VANIER CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

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VANIER CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP


- Program purpose:
  strengthen Canada’s ability “to attract and retain world class doctoral students and establish Canada as a global centre of excellence in research and higher learning.”

- Value:
  - $50,000 per year, for up to 3 years (non-renewable)

- Scope:
  - Up to 167 awards per year, through Tri-Council Agencies
  - SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR

- Selecting the appropriate Tri-Council Agency: www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22630.html#1-A
ELIGIBILITY

To Apply:
- First doctoral degree
- Completed less than 20 months of doctoral studies (as of May 1st, 2018)
- First class average (MUN = 3.5 minimum)
- Canadian citizens/permanent residents, & international students
- Have not received a previous, doctoral-level award from NSERC, SSHRC, or CIHR

To hold a Vanier:
- Registered full-time
- Remain enrolled and demonstrate satisfactory progress
- Cannot hold, or have held, doctoral funding from CIHR, NSERC, or SSHRC to pursue a doctoral degree
VANIER AWARD CRITERIA

research potential

Awards & scholarships (included on Canadian Common CV)
Academic training & relevant work experience
Research proposal (feasibility, merit & significance)
Contributions to research
Critical thinking, originality, creativity
Mobility (applicants are strongly encouraged to apply beyond universities previously attended)
VANIER AWARD CRITERIA

leadership

Past Vanier Winners reported:

- Organizing/participating in volunteer activities: 87%
- Taking on an administrative role: 77%
- Promoting awareness for a particular cause: 75%
- Participating in institutional associations: 75%
- Educating youth or community groups: 72%
- Participating in civic initiatives: 65%
- Taking a leadership role in campus activities: 57%
- Holding a position in a professional organization: 47%
- Participating in campus media: 46%
- Developing & executing a fundraiser: 43%
VANIER AWARDS CRITERIA

Academic Excellence

First Class standing (transcripts)

• Academic scholarships, awards, prizes, and distinctions
• Previous study (academic background, duration & special circumstances)

• “9 out of 10 Vanier recipients (n=498) reported having received awards or prizes from their universities.”
APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Confirm eligibility
2. Contact SGS

3. Canadian Common CV
   - https://ccv-cvc.ca/indexresearcher-eng.frm
   - Select Funding
   - Select Vanier-Banting (the required CV form will be generated)
   - You must preview & submit from web application; no free form CVs are accepted
   - You must link your Vanier-Banting CV to your ResearchNet application before final submission

4. ResearchNet
   - https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/LoginServlet
   - Select Doctoral Research Award, Vanier CGS (2017-2018)
   - ResearchNet Technical Support:
     - support@research-net-recherchenet.ca
Some areas of the Canadian Common CV application template limit the quantity of information that you are able to include:

- Teaching Activities (5)
- Administrative Activities (5)
- Contributions (5)
- Presentations (10)
- Publications (20)
- Interviews and Media Relations (10)
TRANSCRIPTS

• **official** and **complete** transcripts for **all post-secondary** studies up to 31 August 2017

• **must** include any information (often on reverse) on grading systems/keys

• submit to Gail Lamkin at SGS **on or before Sept. 25**: glamkin@mun.ca
LETTERS OF REFERENCE

4 Required

Two Academic References

• if you are in program, one must be from your supervisor
• if you are entering your program it’s ok to not have PhD supervisor
• referees must know you well, be able to comment on the quality of your work (academic excellence, research potential, leadership) and support their assertions with facts or examples
• (ResearchNet does not guarantee referee access to application; you cannot submit your application until these letters have been completed)

Two Leadership Reference Letters

• written by someone who knows you in a non-academic capacity;
• must be more than a list of duties; must speak to leadership potential AND your research project
• this letter must be given to the applicant for uploading as a PDF to ResearchNet
Narrative Sections (MOST important)

Lay Summary, Research Description, Leadership Statement

- No typos
- No grammatical errors
- Must be clear, direct, engaging
- If your research makes a clear contribution to Canada, highlight that
Attachments

- **Project References** (5 pages: references cited in research proposal)
- **Personal Leadership Statement** (2 pages: impact of accomplishments, communication and leadership skills)
- **Research Contributions** (1 page: role, impact & significance of contributions)

ALL of these must follow Vanier CGS-D Presentation Standards for Documents

TIMELINE/DEADLINES

• September 25, 2017
  • Completed applications due at SGS (including all official transcripts)
• November 1, 2017
  • Deadline for institutions to submit applications
• March 31, 2017
  • Results released
SUPPORT

Workshop Your Vanier Application

September 14, 2017
Beatrice Watts Boardroom (IIC 2014)
10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Bring a copy of your lay summary and leadership statement

RSVP to:

Ms. Gail Lamkin
Scholarships Officer, SGS
Email: glamkin@mun.ca
Phone: 864-2600
OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Tri-Council CGS Doctoral Awards
- Alexander Graham Bell CGS-D (NSERC)
- Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS-D (SSHRC)
- Frederick Banting & Charles Best CGS-D (CIHR)

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships
- Competition opened September, 2017 (university nomination)
- 4 Themes: Human rights & dignity; responsible citizenship; Canada in the world; people & their natural environment.
- www.trudeaufoundation.ca

SGS Scholarship Database: http://www.mun.ca/sgs/current/scholarships/index.php