

Canada Tri-agency Scholarship and Fellowship programs

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From April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025

Statistic

Canada Graduate Scholarships Program

 Master's scholarships awarded: **1,450**

★ Doctoral scholarships awarded: **458**

 **69%** to first-year students

 **31%** to second-year students

Canada Graduate Scholarships

 Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements awarded: **99**

★ Vanier Scholarships: **193** eligible applications received, **54** scholarships awarded

Doctoral Fellowships

★ SSHRC: **2,201** eligible applications received, **477** fellowships awarded

Postdoctoral Fellowships

 SSHRC: **590** eligible applications received, **130** fellowships awarded

★ Banting: **155** eligible applications received, **23** fellowships awarded

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External Scholarships ”

Statistic

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Master's (CGRS M)

Duration: **1 year**

Value: **\$27,000**

Eligibility:

- Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or a Protected Person
- Either enrolled in an eligible master's or direct-entry doctoral program with a significant research component, or have applied for, or are intending to apply for, an eligible program.
- 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.
- The award may only be held at eligible Canadian post-secondary institutions.
- Not have held or be currently holding a Master's level scholarship from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC

Selection criteria:

- Academic excellence (50%);
- Research potential (30%);
- Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills (20%).

The master's-level Indigenous Scholars Awards and Supplements program currently offered by NSERC and SSHRC will be extended to CIHR for the 2025/2026 competition cycle.

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Master's (CGRS M)



Up-to-date **official transcripts** of all undergraduate and graduate studies must be included in the application, including transcripts for the fall term of the year of application, whether they contain grades or not.

[eTranscripts - Office of the Registrar - Western University \(uwo.ca\)](https://www.uwo.ca/registrar/eTranscripts)

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Master's (CGRS M)



Websites

- Western:
 - https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/triagency/cgrsm.html
- Official
 - https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/cgrsm-besrm_eng.asp



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 - [Writing Support Centre](#)
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 - CIHR: cgsma-bescbm@cihirsc.gc.ca
 - NSERC: NSERCScholarships-BoursesCRSNG@NSERC-CRSNG.GC.CA

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral program

Duration: **3 years**

Value: **\$40,000**

Eligibility:

- Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, Protected Person, or foreign citizen.
- Either enrolled in an eligible doctoral program with a significant research component or have applied for, or are intending to apply for, an eligible program.
- Foreign citizens must be enrolled in a doctoral program of study at an eligible Canadian institution at the time of application.
- Up to 15% of all doctoral awards will be awarded to international applicants.
- The award may be held at both Canadian and international post-secondary institutions.
- Approximately 20% of all doctoral awards would be eligible to be held abroad.
- International applicants may only hold the award in Canada.
- Eligibility for CGRS D is based on the number of months of full-time study, including summer months, you completed by **December 31 of the calendar year** of your application toward the degree for which you are requesting funding.
- Applicants must have completed no more than 36 months of full-time equivalent study in the doctoral program

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral program

- You can submit a maximum of **one scholarship** or fellowship application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC. If you submit more than one application, only the eligible application submitted first will be retained.
- You can apply a **maximum of three times** to this funding opportunity.
- You **cannot** have already received a doctoral-level scholarship from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC.
- You **cannot** hold a tenure or tenure-track appointment or be on leave from such an appointment concurrently with your CGRS D award.
- **Joint programs** with a professional degree (for example, MD/PhD, DVM/PhD, JD/PhD, MBA/PhD), as well as clinically oriented programs of study, including clinical psychology, are eligible if they have a significant autonomous research component.

Selection criteria:

- Research Potential (50%);
- Relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia (50%).

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral program



If you are eligible to apply directly to one of the agencies, you must submit your application using the appropriate agency application portal before 8:00 pm (ET) on October 17.

Up-to-date **official transcripts** of all undergraduate and graduate studies must be included in the application, including transcripts for the fall term of the year of application, whether they contain grades or not.

