

TRI-COUNCIL CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS – MASTER'S

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS INFO SESSION

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THE CGS-M AWARDS

- Each Tri-Council offers CGS-M awards to Master's students: \$17,500 for one year of study in a Master's program
- Application deadline: December 1
- [CGS-M Website](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/students-etudiants/pg-cs/cgsm-bescm_eng.asp)
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THE CGS-M AWARDS: ELIGIBILITY

- Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or Protected Person
- Enrolled in a master's program with a significant research component
 - Program requirements contain a component leading to the completion of a thesis, major research project, scholarly publication, performance/recital or exhibit which is reviewed at the institutional level.
- First-class GPA: determined by the university to which you are applying.
- Entering either the first year of a one- or two-year program, or the second year of a two-year program
- Never held a CGS-M in the past
- Submit an application to one and only one agency.

THE TRI-COUNCIL AGENCIES

- SSHRC: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
 - The SSHRC CGS Master's Scholarships program seeks to develop research skills and assist in the training of highly qualified personnel by supporting students in the **social sciences and humanities** who demonstrate a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and early graduate studies.
- NSERC: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council
 - The NSERC CGS-Ms provide financial support to high-calibre scholars who are engaged in master's or doctoral programs in the **natural sciences or engineering**.
- CIHR: Canadian Institutes of Health Research
 - The Canada Graduate Scholarships Master's Awards administered by CIHR are intended to provide special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a Master's degree in a **health related field** in Canada.

WHICH AGENCY SHOULD YOU SUBMIT TO?

- You may only submit **ONE** application per academic year to NSERC, SSHRC or CIHR
- So, which Tri-Council is right for you?

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The field of Psychology is supported by the 3 granting agencies, it depends on your research!

WHICH AGENCY SHOULD YOU SUBMIT TO?

Apply to NSERC if your research relates to fundamental psychological processes, their underlying neural mechanisms, their development within individuals, and their evolutionary and ecological context. Fundamental processes are understood to include:

- sensation and perception;
- sensorimotor integration;
- motivation, emotion and reward;
- Learning and memory;
- cognition and language;
- sleep, arousal and the chrono-biological modulation of behaviour; and
- statistical methods for analysis of psychological data.

NSERC **does not support clinically-oriented** research.

WHICH AGENCY SHOULD YOU SUBMIT TO?

Apply to SSHRC if your research falls within the broad areas of social, developmental, personality and educational psychology, or proposals related to theory and methods in these areas.

SSHRC **does not** support clinically oriented research with a health intent, or research involving clinical trials.

WHICH AGENCY SHOULD YOU SUBMIT TO?

Apply to CIHR if your research in psychology has direct relevance to, or ultimate impact on, human health.

CIHR categorizes health research in four broad themes:

- bio-medical research
- clinical research
- research respecting health systems and services
- research into the health of populations, societal and cultural dimensions of health, and environmental influences on health.

WHICH AGENCY SHOULD YOU SUBMIT TO?

- Still unsure?
- Review [Selecting the Appropriate Granting Agency](#)
 - https://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_FEE7261A.html?OpenDocument
- Consult with your supervisor
- Send a one-page summary of your project and research outcomes to schol@nserc.ca and they will indicate which council is most appropriate

TRI-COUNCIL EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Applicants are judged on 3 criteria:
 - Academic excellence (50%)
 - Demonstrated through academic transcripts, awards and distinctions
 - Research potential (30%)
 - Demonstrated through research history, program of study, research contributions, letters of appraisal
 - Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills (20%)
 - Demonstrated through professional relevant extracurricular actions and collaborations

HOW TO APPLY: CAREFULLY

- **Application Instructions**
 - https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/CGS_M-BESC_M_eng.asp
- **TIP:** follow these instructions *carefully* when working on your application.
- **TIP:** the application process is tedious and requires careful attention to detail. Create your application account early to get used to the research portal.

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 - [Website](https://ccv-ccv.ca/)
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 - Select CGS-Master's from the Funding source and CV type drop-down menus.
 - A complete CCV must be linked to the application by following the instructions provided in the [Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's program: Instructions for completing a Canadian Common CV web page](#).
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- **Transcripts**
 - *Most recent transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate studies*
 - They should show your current (Fall 2022) enrolment if currently in a program, or your most recent enrolment if not
 - *For the 2022 application year these can be unofficial transcripts*
 - *Uploaded as .pdf file*
- Missing or out-of-date transcripts: *ineligible application*

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- Summary of Proposal
 - 1,800 character (approx. 250-250 word) *abstract* of your research project
 - You can copy and paste this in plain text into the *Application Overview* section of the online application
 - **TIP:** Keep your language simple!

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 - *Bibliography and citations*
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Outline of proposed research

- A detailed description of your research project:
 - Background information and positioning of your research in the context knowledge.
 - Objectives, hypothesis, and methods (or research frameworks)
 - Clear statement of research's significance: contributes to which field of knowledge, to what extent.
- **MAKE YOUR READER CARE**

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- **Bibliography and citations**
 - Reference any works cited in your research proposal
 - May include works not cited in research proposal, but relevant
 - Use a citation style predominant in or required by the primary discipline of your proposed research

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- **TIP:** follow the instructions with respect to submitting and formatting these pages:
 - **FONT:** Single-spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman
 - **MARGINS:** minimum 1.87 cm (3/4")

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TIPS FOR APPLICATIONS

- Know your deadline and try to start as soon as you can.
 - Access the [Research Portal](#) to start your application and adjust to the interface
 - Begin creating your [Canadian Commons CV](#)
 - Order transcripts ASAP
 - Identify references and start a conversation with them.
 - Keep the [application instructions](#) handy

TIPS FOR APPLICATIONS

- Focus on what is most in your control: Outline of Proposed Research/Research Proposal
 - Draft, draft, and re-draft
 - Ask for feedback: Faculty, Supervisor, Graduate Student Writing Mentor, some clever person not in your field

QUESTIONS?

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