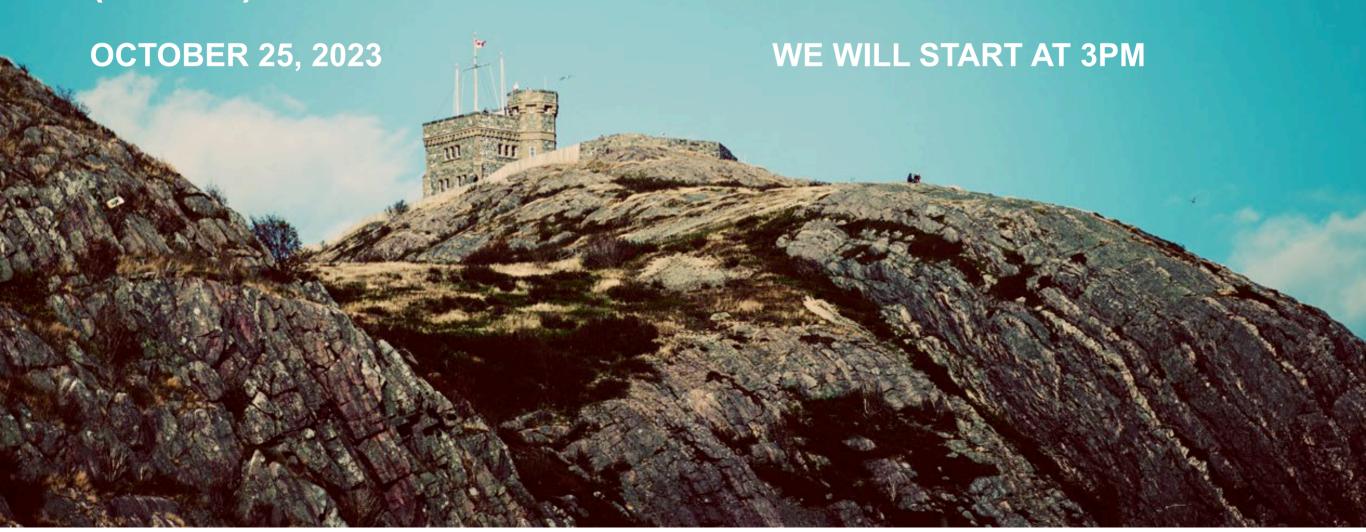
TRI-AGENCY CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS – MASTER'S (CGS-M) INFORMATION SESSION

SSHRC & NSERC: INDIGENOUS SCHOLARS AWARDS AND SUPPLEMENTS

SSHRC: MOBILIZING INSIGHTS IN DEFENCE AND SECURITY (MINDS)



INTRODUCTION

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A moment to reflect

- In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation
- As part of Indigenization of the University
- To bring our attention to Indigenous peoples as we begin a conversation of research which may involve or impact them

We acknowledge that the lands on which Memorial University's campuses are situated are in the traditional territories of diverse Indigenous groups, and we acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu, and Inuit of this province.



WHAT TO EXPECT IN THIS SESSION

- Introduction to Canada's Research Councils
- Introduction to the CGS-M and other awards and supplements
- Eligibility
- The application (components, transcripts, RIIG and SGBA+)
- The selection criteria
- The selection process
- How to apply
- Next steps
- Links to more information



THE RESEARCH COUNCILS

Agency	Research subject matter	Primary objectives are to	
SSHRC	Social sciences and humanities	Add to our understanding and knowledge of individuals, groups, and societies - what we think, how we live and how we interact with each other and the world around us.	
NSERC	Natural sciences and engineering, other than the health sciences	Advance knowledge in one or more of the natural science or engineering disciplines.	
CIHR	Health research in four broad themes: bio-medical research; clinical research; research respecting health systems and services; and research into the health of populations, societal and cultural dimensions of health, and environmental influences on health.	Improve or have an impact on health and/or produce more effective health services and products and/or strengthen the Canadian health care system.	



FAQ: SHOULD MY PROJECT GO TO CIHR OR SSHRC?

- First, see if your research falls under CIHR's mandate
 - Improve or have an impact on health and/or produce more effective health services and products and/or strengthen the Canadian health care system.
- If not, it could go to SSHRC if...
 - You're looking to understand what people think, how they live, and how they interact with others, but your findings aren't meant to show ways to improve health. But not eligible if it involves:
 - the treatment, prevention or diagnosis of a condition
 - the evaluation of the effectiveness of health programs
 - the development of health management systems
 - clinical trials



FAQ: SHOULD MY PROJECT GO TO CIHR OR NSERC?

