

A Guide to Graduate Scholarships

1. A SCHOLARSHIPS SUMMARY

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Important website to visit: <http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/awards>

SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY/EVALUATION CRITERIA	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	DEADLINE	REFERENCE/ WEBSITE TO CHECK
Ontario Graduate Scholarship	Up to \$15,000 for one year (namely \$5,000 per semester and must be held for a minimum of two consecutive semesters)	Med/MA/PhD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment or planned enrolment as a full-time student in an eligible program at the University of Ottawa (see the Academic Regulation II-3 section of the General Regulations for a definition of full-time status) Be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person [under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protections Act (Canada)] at the time of submitting the application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online application form Research proposal (700 words – including bibliography and references) Research contributions (optional section, maximum 6 contributions) Performance evaluation report (two letters of recommendation) Significant academic achievements and special circumstances (500 words) Official and recent transcripts of all university studies (undergraduate and graduate) 	December 1, 11:59 p.m. (You should always verify the information posted on OGS official Website) This is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an engagement with the Faculty.	http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/ http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/general-regulations https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/awards/ontario-graduate-scholarship https://www2.uottawa.ca/study/graduate-studies/funding-financing/awards/ogs-and-qeii-gsst-application-portal-step-step-instructions
Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)– Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) – Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships 	\$17,500 for 12 months, non-renewable	MA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian citizenship or permanent residency Enrollment or application to a Master’s program in a Canadian institution As of 31 December in the year of application, have completed no more than 12 months of full-time graduate study Not have held a CGS (Masters) in the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application form through online portal IMPORTANT: entire process is completed online A research proposal (1 page) Bibliography and citations (1 page) Research contributions (1 page) A Canadian Common CV (CCV) Two letters of evaluation (letters of recommendation), one of which must come from your thesis advisor University transcripts 	December 1, before 8 p.m. (EST) (You should always verify the information posted on SSHRC official Website) This is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an	http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM_eng.asp https://ccv-cvc.ca/indexresearcher-eng.frm

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) – Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research topic must meet SSHRC eligibility criteria • Three evaluation criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ academic excellence ○ research potential ○ interpersonal skills and abilities 		engagement with the Faculty.	
	<p>Armand Bombardier CGS: \$35,000 per year for 36 months</p> <p>SSHRC CGS: \$20,000 per year for 12, 24, 36 or 48 months</p> <p>To calculate the value of a scholarship, the SSHRC takes into account all previous doctoral studies the candidate has undertaken in the same discipline.</p>	<p>PhD (CRSH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian citizenship or permanent residency • Requesting funding as part of your first doctorate, or equivalent, in a Canadian institution • Have not received a doctoral scholarship from CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC to undertake or complete a doctoral program • Have not submitted more than one scholarship or fellowship (masters or doctoral) application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC • Research topic must meet SSHRC eligibility criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online application form, online portal • Study plan (2 pages) • Bibliography and citations (5 pages) • Research contributions (1 page) • Two evaluations (letters of recommendation), one of which must come from your thesis advisor • Official University transcripts 	<p>October 17, 2022, 8 p.m. (You should always verify the information posted on SSHRC official Website)</p> <p>This is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an engagement with the Faculty.</p>	<p>http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programmes-programmes/fellowships-doctoral-doctorat-eng.aspx</p> <p>This site also contains other informative pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAQs - Virtual tour of the scholarship site
<p>Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation</p>	<p>Up to 15 scholarships given out annually for \$40,000 for three years, with \$20,000 given to three of these as travel and research allocations</p>	<p>PhD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full time enrollment in the first or second year of a doctoral program in the social sciences or humanities in Canada or abroad • Canadian citizenship or permanent residency • Research project must be related to one or more of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online application-online portal • Letter of recommendation signed by a senior official at the University • Three letters of evaluation (letters of recommendation), two of which from university members commenting on the quality of your academic work and one written by a referee who 	<p>Check the Foundation's website regularly for the dates of the upcoming competitions.</p> <p>(You should always verify the information posted on the</p>	<p>http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/fr/programmes/bourses-doctorales</p>

