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CGS Doctoral Research Awards *and* Doctoral Research Awards
(information provided by Graduate Program Services)**

Description

Doctoral Research Awards are intended to provide special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a PhD degree in a health-related field in Canada or abroad.. These candidates are expected to have an exceptionally high potential for future research achievement and productivity. The top ranked Doctoral Research Award (DRA) applicants pursuing doctoral research training in Canada may be eligible for a Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) Doctoral Research Award. Candidates interested in a CGS Doctoral Award must apply for a DRA; all DRA candidates will be automatically considered for a CGS based on CGS eligibility requirements and ranking in the DRA competition.

If you already hold, or have held, any federally-funded doctoral award, you are not eligible for a CGS Doctoral Award, unless the term of the doctoral award awarded was less than the maximum allowed and you continue to meet the eligibility requirements as described in the DRA program description.

The maximum amount for a single CGS Doctoral is \$35,000 for up to 3 years and is comprised of:

Trainee stipend: \$30,000 per annum
Research allowance: \$5,000 per annum

The maximum amount for a single Doctoral Research Award is \$27,000 for up to 3 years.

Trainee stipend: \$21,000 per annum
Research allowance: \$1,000 per annum
For awards held outside Canada, \$5,000 is added to the annual stipend.

Eligibility for the CGS Doctoral Research Award

The program is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada. Only those students engaged in full-time research training in a Canadian graduate school are eligible for support. The award for which support is being sought should be under the supervision of a researcher who holds research funds obtained through a recognized competitive peer review process. Awards must be held at a Canadian Institution.

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Persons with a health professional degree who seek support for Master's or PhD research training are eligible to apply, but should also consult the guidelines for the CIHR Fellowships program. Those eligible for both have the option of applying to either program but not to both in the same year (i.e., September through August). Please note that a person holding a health professional degree would receive a higher stipend only through the CIHR Fellowship program.

Eligibility to Hold an Award

To be considered eligible to hold support, you must:

- be registered full-time in the first or second year of a Master's or PhD program in which research is a major component (awards will not take effect until after proof of registration is received);
- not have already held, or hold, an award from SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR or any other federal source to undertake and/or complete a Master's or PhD degree.

Effective Date

Awards must be taken up within six months of the date of offer and must start September 1 or January 1 following the offer of award.

Applications should be sent directly to CIHR.

Details of the program may be found at: <http://www.cihr.ca/>