- NSERC if it's foundational research to understand fundamental processes in the healthy state, even if someday it might have future implications that improve health
- Disease related research
 - Eligible if using the disease state to understand the health state
 - Not eligible if the goal is to help with causes, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention
- Human performance research
 - Eligible if looking at the health state
 - Not eligible if looking at disease, injury, dysfunction (recovery, therapy, rehab)
- Pharmaceuticals, Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods
 - Eligible if coming up with new ways to synthesis substances, or seeing a substance's effect on physiological function
 - Not eligible if screening substances to determine bioavailability or safety



MANY AWARDS, ONE APPLICATION

- CGS-M (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR): \$17,500 for one year
- SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR: Additional awards for Black Scholars
 - \$17,500; 20 additional awards/agency nationally; checkbox
- SSHRC & NSERC: Indigenous Scholars Awards and Supplements
 - Checkbox + 3000 character personal statement
 - \$5,000 supplement to Indigenous CGS-M award holders
 - \$17,500 award and a \$5,000 supplement to Indigenous candidates on the waitlist for the CGS-M
- SSHRC: Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security (MINDS)
 - \$17,500: MINDS master's scholarships for Indigenous students
 - Checkbox + 3000 char Personal Statement + 1500 char Thematic Relevance
 - \$10,000: MINDS scholarship initiative supplement
 - 3000 character Thematic Relevance
- These awards replace SGS baseline, but you'll get a \$7,500 Dean's Excellence Award
- Students cannot hold both Dean's Excellence and Dean's Doctoral Awards concurrently

ELIGIBILITY: CITIZENSHIP

- Only open to...
 - Canadian citizen
 - Permanent residents of Canada
 - Protected Persons under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)
 - (as of the application deadline)
- Foreign citizens are not eligible



ELIGIBILITY: ENROLLMENT

- Eligible if you are...
 - Currently enrolled full-time
 - Have submitted an application to be enrolled full-time
 - Intend to submit an application to enroll full-time and the internal deadline to apply hasn't passed yet
- Award holders may hold their awards part-time for parental or medical reasons or because of family-related responsibilities.



ELIGIBILITY: PROGRAM

- Program must include a <u>significant research component</u>
 - completion of a thesis, major research project, dissertation, scholarly publication, performance, recital and/or exhibit that is merit/expert-reviewed at the institutional level as a requirement for completion.
- Master's programs that are based only on course work are typically not eligible
- Joint programs with a professional degree (eg, MD/PhD) as well as clinically oriented programs are eligible if they have a significant autonomous research component.
 - Our PsyD students conduct thesis research in every year of their program and must complete and defend a doctoral dissertation within 4 years, so this program meets the conditions.



ELIGIBILITY: GRADES

- Must have a first class average (GPA of 3.5/4.0 or higher) in each of your last 2-years of full-time study (2 PT semesters = 1 FT; 1 FTE = 2 FT (3+ courses) / 4 PT undergrad semesters or 3 FT / 6 PT grad semesters
- We go backwards in time from the most recent. See examples of how we would get year 1 (last year; blue) and year 2 (second last year; orange)

Example 1 - Direct entry to PhD 2023-F – in progress	Example 2 - 2nd year Master's student 2023-F – in progress		Example 4 - 1st year PhD student who did a FT Master's several years ago 2023-F – in progress
2023-S – not registered	2023-S - FT / G	2023-S - FT / G	2023-S to 2018-F - not registered
2023-W – FT / UG	2023-W - FT / G	2023-W - FT / G	2018-S - FT / G
2022-F – FT / UG	2022-F - FT / G	2022-F - FT / G	2018-W - FT / G
2022-S - PT / UG	2022-S – not registered	2022-S - PT / G	2017-F - FT / G
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2021-W - FT / UG	2021-W - FT / UG	2021-W - PT / G	2016-S - not registered
2020-F - FT / UG	2020-F - FT / UG	2020-F - LOA	2016-W - FT / UG
2020-S – not registered	2020-S – not registered	2020-S - LOA	2015-F - FT / UG
2020-W - PT / UG	2020-W - PT / UG	2020-W – LOA	2015-S - not registered
2019-F – PT / UG	2019-F – PT / UG	2019-F – PT / G	2015-W - FT/ UG

ELIGIBILITY: TIME IN PROGRAM

- Calculate the number of full-time months you will have been in your program as of Dec 31, 2023
 - 2 part time semesters = 1 full time semester
 - Don't count official leaves of absence
 - All studies credited toward the eligible program should be counted, whether or not they were completed at the degree-granting institution



ELIGIBILITY WINDOW

Between **0** and **12** months in program by Dec 31 if you are in:

- a master's program
- a doctoral program that you are entering directly from a bachelor's program without having ever been enrolled in any graduate programs (direct-entry)
- a combined master's-doctoral program
- a master's program that will transition to an eligible doctoral program, either before or after award activation, with no master's degree conferred (fast-track)
- a master's program for which the degree requirements will be completed before the end of the award, allowing the award to continue into an eligible doctoral program



