 your joint program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if enrolled in a joint program; such as, MD/PhD, MA/PhD

Have completed no more than 36 months of full-time study in your doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if enrolled directly from a bachelor's to a Ph.D. program (without having completed or enrolled in another graduate program)

You can submit a maximum of one scholarship or fellowship application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC.

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

You cannot hold a tenure or tenure-track appointment concurrently with your CGS D award.





# SSHRC-DF

## Eligibility

Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada or a Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada), as of the application deadline

Not have already received a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) or SSHRC

Not have submitted more than one scholarship or fellowship application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC (Should more than one application be submitted, the eligible application submitted first chronologically will be retained; nominations to the Vanier CGS program do not count toward this limit—see SSHRC's regulations on multiple applications and on holding multiple awards for more information.)

have completed no more than 48 months of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application.



## Evaluation Criteria

[https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/students-etudiants/pg-cs/cgsd-bescd\\_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/students-etudiants/pg-cs/cgsd-bescd_eng.asp)

### Research ability and potential (50%)

- Quality of research proposal
  - specific, focused, and feasible research question(s) and objective(s)
  - clear description of the proposed methodology
  - significance and expected contributions to research
- Relevant training
- Research experience and achievements
- Quality of contributions

### Relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia (50%)

- Scholarships, awards and distinctions (amount, duration and prestige)
- Professional, academic and extracurricular activities



## Research Proposal

- Clearly state your current level of graduate study
- Indicate what stage you are at in your thesis.
- Provide the name of your supervisor of doctoral studies, if known
- Provide an outline of your thesis proposal including the research question, context, objectives, methodology, and contribution to the advancement of knowledge
- Describe what you hope to accomplish during the award tenure (up to 3 years for SSHRC) and what will remain to be done before you obtain your degree
- (Somewhat different for those presently at Masters level)



## Other Attachments

### Research contributions, relevant experience and activities ( 2 pages)

- Part I—Research contributions
  - Refereed contributions
  - Other refereed contributions
  - Non-refereed contributions
  - Forthcoming contributions
- Part II—Applicant’s statement
  - Relevant experience
  - Relevant activities

### Bibliography and Citations (5 pages)



## Other Attachments

### **Transcripts**

Include up-to-date official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies in the application. Retain the paper copy of any uploaded transcripts, as you could be asked to provide it for verification purposes.

### **References**

One referee should be very familiar with your research and abilities (i.e., current or previous research supervisor) and the other should be sufficiently familiar with your research and abilities to provide a meaningful commentary.



## Formatting

- You must follow the specified requirements for margins and font size (12-point Times New Roman) or your application may be rendered ineligible.



## Adjudication

- Western reviews and recommends which SSHRC PhD applications will go forward to national competition.
- Each national committee reads 70-90 files
- Each application is assigned a score
- Reviewer's scores are compared during a conference call and discrepancies are solved.



# Tips #1

- Start early
- Answer all questions asked in the application
- Organize peer review for your application
- Read others' grants.





# Tips #2

- Start early
- Follow the instructions. Answer all questions asked in the application.
- Organize peer review for your application
- Read others' grants.
- Choose your referees carefully and provide your referees with information about:
  - The adjudication criteria
  - The timeline
  - Yourself and what you have done to merit an excellent reference



# Tips #3

- Essential: At the beginning of your funding application, even if it is not requested of you, concisely say:
- WHAT
  - State what you are planning on doing
- HOW
  - Say how it will be done (e.g. I will do x, y, z projects)
- EFFECT
  - State the specific contributions of your research the important effects of your research