[eTranscripts - Office of the Registrar - Western University \(uwo.ca\)](#)

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral program



Websites

- Western:
 - https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/triagency/cgrsd.html
- Official
 - https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/cgrsd-besrd_eng.asp



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Canada Postdoctoral Research Award Program (CPRA)

Duration: **2 years**

Value: **\$70,000**

Eligibility:

- Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, Protected Persons, or a foreign citizen.
- hold or expect to hold a doctoral or [health professional](#) degree before the [start date of your award](#)
- Up to **20%** of all postdoctoral awards will be awarded to international applicants.
- The award may be held at both Canadian and international post-secondary institutions.
- Approximately **30%** of all postdoctoral awards would be eligible to be held abroad.
- International applicants may only hold the award in Canada.
- Applicants may apply a maximum of **three times** to this funding opportunity.
- You can submit a maximum of one scholarship or fellowship application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC.
- You cannot hold a CPRA concurrently with another tri-agency research training award.

Selection criteria:

- Research potential and experience (50%)
- Quality of proposed research program (50%)

Canada Postdoctoral Research Award program



Open



Western;
SSHRC: September 3
CIHR: September 3
NSERC: October 6



SSHRC: September 10
CIHR: September 16
NSERC: October 17



March 31

Canada Postdoctoral Research Award program



Websites

- Western:
 - https://grad.uwo.ca/postdoctoral_services/external_opportunities/index.html
- Official
 - https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PD-NP/cprabprc_eng.asp



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Other External Scholarships

Canada Research Training Awards Suite – Research Travel Supplements

Duration: **2-6 months**

Value: **\$9,000**

Eligibility:

- Available to Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada or Protected Persons under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada).
- Must be registered in a graduate research studies program at a Canadian institution for the duration of your research study period abroad
- Must have accepted or currently hold a master's or doctoral award from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC (including a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship)
- Undertake your proposed trip abroad no earlier than the competition deadline date
- Not hold, or have held, any other CGS-MSFSS during the course of your graduate studies

Canada Research Training Awards Suite – Research Travel Supplements



Late April



Western;
Spring: May 15
Fall: September 15



Spring: June 10
Fall: October 10



Spring: August (SSHRC
and NSERC) and
September (CIHR)
Fall: December

Canada Research Training Awards Suite – Research Travel Supplements



Websites

- Official
 - <https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/funding-opportunity/canada-research-training-awards-suite-research-travel-supplements>



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Ontario Graduate Scholarships and QEI Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology

Duration: **1 year**

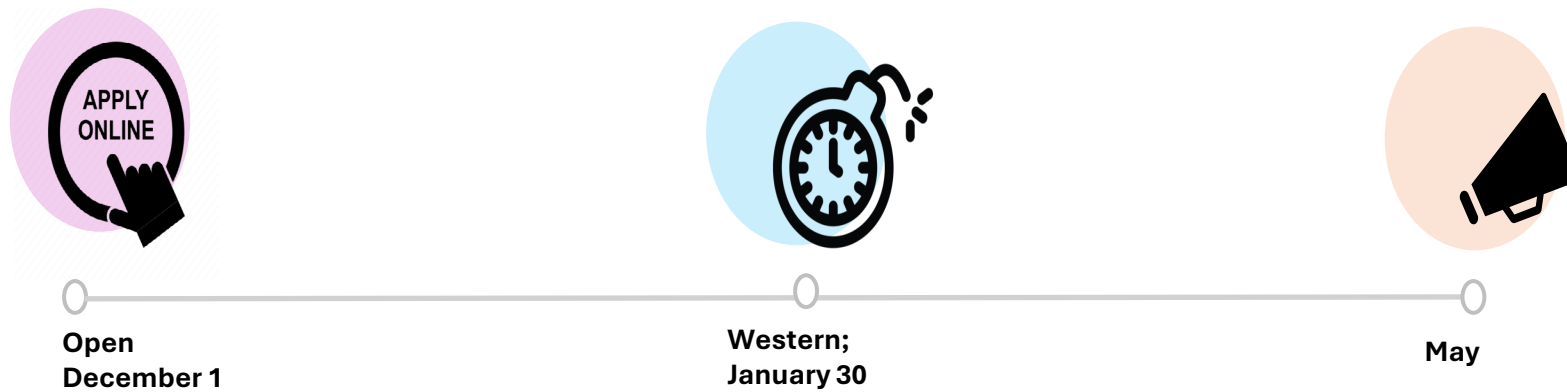
Value: **\$15,000**

Eligibility:

- Be a Canadian citizen, a Permanent Resident, a Protected Person [under subsection 95 (2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protections Act (Canada)], or an International student.
- A current graduate student in or have submitted a graduate admission application to a *research-based graduate program well in advance of the OGS application deadline.
- Those who self-identify as an Indigenous student within the application will be required to affirm their Indigenous citizenship or membership. For details, see the application form, and please visit the [Office of Indigenous Initiatives](#). Affirmed applications will be considered for either a faculty OGS or one of the two Indigenous OGS at Western.
- by January 1:
 - 4-year (12-term) PhD: Must be in term 9 or earlier.
 - Direct-entry or Master's-to-PhD transfer (15-term) PhD: Must be in term 12 or earlier.
 - 2-year (6-term) Master's: Must be in term 3 or earlier.
 - 5-term Master's: Must be in term 2 or earlier.
 - 3- or 4-term Master's: Must not have started the program before January 1 (i.e., no completed terms).

Applied for a Tri-Agency Scholarship? You must still submit an OGS/QEI-GSST application, but you may reuse your Tri-Agency application.

Ontario Graduate Scholarships and QEI Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology



Ontario Graduate Scholarships and QEI Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology



Websites

- Western:
 - https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/ogs.html
- Official
 - <https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/PRDR019245.html>
 - <https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/PRDR019236.html>



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OTHER OPTIONS

Governor General's
Gold Medals

CAGS/ProQuest
Distinguished
Dissertation Awards

MITACS

Canada Impact+
Research Training
Awards

Vector Scholarship in
Artificial Intelligence

International Funding
Opportunities

Ontario Women's
Health Scholars'
Award

Marie Skłodowska-
Curie Postdoctoral
Fellowships

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Internal Scholarships ”

Statistic

Graduate Students

- Western Graduate Research Scholarship (WGRS)
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA)
- Graduate Student Assistantship
- Graduate Fellowship
- Donor-Funded Awards Search
- Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex
- Global Opportunities Award
- Education Research Office
 - Research Funding for Thesis-Based MA and PhD Students
 - Conference Application for PhD, MA, and EdD Students
 - Indigenous Research Funding for Graduate Students

For more information, please check: [Western Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies](#)

PostDocs

- [Western Opportunities](#)
- [Western Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#)

Western Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Duration: **2 year**

Value: **\$70,000** per year

- Fellowships will provide a minimum stipend of **\$70,000/year** (pending any association agreement changes) plus recoverable **benefits** and a **\$5,000/year research allowance** for two years.
- **Matching requirement:** Western Research will contribute 50% of the base fellowship (stipend and recoverable benefits), plus a \$5,000/year research allowance for a total maximum contribution of \$90,997 over the term of the postdoctoral fellowship (maximum 2 years). The host faculty and/or supervisor is responsible for securing, at minimum, the remaining 50% of the stipend/benefits.

Western Postdoctoral Fellowship Program



Open
February



Western ROLA:
April 7



April 14, 3 pm



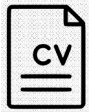
May-June

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Preparation ”

Statistic

Why Apply for Funding and Scholarships?



- **Strengthens your CV –**
Demonstrates initiative and academic excellence



- **Builds your scholarly reputation –** Recognized awards show credibility and impact



- **Advances your career –**
Supports your development as a highly qualified researcher

How to Prepare a Strong Application

Early Start

Give yourself enough time for drafting, feedback, and revisions

Write a Clear and Compelling Proposal

Focus on clarity, significance, and feasibility

Review the Guidelines Carefully

Understand the eligibility, criteria, and deadlines

Ask for Feedback

Have your proposal reviewed by peers or mentors

Talk to your supervisor

Get feedback and alignment with your research goals

Gathered all Documents

Transcripts, CV, research proposal, reference letters, etc.

Reach out to Referees Early

Give your referees time and the materials they need

Submit Your Application On Time

Double-check submission details and confirmations

Thank You