ELIGIBILITY WINDOW

Between 4 and 12 months in program by Dec 31 if you are in:

 an eligible master's program for which the degree requirements will be completed before activation of the award, allowing it to be activated during the first 12 months of the subsequent doctoral program for which you are requesting funding



ELIGIBILITY: OTHER

- You cannot have held or be currently holding a CGS-M scholarship, or Indigenous Scholar Award, from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC.
- You can submit a maximum of one scholarship (master's or doctoral) or fellowship application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC
 - Vanier CGS applications do not count toward this limit; other exceptions may apply to CIHR internships
 - CIHR applicants can also apply to the CIHR Strategic Master's Award (separate application, due Dec 14)



THE APPLICATION

- Application details (form)
- Lay summary (1800 char)
- Sex- and Gender-Based Analysis (1400 char; only if applicable)
- Outline of proposed research (1 page)
- Bibliography and citations (1 page)
- Transcripts (you must upload them to your application)
- Canadian Common CV (link to 3rd party website)
- **NEW:** Special Circumstances (5000 char; in addition to CCV Leaves of Absence)
- Two referee assessments
- Supplements:
 - SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR: Black Scholars (checkbox)
 - SSHRC & NSERC: Indigenous Scholars Awards and Supplements Pilot Initiative: Personal statement (3000 char)
 - SSHRC: MINDS master's scholarships for Indigenous students: Personal statement (3000 char) + Statement of thematic relevance (1500 char)
 - SSHRC: MINDS supplement: Statement of thematic relevance (3000 char)

ABOUT TRANSCRIPTS

- Must be official
 - Transcripts printed from student accounts are not accepted
- Must be up-to-date
 - "Up-to-date" means printed as of Fall 2023 if currently registered
 - If not currently registered, after the last term completed
- Must include everything
 - All undergrad and grad studies; make sure everything in your CCV is captured
 - If you have transfer credits from somewhere, include the original transcript that shows the grades (except if CEGEP)
- If not in English or French, must provided certified translation
- Combine all of them into one PDF
 - Open the envelope to scan it won't make it unofficial
 - Printing to PDF to remove the security to allow merging the PDFs won't make it unofficial, just keep the original in case you are asked for it
- Must include one copy of the legend for each transcript
 - Don't copy it multiple times!



ABOUT ATTACHMENTS

- Don't go over the page limit!!
 - Pages must be 8 ½" x 11"
 - Margins minimum of ³/₄" (1.87 cm);
 - Single-spaced, with no more than 6 lines/inch;
 - Setting the line spacing in Word to "exactly 12pt" will give slightly tighter spacing than single spacing, but is still allowable; add a 6pt space between paragraphs for readability
- All text must be in 12 pt, black Times New Roman font;
 - Can be smaller in tables and figures, but will be clearly visible
 - Condensed fonts will not be accepted;
 - No hyperlinks allowed
- Colour imagery is acceptable but the text should be in black;
 - There is no guarantee the committee members will view your application in colour; gray scale is recommended
- Spell out abbreviations the first time you use them



THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Research Impacting Indigenous Groups (RIIG)
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in Research / Sex and Gender Based Analysis Plus (SGBA+)

 These will be covered in more detail in the strategy session, but are important to start considering now.



RESEARCH IMPACTING INDIGENOUS GROUPS (RIIG)

All applications with RIIG must follow Memorial's RIIG policy

Any form of research (both primary and secondary), regardless of discipline, that takes place on Indigenous land or uses Indigeneity as a category to recruit, gather or interpret data is Indigenous Research. For example:

- research conducted on First Nations, Inuit or Métis lands in Canada and Indigenous lands worldwide;
- recruitment criteria that include Indigenous identity as a factor for the entire study or for a subgroup in the study;
- research that seeks input from participants regarding a community's cultural heritage, artifacts, traditional knowledge or unique characteristics;
- research in which Indigenous identity or membership in an Indigenous community is used as a variable for the purpose of analysis of the research data or in the creation of survey tools
- interpretation of research results that will refer to Indigenous communities, peoples, language, history or culture.



RESEARCH IMPACTING INDIGENOUS GROUPS (RIIG)

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Must have an AIP (Agreement in Principle – Concept Development Phase) in place.

- First step in a longer engagement
- Indicates that the principles, concepts, and premises of the research have been reviewed by appropriate representatives in an Indigenous group and the group agrees for the research to proceed to the next step (eg, submitting funding application, codeveloping the research, moving to formal Indigenous Research Review, etc.)

Evidence that AIP has been obtained may be informal or formal and may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to:

- A text from relevant leaders
- A signature on a research agreement or form, collaboratively drafted
- Formal co-investigator or collaboration status of Indigenous leader(s) or official representative
- A formal letter of support
- A phone call, email, or letter from an Indigenous Group leader or official representative
- A document showing successful Research Review by the Indigenous Group



RESEARCH INVOLVING INDIGENOUS GROUPS (RIIG)

Within your application...