# Tips #4

## **Opening section/lines of the application**

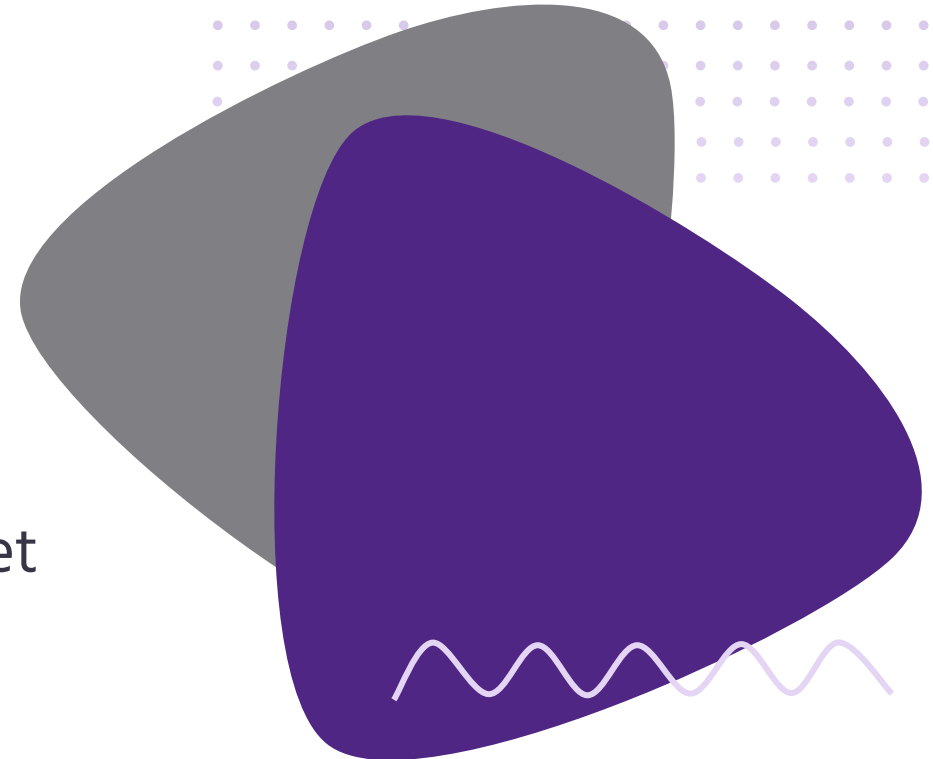
This can serve to set the tone and engender an enthusiastic response to your work. Be confident, not boastful as you write.

## **Concrete evidence or examples**

Whenever you can explain your qualifications and what you describe.

## **Write a concrete, realizable plan**

Convince the reviewers that you are a good bet to get the research done

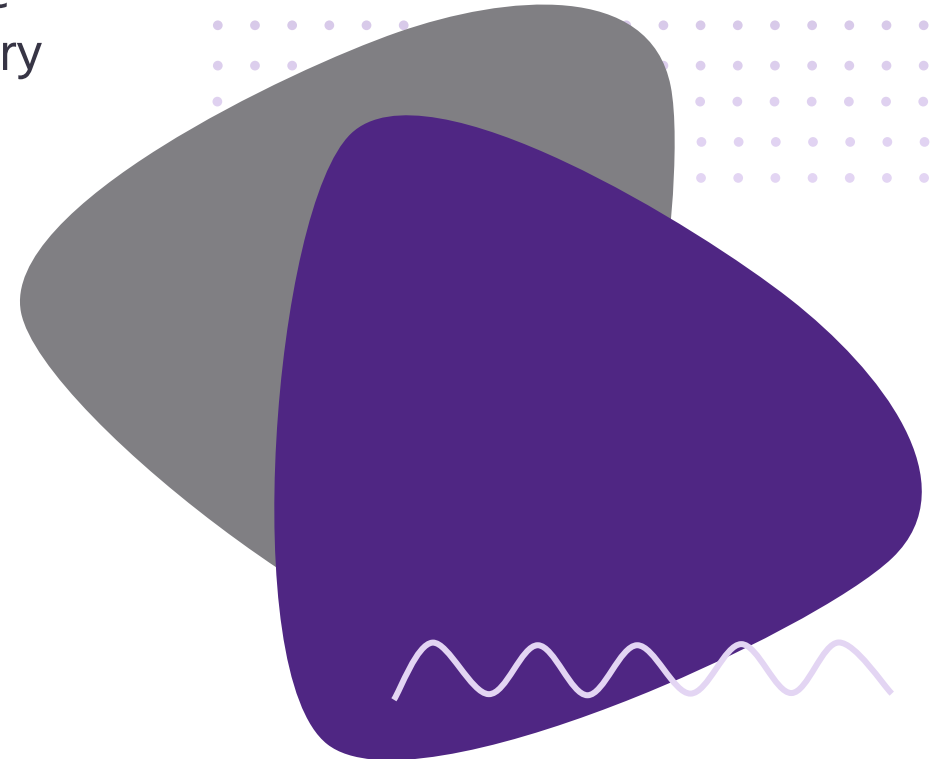


# Tips #5

**Respond to each and every one of the evaluation criteria** outlined in the application materials provided by the funding body.