		<p>four Foundation themes, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Human rights and dignity ○ Responsible citizenship ○ Canada in the world ○ Peoples and their natural environment 	<p>is NOT from the university to comment on other aspects of your candidacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transcript of all post-secondary studies, including college-level transcripts. ● All required documents can be downloaded on the Foundation’s portal with the application form. 	<p>official Website of the Foundation)</p> <p>This is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an engagement with the Faculty.</p>	
<p>Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture (FRQSC)</p>	<p>MA : 17,500\$ per year, for a maximum of 6 terms</p> <p>Ph.D.: 21,000\$ per year, for a maximum of 12 terms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eligibility: Master's and doctorate students, Canadians and permanent residents, domiciled in the province of Québec 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The application is completed online on the FQRSC website and students must mail all supporting documents to FQRSC by the deadline. 	<p>You should always verify the information posted on the official Website of the Fonds)</p>	<p>https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/awards/fonds-quebecois-recherche</p> <p>FRQSC website (Master's Research Scholarships)</p> <p>FRQSC website (Doctoral Research Scholarships)</p>
<p>Mitacs Accelerate</p>	<p>\$15,000 per internship</p>	<p>External evaluators review internship proposals according to the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Mitacs Accelerate supports research-based internships. Does the proposed project qualify as research in its discipline?</i> 2. <i>Is the project appropriate for the academic degree level of the intern?</i> 3. <i>Are the objectives clear?</i> 4. <i>Is the methodology appropriate to achieve the objectives?</i> 5. <i>Is the timeline realistic?</i> 6. <i>Other comments and suggestions for the applicants. For example, is there prior work that should be considered by the researchers?</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Internship application form—submitted online ● Memorandum signed by all parties (intern, supervising professor, partner contact, and university Office of Research Services or equivalent) ● Updated CV ● Declaration of conflict of interest ● Letter of nomination signed by a senior representative of the University ● Three letters of evaluation (letters of recommendation), two of which from university members commenting on the quality of your academic work and one written by a referee who is NOT from the university to comment on other aspects of your candidacy. 	<p>Year-long—projects can begin at any time</p> <p>(You should always verify the information posted on Mitacs’ official Website)</p> <p>This is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an engagement with the Faculty.</p>	<p>https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/accelerate#student</p>

		<p>7. <i>Confidential comments for Mitacs:</i></p> <p>8. <i>Will the research work potentially have adverse effects on the environment? Do you recommend that an additional environmental impact review be conducted?</i></p> <p>9. <i>Does this project have a demonstrable economic or productivity orientation? [for projects with not-for-profit partners only]</i></p> <p><i>When a proposal involves over \$0.75M requested from Mitacs (approximately 100 internship units), a collaborative review meeting will typically be held virtually or on site after the external peer review is completed. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the results of the peer review, the project management strategy, the mentoring and training strategy, and to tour project facilities and interns' work environment when relevant.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcripts of all post-secondary studies, including college-level transcripts. • All required documents can be downloaded on the Foundation's portal with the application form. 		
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Note: Please refer to the websites dedicated to each of these scholarships for further details. Be advised that this information may vary and is subject to change without notice.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Evaluation of Application

Students are evaluated based on the following criteria:

Academic Excellence	50% for Master's	30% for PhD
Research Potential	30% for Master's	50% for PhD
Personal Characteristics	20% for Master's	20% for PhD

- **Regularly check the websites of the scholarships for which you have applied because information may subsequently be added or changed, which could affect the selection process**

- Start preparing your application immediately

- Carefully consider your thesis project or dissertation
- Write down different ideas
- Take the time to discuss your project with your thesis supervisor
- What issues does your research project address?
- How are these issues important?
- What is the current state of knowledge about these issues?
- How is your methodology probative and related to the issues?
- How will your research contribute to advancing knowledge in your field?
- How are you qualified to conduct this research?
- Formulate your hypothesis precisely or present a well-structured research topic

- Design your research proposal/study plan

- Follow the writing restrictions specified in the scholarship application's writing guide
- Your proposal/plan must be flexible, explicit and concise – every word counts!
- Clearly present each element of your project and specify its milestones
- Feel free to highlight or underline sections of the text, if necessary
- Avoid technical jargon or highly specialized terms
- Be sure to define acronyms and abbreviations the first time you use them
- Write your proposal for a general audience
- Feel free to ask someone who works in another field to read your research proposal.
- In summary, a research proposal usually includes a literature review, research questions, theoretical framework, methodology, contribution to knowledge (talk to your thesis supervisor).

- Contact your referees immediately

- Make sure that the referees you have chosen can write an **excellent** letter of recommendation
- Notify them of the application deadline
- Send them a copy of your application:
 - Your research proposal/study plan
 - Your research contributions
 - A list of your major university accomplishments
 - An updated copy of your CV

- A writing sample or sample of your work
- Copies of your university transcripts
- A copy of the evaluation letter (SSHRC scholarship–form to fill out) and an envelope that is pre-addressed to you

• How to choose your referees

- Your thesis advisor is a good choice to attest to the quality of your academic work
- Your referees should have known you for at least two years
- The other letters may come from people who know your work and can attest to your intellectual and academic abilities
- They do not need to be members of the Faculty or of the University
- They can be professors who know you and who have graded your academic work
- If necessary, feel free to contact your referees to politely remind them of the deadlines for their submissions in support of your application

• Additional Resources

You can also send your questions to the Office of the Vice-Provost, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at grad.awards@uottawa.ca. You will receive an answer in less than 24 hours, except for the week-end.

• Dates of the information sessions

- Wednesday, September 13, 2022 (**French**), 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Teams (To register <https://eventman.ca/event/it?lang=fr>)
- Friday, September 15, 2022 (**English**), 11:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., Teams (To register: <https://eventman.ca/event/iu?lang=en>)

• Two workshops will be offered to students who would like to have a few tips on how to write a winning proposal.

- Wednesday, September 21, 2022 (French), 10 a.m. to noon (Registration link will be sent soon)
- Friday, September 23, 2022 (English) 10 a.m. to noon (Registration link will be sent soon)

• Two mentors are available to help review your proposal.

- Register to contact a mentor: <https://eventman.ca/event/if?lang=en>