- Key concepts should be present in the proposal:
 - Established relationships
 - Indigenous or traditional knowledge
 - Reciprocity
 - Community
 - Respect, relevance and contribution



SGBA+: PROMOTING EDI IN RESEARCH

What is Sex and Gender Based Analysis Plus (SGBA+)?

- Analytical process used to systematically examine how differences in identity factors
 (eg., sex, gender expression and gender identity, race, ethnicity, religion, age, mental or
 physical disability, immigrant and newcomer status, Indigenous identity, language,
 neurodiversity, parental status/responsibility, place of origin, sexual orientation, socio economic status, etc.) affect the outcomes of research and the impacts of research
 findings.
- Ensures sound EDI principles are applied to research design, methods, analysis and interpretation, and/or dissemination of research findings.
- Promotes rigorous research that considers identity factors so results are impactful and relevant to the diversity of the Canadian population.



SGBA+: PROMOTING EDI IN RESEARCH

You should consider if it is applicable at every step in the research process



https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Policies-Politiques/EDI_guidance-Conseils_EDI_eng.asp#a1



OVERVIEW OF THE SELECTION CRITERIA

1) Academic excellence (50% weighting)

As demonstrated by past academic results, transcripts, awards and distinctions.

2) Research potential (30% weighting)

As demonstrated by the applicant's research history, their interest in discovery, the proposed research, its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field and any anticipated outcomes.

3) Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills (20% weighting)

As demonstrated by the applicant's past professional and relevant extracurricular interactions and collaborations



#1: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (50%)

- As demonstrated by past academic results, transcripts, awards and distinctions.
- Indicators of academic excellence:
 - academic record
 - scholarships and awards held
 - duration of previous studies
 - type of program and courses pursued
 - course load
 - relative standing (if available)



#2: RESEARCH POTENTIAL (30%)

- As demonstrated by your research history, your interest in discovery, the proposed research, its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field and any anticipated outcomes
- Indicators of research potential:
 - quality and originality of contributions to research and development
 - relevance of work experience and academic training to field of proposed research
 - significance, feasibility and merit of proposed research
 - judgment and ability to think critically
 - ability to apply skills and knowledge
 - initiative and autonomy
 - research experience and achievements relative to expectations of someone with your academic experience



#3: PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS & INTERPERSONAL SKILLS (20%)

- As demonstrated by your past professional and relevant extracurricular interactions and collaborations
- Indicators of personal characteristics and interpersonal skills:
 - work experience
 - leadership experience
 - project management including organizing conferences and meetings
 - ability or potential to communicate theoretical, technical or scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats
 - involvement in academic life
 - volunteerism/community outreach



SELECTION PROCESS: CGS-M & MINDS

- CGS-M: Each university runs an internal selection process for awards to be held at their university. For Memorial there are:
 - SSHRC: 14 CGS-M awards
 - NSERC: 10 CGS-M awards
 - CIHR: 6 CGS-M awards
- SSHRC: MINDS scholarships and supplements
 - CGS-M committee reviews CGS-M application only (not the MINDS materials); if deemed meritorious, then...
 - SSHRC staff review relevance to MINDS; if relevant, then...
 - Sent to Department of Defence for review and ranking, offered to those most relevant



SELECTION PROCESS: INDIGENOUS SCHOLARS AWARDS AND SUPPLEMENTS

- CGS-M committee reviews application; if meritorious:
 - Offered: Applicants who are offered and accept a CGS-M who are eligible for the Indigenous Scholars Award will keep the CGS-M and will be offered the Indigenous Scholars Supplement (\$5,000), to the limit of available funding.
 - Alternate: Applicants who are not offered a CGS-M but are placed on the alternate list and are eligible for the Indigenous Scholars Award may be offered, to the limit of available funding, both the Indigenous Scholars Award (\$17,500) and the Indigenous Scholars Supplement (\$5,000).

