

## FAQs

### Canada Graduate Research Scholarships – Doctoral (CGRS-D)

**Memorials Internal Deadline** for the Canada Graduate Doctoral Program is **September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

For full details on Tri-Agency Canada Graduate Research Doctoral program, including eligibility, application procedures, and submission guidelines, please consult the official site:

[Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral program](#)

For information about the Canada Graduate Research Scholarships—including Memorial’s internal deadlines and support resources—please visit:

[Scholarship Information and Strategy Sessions](#)

If you need information or confirmations from the granting agencies, here is the relevant contact information:

CIHR contact centre

[support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

NSERC

[nsercscholarships-boursesCRSNG@NSERC-CRSNG.GC.CA](mailto:nsercscholarships-boursesCRSNG@NSERC-CRSNG.GC.CA)

SSHRC

[fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

## Applications and Eligibility

### How do I start an application?

Each agency has a portal. You must submit your application into the appropriate agency portal, Memorial will get the applications from the portals after the deadline of September 18th. The portals are found here:

[https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/cgrsd-besrd\\_eng.asp#a3](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/cgrsd-besrd_eng.asp#a3)

**If you are a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident:**

Where to submit your application based on applicant status at the time of application	
Your status at time of application	Where to submit your application
<p>You are currently registered in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a doctoral award quota for the selected agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This includes if you are registered concurrently at a Canadian institution and at a foreign institution (e.g., in a cotutelle)</li></ul>	<p>The Canadian institution where you are currently registered.</p>
<p>You are not currently registered in a degree program but were registered at any other time during the calendar year of application in a degree program at a Canadian institution with doctoral award quota for the selected agency.</p>	<p>The Canadian institution where you were registered.</p>
<p>You are currently registered at a foreign institution or a Canadian institution without a doctoral award quota for the selected agency.</p>	<p>Directly to the appropriate agency.</p>
<p>You were not registered at any time during the calendar year of application in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a doctoral award quota for the selected agency.</p>	<p>Directly to the appropriate agency.</p>

**If you are an International applicant:**

Where to submit your application based on applicant status at the time of application

Your status at time of application	Where to submit your application
You are currently registered in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a doctoral award quota for the selected agency.	The Canadian institution where you are currently registered.
You are currently registered at a Canadian institution without a doctoral award quota for the selected agency.	Directly to the appropriate agency.

Note: If you are on an approved leave of absence from an institution you are considered to be registered at that institution.

If you are unsure of your registration status in the calendar year of application, contact your faculty of graduate studies (or its equivalent).

**If I am applying to other universities, but am currently a student at Memorial, do I have to apply through their internal deadlines or Memorial's?**

You will need to apply through Memorial's process where you are a current Memorial student and Memorial has a quota. If you are awarded a CGRS-D, you can take it at another university.

**If I graduated from my Masters within the past year, but am not yet a PhD, can I still apply?**

Yes, as long as you are eligible.

**Can I apply even though I anticipate starting a doctoral program in Fall 2026 or Winter of 2027?**

Yes, as long as you are eligible. If you receive the award in April 2026, you can choose to start Spring 2026, Fall, 2026, or Winter 2027?

**How do I calculate the months of full-time study if I "fast-tracked" or was transferred from masters into PhD?**

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. Two terms of part-time study count as one term of full-time study.

The agencies count all studies toward the doctoral degree for which funding is requested, whether or not they were completed in the same program or at the same institution.

- Fast-track programs: If you were enrolled in a master's program and subsequently transferred to a doctoral program (fast-track), the months of study completed are calculated starting from the date on which you transferred into the doctoral program.
- Joint programs: If you are enrolled in a joint program and will obtain a master's degree as part of the program (for example, MA/PhD, MSc/PhD, MBA/PhD), the months of study are calculated starting from the date on which you officially enrolled in either portion of the joint program (including the master's portion of the program).
- Joint professional undergraduate/PhD programs: If you are enrolled in a joint professional undergraduate/PhD program (such as MD/PhD, JD/PhD, DVM/PhD), only the months of study in the PhD portion will be counted.

Please check with your agency directly to confirm your eligibility

**Can a research internship with a company under a Mitacs program be included in the research activities?**

Yes. Describe the scientific or engineering abilities that you have gained through your past research experience, including special projects, honours thesis and co-op reports. If you have relevant work experience, discuss the relevance of that experience to your proposed field of study or research and any benefits you gained from it. Do not repeat any information you provided in Part II.