**Separate heading** for every question and sub-question you are asked to respond to in your first draft. Respond to each and every question. Afterward, you can remove or incorporate your headings.

**Write to your intended audience.** Remember that not all reviewers will be experts in your field. Some might be from a different discipline altogether (depending upon the funding opportunity), or in some cases, reviewers might not even be academics.



# Tips #6

- Your grant must be understandable even to those who know nothing about your work
- Explain all terms and avoid jargon when possible used terms must have meanings agreed upon by all in any field that might review your application
- Make your writing clear, interesting, at the level of, say, a Harpers or Economist article (not excessively academic)
- Leave white space and put lists on separate lines when possible
- Imagine that your grant will be read along with 5 others on a commuter flight at 11 pm
- I like to imagine a clever nonacademic in my head when writing a grant. You are writing to them.



# Tips #7

- Templates for how to structure your proposal
- After giving three lines for an overview, use Heather Brown's Templates available on the Graduate Student Research Blog
- <http://westerngradresearch.files.wordpress.com/2013/10/brown-how-to-structure-an-ogs-or-sshrc-proposal.pdf>  
This is older but it provides clear information and good templates to follow for Masters and Ph.D. applications



# Common Errors

- 1. Exceed space allowance or do not use all the space (e.g. short proposal).
- 2. Fail to abide by instructions about margins, font, transcripts, etc.
- 3. Incomplete applications.
- 4. Missed deadlines.



# Faculty of Education Funding

- [Research Funding for thesis-based MA and PhD students](#)
- [Conference Applications for MA and PhD students](#)
- [Conference Applications for EdD students](#)

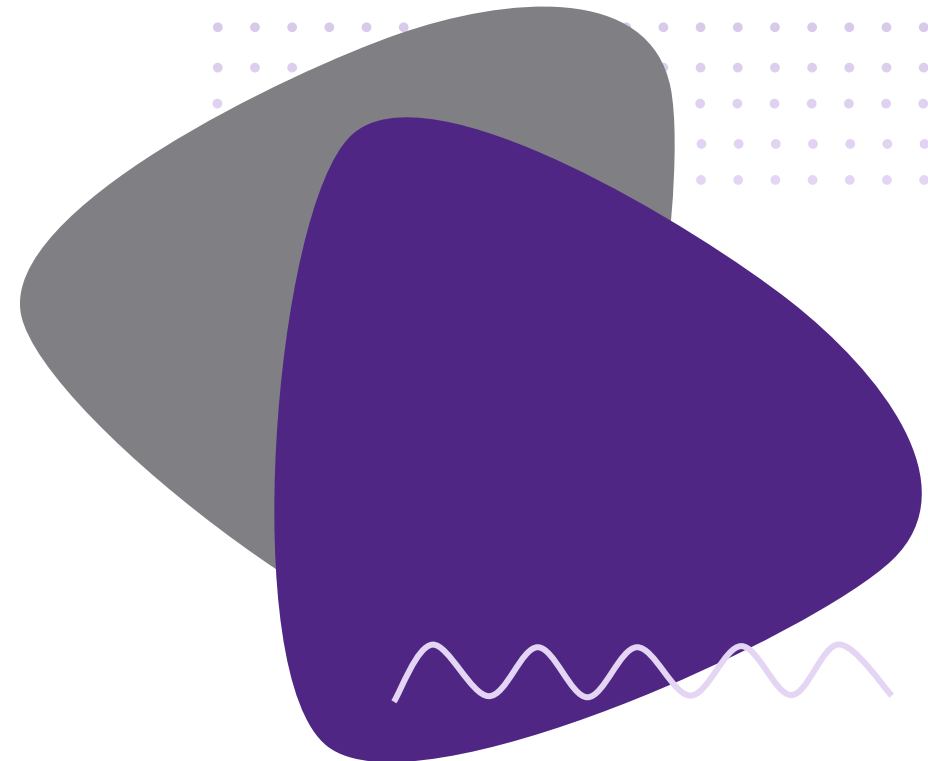
<https://www.edu.uwo.ca/research/research-office/student-resources.html>