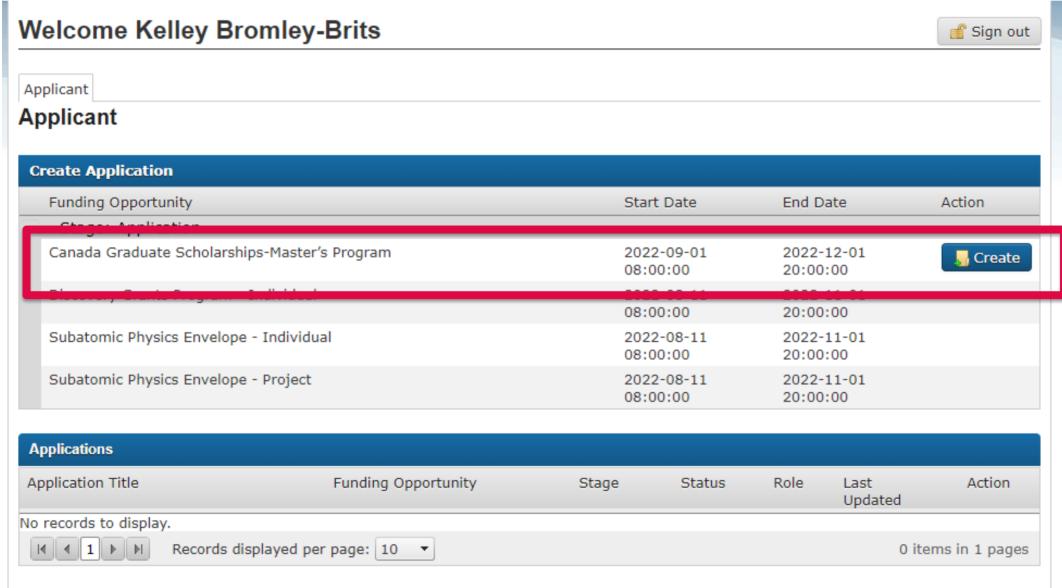


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- Click the blue "Create application" bar



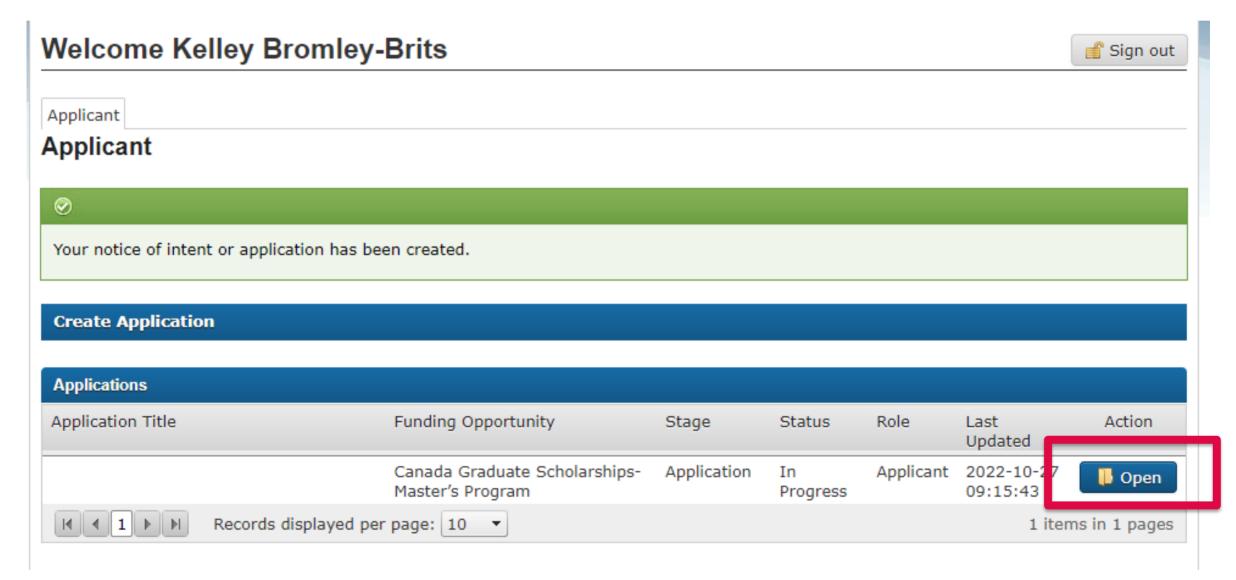


- All applications must be submitted online in the Research Portal
- Click the blue "Create" button for the Canada Graduate Scholarships –
 Master's Program

