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Canada Graduate Scholarships - Master's Awards**
(information provided by Graduate Program Services)

Objective

The objective of the Government of Canada's Canada Graduate Scholarships program is to help ensure a reliable supply of highly qualified personnel to meet the needs of Canada's knowledge economy.

Description

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. These candidates are expected to have an exceptionally high potential for future research achievement and productivity.

Stipends

Awardees will receive an annual stipend of \$17,500

Duration of Support

The maximum period of support is one year. The award is not renewable.

Eligibility to Apply for an Award

To be considered eligible to apply for support, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident; at the time of the CIHR deadline for application (February 1st), you must:
- have completed or be in the last year of a Bachelor's degree; or,
- have been registered for no more than ten months as a full-time student in a Master's program; or,
- have been registered for no more than ten months as a full-time PhD student and were admitted to the PhD program directly from your Bachelor's degree.
- be applying for support to pursue your ***first*** graduate degree (i.e., Master's or PhD). All previous studies at the graduate level, regardless of discipline, either course-based or research based, will be included in determining eligibility;
- not have already held an award from SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR or any other federal source to undertake and/or complete a Master's or PhD degree.

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.

Application deadline to your department is January 9, 2009.

Details of the program may be found at: <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?prog=486&&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true>