**I have been working as a research consultant for the past few years - can I approach my professional supervisor for a reference, or do you recommend I only ask academic referees?**

The letters must be completed by people capable of making an informed assessment of your research project. You must have at least one academic reference and the best people for that are PhD supervisors, or Masters supervisors. If your current or past

supervisor is unable to provide you with a reference letter, you may use the *Special circumstances* section to provide an explanation.

### What is the purpose of the Tri-Agency EDI statement?

#### Equity, diversity and inclusion

The three agencies are acting on evidence that achieving a more equitable, diverse and inclusive Canadian research enterprise is essential to creating the excellent, innovative and impactful research necessary to advance knowledge and understanding and to respond to local, national and global challenges. This principle informs the commitments described in the Tri-Agency Statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) and is aligned with the objectives of the Tri-Agency EDI Action Plan.

Self-identification data and consent provided with applications may be used to determine eligibility for additional awards or priority funding opportunities designated for specific underrepresented groups.

### For those who require CCV, I only see the option for the CGRS-M. Would we use this same format for our CCV?

Each agency portal will have their own specific CV format. Please check the instructions for each agency found here: [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/cgrsd-besrd\\_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/cgrsd-besrd_eng.asp)

### Do only the extracurricular activities we participated in at Memorial University count, or can activities from our undergraduate or master's studies at other institutions also be considered?

Any and all extracurricular activities during postsecondary studies can be detailed:

Relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia

Indicators of relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia:

- relevant training, such as academic training, lived experience and traditional teachings
- scholarships, awards and distinctions (amount, duration, and prestige)
- academic record:
  - transcripts
  - duration of previous studies
  - program requirements and courses pursued
  - course load
  - relative standing in program (if available)
- professional, academic, and extracurricular activities, as well as collaborations with supervisors, colleagues, peers, students and members of the community, such as:
  - teaching, mentoring, supervising and/or coaching
  - managing projects
  - participating in science and/or research promotion
  - participating in community outreach, volunteer work, and/or civic engagement
  - chairing committees and/or organizing conferences and meetings
  - participating in departmental or institutional organizations, associations, societies and/or clubs

## Transcripts

### Carefully Consult the Tri-Agency Applications-Transcripts Document for ALL Transcript Policies

**Do we need transcripts from our previous programs, like our undergraduate and Master degrees?**

Yes. You need all your transcripts, Bachelors, Masters and any courses that you did and were transferred to your degree.

**If I had to do a course as a prerequisite for my doctoral program, which I am now completing through another university, will I have to upload this official transcript as well?**

Yes, you will need the transcript from the other university, along with transcripts for any degrees you've completed. You will also need to provide transcripts for any courses you've transferred from another institution.

**I'm in my first semester of my PhD at Memorial and haven't completed any courses yet. Should I just submit my Memorial transcript, or do I need to submit my Master's transcript from my previous university?**

You must submit all of your transcripts, including a MEMORIAL transcript for the Fall 2025 semester to show that you are registered at Memorial for Fall 2025. Fall 2025 transcripts will be available on/after September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**What if I have transfer credits (25) on my undergraduate transcript from my high school?**

You do not need your high school transcript for this application.

**I have several not really relevant undergrad transcripts that I did before going back to school to do a bachelor and master in my current field of study/research. Should I still include these transcripts?**

Yes, you should, especially if the marks are showing as transfer credits on other transcripts.

## Holding an Award

**If someone is awarded the funding/fellowship. is that going to impact the amount/salary student is getting as graduate research assistant?**

Students can still receive supervisory funding, as well as Graduate Assistantships

**How am I taxed if I am awarded a CGRS-D scholarship?**

Please refer to the Tri-agency research training award holder's guide for information on taxes ( [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/Guides-Guides/TriRTA-TriBFR\\_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/Guides-Guides/TriRTA-TriBFR_eng.asp) )

must intend to pursue a research-based doctoral program as of Spring 2026, Fall 2026 or Winter 2027.

**Can I continue being a Per-Course Instructor at Memorial while being awarded?**

You can hold a per-course instructor position but you cannot hold a tenure track appointment and a CGRS-D at the same time

**Memorial has a funding threshold of \$50,000 for PhD students. Does this still hold with regards to the CGRS-D?**

The funding cap is for fellowship/baseline funding from SGS. You can receive other funding such as departmental and supervisor support above the funding cap. Graduate Assistantships are also not included in funding cap.