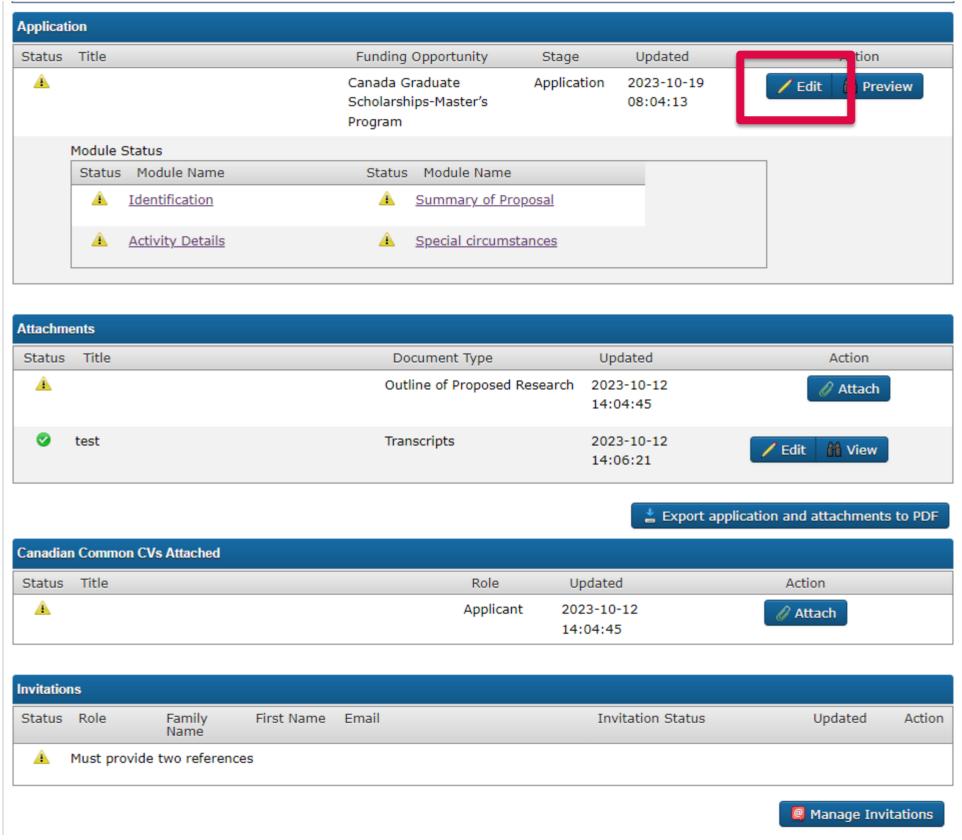




- All applications must be submitted online in the Research Portal
- Click the blue "Open" button to start your application

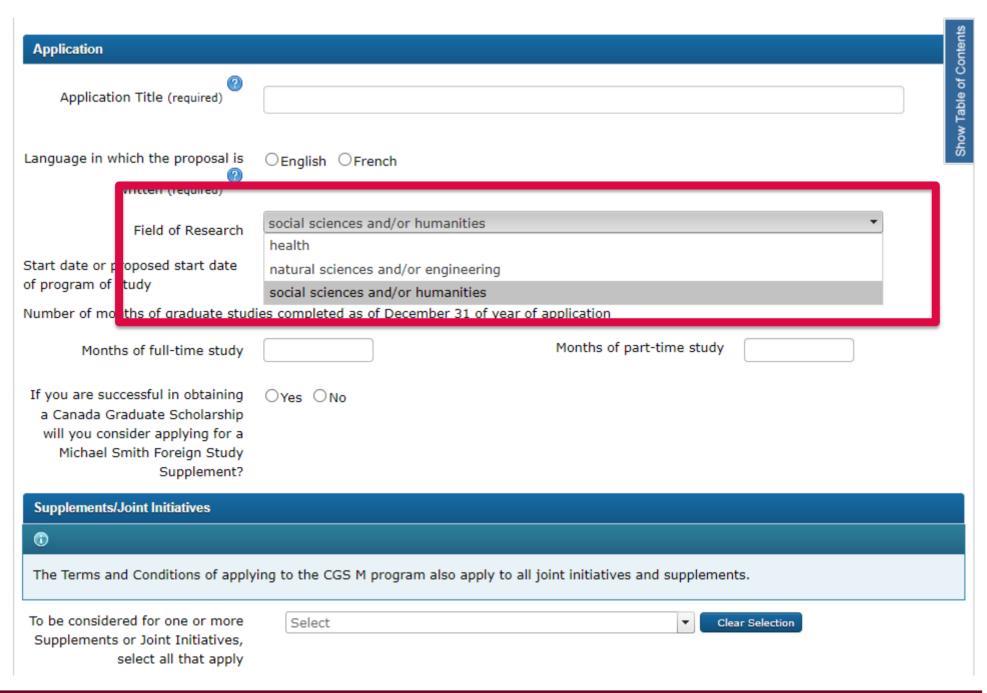








 SSHRC & NSERC: You will only see the supplements after you select your field of research.

