

# Canada Tri-agency Scholarship and Fellowship programs

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As announced in [Budget 2024](#), the scholarship and fellowship programs administered by the three federal research funding agencies – the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) (CIHR), the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council](#) (NSERC), and the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council](#) (SSHRC) – have been streamlined into a new harmonized talent program called the **Canada Research Training Awards Suite (CRTAS)** that will open for applications in summer 2025.

The annual number of scholarships and fellowships available to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers will increase by 1,720 awards.

- 300 at the master's level
- 1,200 at the doctoral level
- 220 at the postdoctoral level



# Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Master’s (CGRS M)

Duration: **1 year**

Value: **\$27,000**

Selection criteria:

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

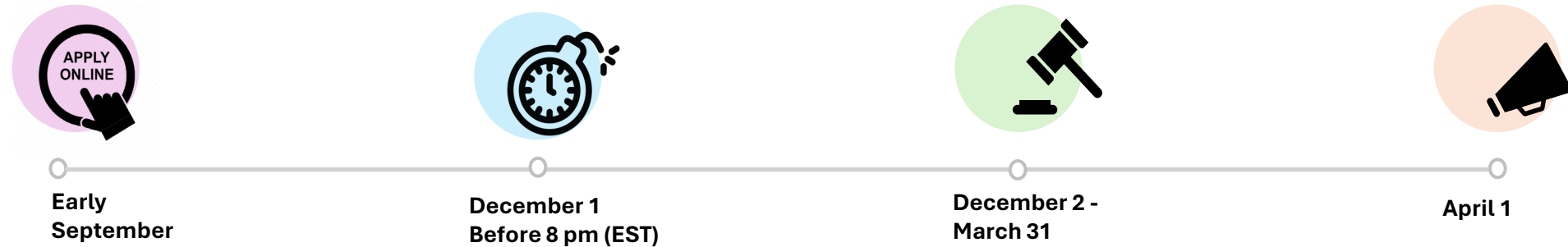
Eligibility:

- 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.
- 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

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 \(uwo.ca\)](#)

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



- Western:
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# Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral (CGRS D)



## Canada Research Training Awards Suite (CRTAS):

- CIHR: Frederick Banting & Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral Awards (CGSD)
- CIHR: Doctoral Foreign Study Awards (DFSA)
- NSERC: Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral Program (CGSD)
- NSERC: Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral (PGSD)
- SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral Program (CGSD)
- SSHRC: Doctoral Fellowships

## Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral (CGRS D)



# Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral (CGRS D)

Duration: **3 years**

Value: **\$40,000**

Selection criteria:

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

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.
- The doctoral program will maintain the practice of setting institutional quotas.





# Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral (CGRS D)

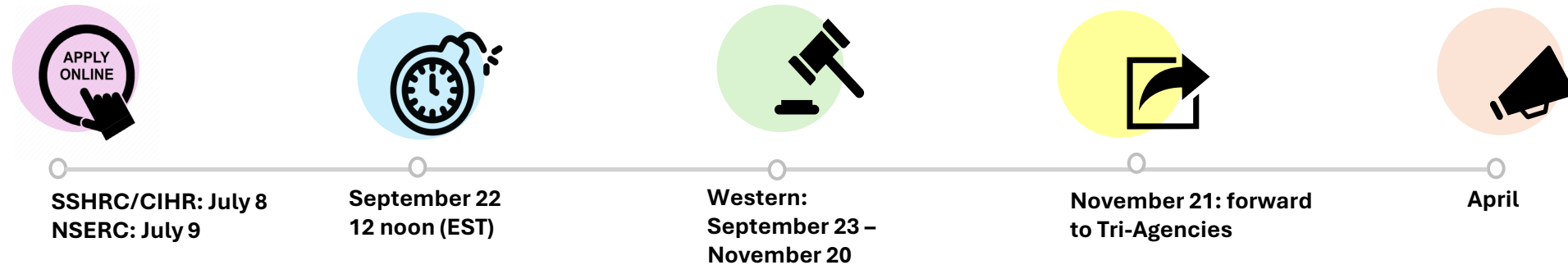


- Eligibility for CGRS D is based on the number of months of full-time study, including summer months, you completed by **December 31 of the calendar year** of your application toward the degree for which you are requesting funding.
- All applicants must be in term 9 or less of their doctoral program (increased from term 6 or less) by Fall 2025
- 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





# Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral (CGRS D)



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.

Western this year's quotas:

- SSHRC: **59** (+8)
- CIHR: **35** (+5)
- NSERC: **71** (-8)

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.

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# Canada Postdoctoral Research Award (CPRA)

Duration: **2 year**

Value: **\$70,000**

Selection criteria:

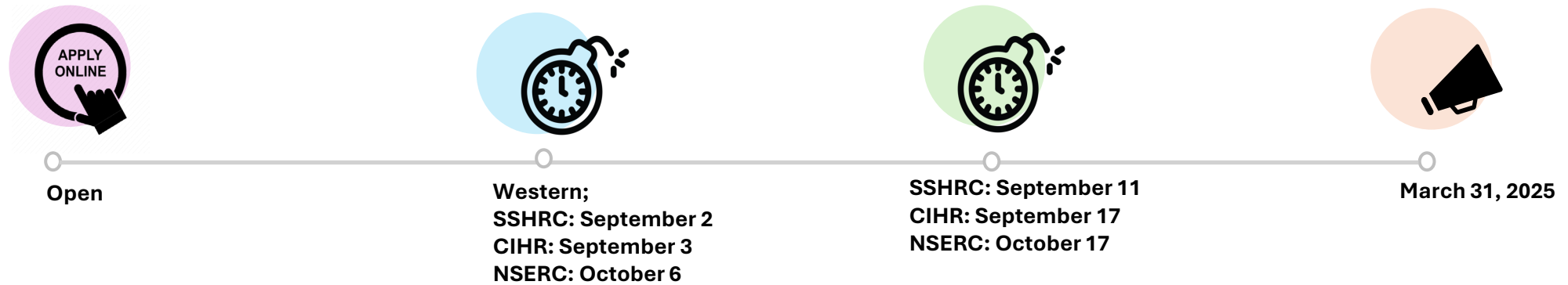
- Research potential and experience (50%)
- Quality of proposed research program (50%)

Eligibility:

- Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, Protected Persons, or a foreign citizen, and either hold a doctorate or be enrolled in the final year of their doctoral program.
- 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.



# Canada Postdoctoral Research Award (CPRA)



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- Official
  - [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PD-NP/cpra-bprc\\_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PD-NP/cpra-bprc_eng.asp)



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# Other Scholarships



# Canada Graduate Scholarships - Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements

Duration: **2-6 months**

Value: **\$6,000**

Eligibility:

- The Canada Graduate Scholarships - Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements (CGS-MSFSS) are 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 CGS ([master's](#) or [doctoral](#)) or be eligible [Vanier CGS](#)
- 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 Graduate Scholarships - Michael Smith

## Foreign Study 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 Graduate Scholarships - Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements



- Western:
  - [https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/michael\\_smith.html](https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/michael_smith.html)
- Official
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  - CIHR: [CGSMSFSS-SEEMSBESC@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:CGSMSFSS-SEEMSBESC@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)
  - NSERC: [nsercscholarships-boursescrsng@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:nsercscholarships-boursescrsng@nserc-crsng.gc.ca)

# Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) and QEII 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 who holds a valid study permit.
- Be a current graduate student in (or an applicant to) an approved Western graduate program.
- Have a minimum of three terms remaining in their funding-eligible period as of the award start date.
- Have a Social Insurance Number in the Student Center.
- Have cleared any OSAP restriction, placed on their account by the Student Financial Assistance Branch and/or the Canada Student Financial Assistance Program, before taking up the OGS/QEII-GSST.

**Students are required to submit one application to be considered for both Tri-agencies and OGS/QEII awards.**

Western has an allocation of 8 OGS to offer to international students.

Western has an allocation of 2 OGS to offer to Indigenous students.



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- External Funding: [https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external\\_funding/index.html](https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/index.html)
  - [Autism Scholars Awards](#)
  - [John Charles Polanyi Prizes](#)
  - [Ontario Women's Health Scholars Awards](#)
  - [Governor General's Gold Medals](#)
  - [Richard J. Schmeelk Canada Fellowships](#)
  - [Rhodes Scholarships](#)
  - [CAGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Awards](#)
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  - [McCall MacBain Scholarships](#)
- Internal Funding: [https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/western\\_funding/index.html](https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/western_funding/index.html)
  - [Western Graduate Research Scholarship \(WGRS\)](#)
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# Preparing for Competition

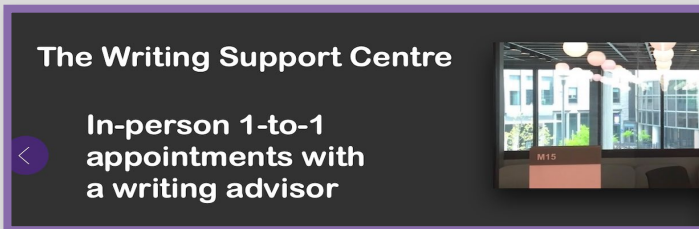
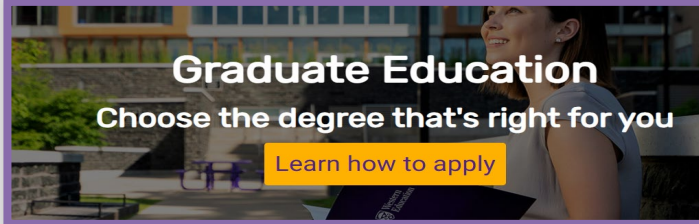
## Why Apply for Funding and Scholarships?

- **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

- **Start Early** – Give yourself enough time for drafting, feedback, and revisions
- **Review the Guidelines Carefully** – Understand the eligibility, criteria, and deadlines
- **Talk to Your Supervisor** – Get feedback and alignment with your research goals
- **Reach Out to Referees Early** – Give your referees time and the materials they need
- **Write a Clear and Compelling Proposal** – Focus on clarity, significance, and feasibility
- **Ask for Feedback** – Have your proposal reviewed by peers or mentors
- **Gather All Required Documents** – Transcripts, CV, research proposal, reference letters, etc.
- **Submit Your Application On Time** – Double-check submission details and confirmations





## Research Office

- Graduate Students

## Graduate Office – Faculty of Education

- Fees and Funding
- Contact the Grad Office

## Western Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

- Staff directory

## Western Writing Support Centre

## Knowledge Exchange and EDI-D tool EDI-D resource guide

*Thank You*

