

## Today's Agenda Background CGS-M eligibility Application procedures & components Selection Criteria Tips and deadlines

# Tri-Agency Funding Three federal granting agencies work together to administer the CGS-M Program NSERC SSHRC CIHR

### What is a Canada Graduate Scholarship? The CGS Master's Program provides financial support to high caliber scholars who are engaged in eligible Masters programs in Canada. Value: \$27,000 for 12 months, non-

renewable.



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### **NSERC -** Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

- Promotes and supports discovery research
- Fosters innovation
- Building on Canada's long tradition of scientific excellence



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### **SSHRC -** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

- Foster and promote leading-edge and emerging areas of inquiry to tackle critical social, economic and cultural issues
- Strengthen Canadian research capacity in areas of national/and or international interest
- Supports priority area funding



### CIHR - Canadian Institutes of Health Research

- Research primarily intended to improve health, produce more effective health services and products and/or strengthen the Canadian health care system
- Provides funding for four themes of health research: Biomedical; Clinical; Health System Services; Social, cultural, environmental and population health



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### General Eligibility for CGS M

- A Canadian citizen or a Permanent Resident of Canada
- Intend to pursue a Master's program with a significant research component
- First class average in each of the last two completed years of study
- Have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, between 0 – 12 months of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent)
- Not have already held a CGS-M



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### **Program of Study Eligibility**

- Eligible graduate program at a Canadian university with a CGS M allocation
- Must have a significant research component



### **Application Process**

- Complete and submit an application using the Research portal
- Select up to three universities where you wish to hold the award
- Brief summary of proposal
- Complete the Canadian Common CV (CCV) and link to your application
- Prepare an outline of Proposed Research
- Bibliography/citations
- Request Transcripts and upload
- Two reference assessments















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### **Canadian Common CV**

- https://ccv-cvc.ca/
- Create an account
- Watch the "How To" demos
- Use the CGS M template of the CCV
- Link to your application
- Demonstrate that you are well-rounded





















### Outline of Proposed Research Consists of two separate sections: -Outline of proposed research (maximum one page)

- -Bibliography/citations (maximum one page)
- Provide detailed description of your proposed research.
- If you have not yet decided on a specific project, you must still provide a detailed description of a research project that interests you.



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### Use clear, plain language and avoid jargon. Explain technical terms. What is new and important about your research? What is the key question your research addresses and how will it be answered? What are estimated milestones and what does success look like for this research proposal? What is the impact?

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## Transcripts Request up-to-date official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate studies. Make your requests for official transcripts well before the deadline. Scan and upload to the website and save the paper copy as you may be asked to provide it for verification purposes.

### **Reference Assessments**

- Ask early, choose wisely and follow up
- Enter their contact information in the application.
- Referees will receive an email with a link so that they can complete the assessment in confidence
- You will not be able to submit your application until the assessments have been completed
- There is a video tutorial for completing the Reference Assessment Form



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### **CGS-M Selection Criteria**

### Academic Excellence 50%

 Demonstrated by past academic results, transcripts, awards and distinctions

### Research Potential 30%

 Demonstrated by the applicant's research history and experience, proposed research, publications, conferences

### Personal Characteristics & Interpersonal Skills 20%

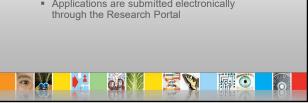
Demonstrated by past professional and relevant extracurricular interactions and collaborations



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### **Deadlines**

- CGS-M Masters Application Deadline: December 1 by 8 p.m. (ET)/ 6:00 p.m. (MT)
- Results Deadline: April 1
- Acceptance Deadline: 21 days
- Applications are submitted electronically



### Notification and Acceptance

- Results are posted to the Research Portal April 1st.
- You must be enrolled in or have applied for admission to an eligible program of study in order to accept the offer.
- A scholarship offer does not mean you have been accepted to the program.
- Don't miss universities admission deadlines.



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## Reminders Plan ahead Read the program documentation Use clear, concise writing Do not use jargon or highly technical language Proofread for spelling, grammar Provide needed documentation Follow application instructions carefully Choose referees with care

## Reminders continued Allow enough time for your referees to complete their assessments Ask a professor to read and comment on your Outline of Proposed Research Request your up-to-date official university transcripts in advance Allow sufficient time to prepare your application Don't miss the deadline

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# Websites CGS-M Application Info - http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM eng.asp Research Portal - https://portal-portail.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ CCV - https://ccv-cvc.ca/ Tutorials - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6ox0GB7vXYlhaAY7mEqwmMqYK9TGCp1E

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