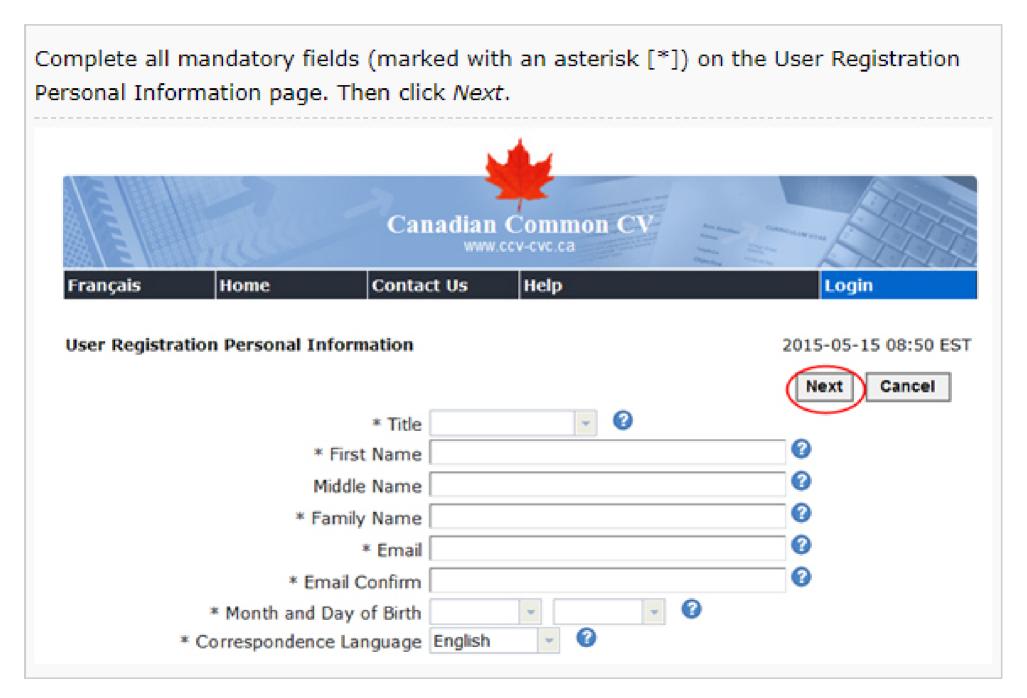




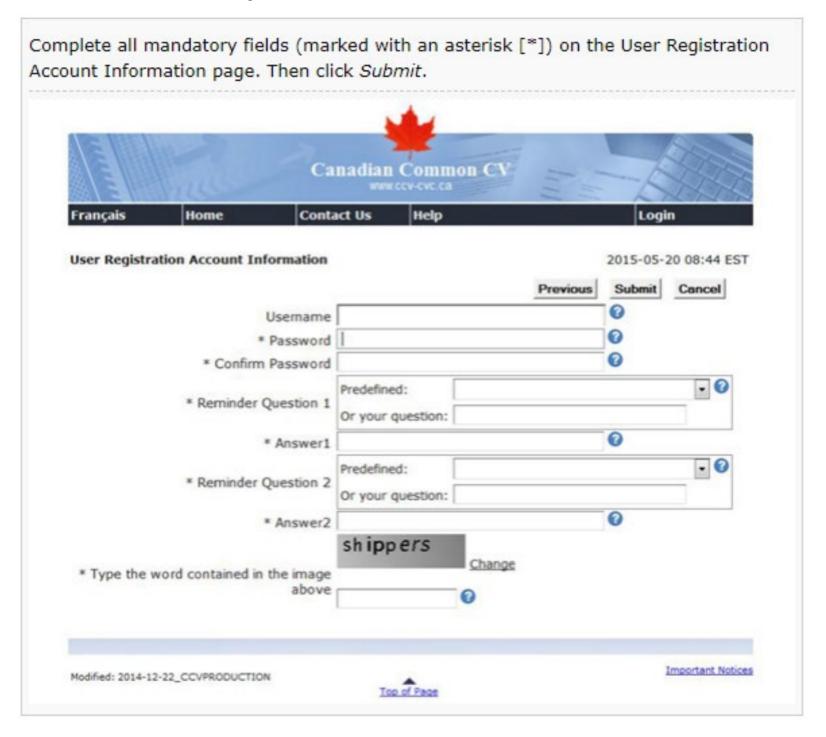
- Your CCV must be completed on the <u>CCV website</u>
- The following images are from the <u>CGS-M CCV detailed instructions</u>