# External Funding

- Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) and QEII Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEIGSST)
- Autism Scholars Awards
- John Charles Polanyi Prizes
- Ontario Women's Health Scholars Awards
- Canada Graduate Scholarships - Master's
- CIHR Doctoral Research Awards
- NSERC Doctoral Research Awards
- SSHRC Doctoral Research Awards
- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships
- Trudeau Doctoral Scholarships
- CGS-Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements
- Governor General's Gold Medals
- Richard J. Schmeelk Canada Fellowships
- Rhodes Scholarships
- Canada's Distinguished Dissertation Awards
- American Distinguished Dissertation Awards
- McCall MacBain Scholarships

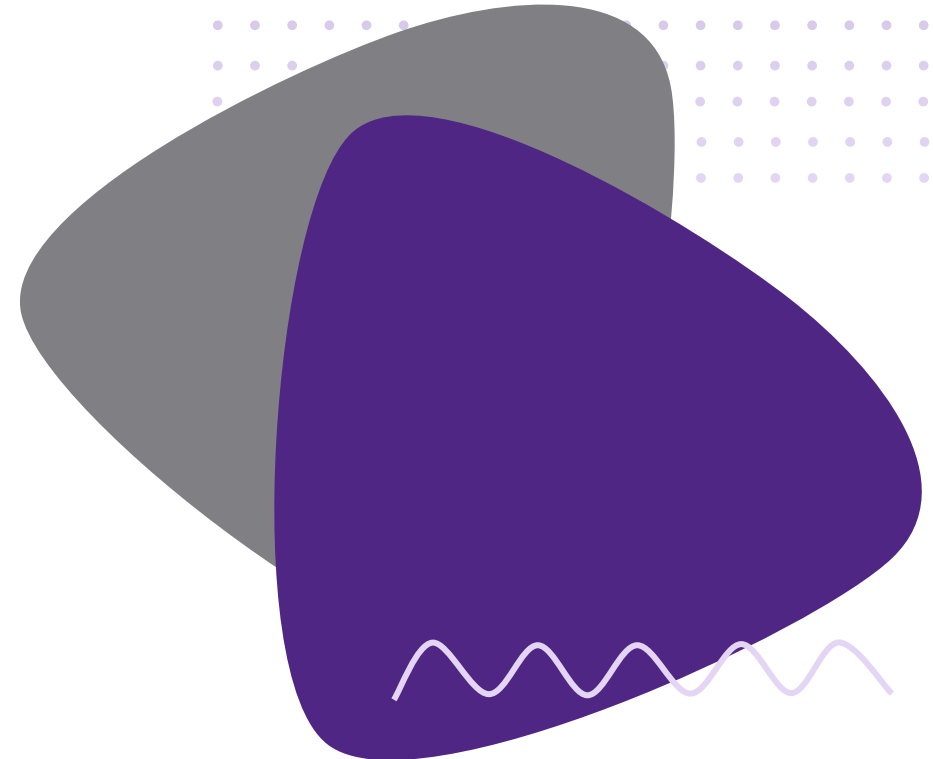


# International Funding

- [Ontario Graduate Scholarships \(OGS\)](#)
- [Trudeau Doctoral Scholarships](#)
- [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships](#)

## International Sponsorship and Partnership Programs

- [CGS-Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements](#)
- [China Scholarship Council](#)
- [Libya North-American Scholarship Program](#)
- [Egypt Cultural and Educational Bureau](#)
- [Mitacs Globalink Research Awards](#)
- [Organization of American States Program](#)
- [Rhodes Scholarships](#)
- [Russia - Global Education Program](#)
- [Saudi Arabia King Abdullah Scholarship Program](#)
- [Vietnam International Education Development Program](#)



# For Help

## Graduate Office

- Eligibility (Grades)
- Other funding assistance (e.g. bursaries)

## Writing Support Centre for Graduate Students

For OGS: Erin Daley, Scholarship Coordinator  
by EMAIL.

## Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

- Research Office
- To see successful applications from Graduate Students in Education
- Funding for conference travel
- Discussions for SSHRC / NSERC / CIHR





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