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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: $17,500 for 12 months, non-renewable.

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

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

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

Program of Study Eligibility

- Eligible graduate program at a Canadian university with a CGS M allocation
- Must have a significant research component
- Review the guidelines for selecting the appropriate federal granting agency

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

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.

Outline of Proposed Research Cont'd

- 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?

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

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

Deadlines

- **CGS-M Masters Application Deadline: December 1, 2021 by 8 p.m. (ET)/ 6:00 p.m. (MT)**

- Results Deadline: April 1, 2022

- Acceptance Deadline: 21 days

- Applications are submitted electronically through the Research Portal

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.

A Good Application

Demonstrates:
- Strong academic record
- Excellent potential to conduct advanced scholarly research
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to successfully complete the graduate program in a timely manner

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

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/

CGS M Contact Information

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Questions? Contact Concordia's Financial Aid and Awards Office or your professor.