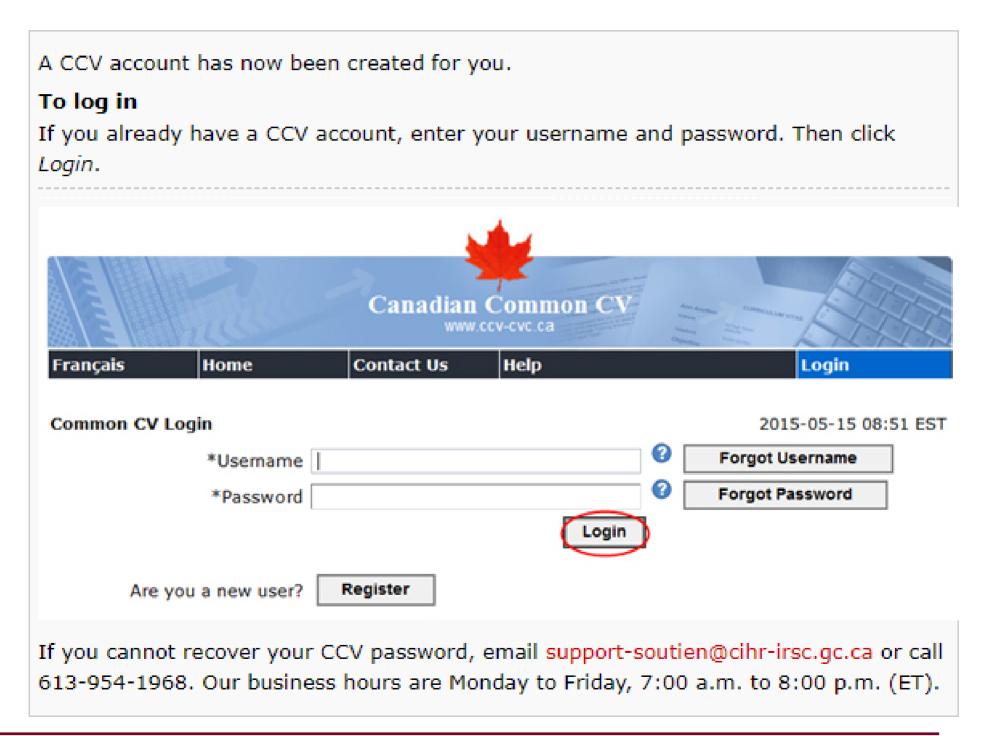








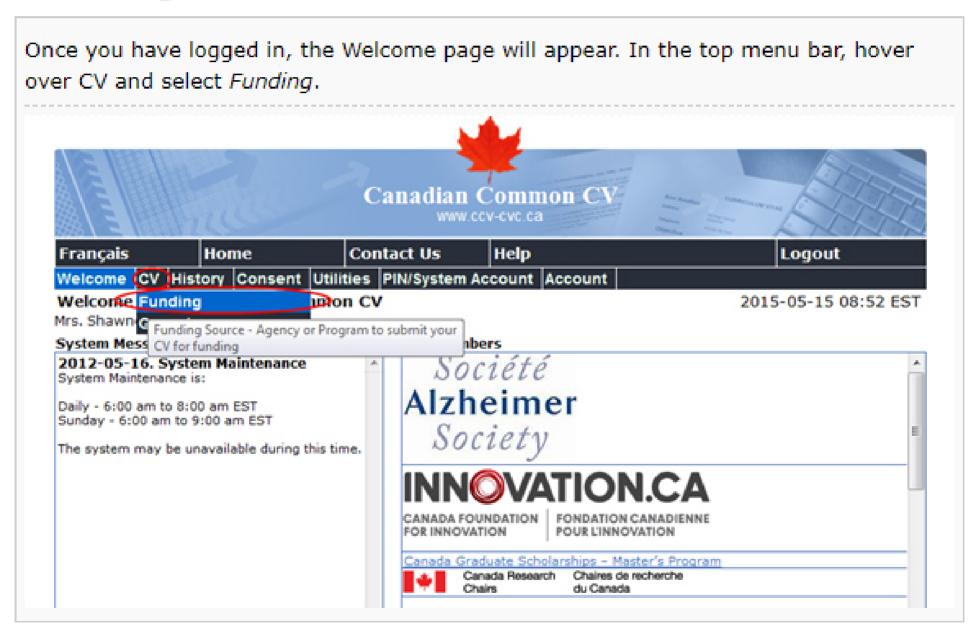






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Selecting the CGS M CCV





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For a CGS M application, you must select the CCV-Master's template. Other templates of the CCV cannot be attached to a CGS M application.



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- All applications must be submitted online in the Research Portal
- Your CCV must be completed on the <u>CCV website</u>
- You can select up to three Canadian institutions; however, you may select only institutions where:
 - either you are currently enrolled full time in an eligible program of study and intend to pursue your studies
 - or you will apply for full-time admission to an eligible program of study by the internal deadline set by the institution(s) indicated in your application
 - Note: Award holders may hold their awards part-time for parental or medical reasons or because of family-related responsibilities.



NEXT STEPS

- Sign up for the CGS-M mailing list
 - Email <u>sgs@mun.ca</u> (Subject: CGS-M mailing list sign-up) with the following information:
 - Your name and email
 - Which department/program you will be in (if known)
 - Which agency you are targeting (SSHRC, NSERC, or CIHR)
- Submit your grad school application
 - Deadlines for MUN programs are <u>on our website</u>
- Start working on your application
 - Don't underestimate how long it will take; it takes longer to write shorter! Ask your supervisor for guidance.
- Attend our strategy session on Oct 30 from 2:30-4:30
 - Tips and advice for all parts of the application and how you can take your application from "good" to "excellent"



LINKS TO MORE INFORMATION

- SGS's <u>2023 Canada Graduate Scholarship Masters (CGS-M)</u>
 <u>Information Package</u>
- Program information
 - CGS-M program information
 - Indigenous Scholars Awards and Supplements Pilot Initiative
 - Department of National Defence MINDS Scholarship Initiative
- CGS-M detailed instructions
- CGS-M CCV detailed instructions
- Graduate programs at Memorial

