

CGS - Foreign Study Supplement (CGS-FSS)

(information provided by Graduate Studies)

Objectives of the program

The Canada Graduate Scholarship Foreign Study Supplements (CGS-FSS) program will support high-caliber Canadian graduate students in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional research experiences at recognized universities in Canada. By accessing international scientific research and training, CGS-FSS recipients will contribute to strengthening the potential for collaboration between Canadian universities and affiliated research institutions and universities, or other research institutions outside of Canada.

Value and Duration of Scholarships

The value of the CGS-FSS is up to \$6,000, based on the information and budget justification provided in the application. A defined research study period would normally be for four to six months.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for this program, applicants must:

- be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada
- be registered at a Canadian institution at the time of application; and
- **CIHR Applicants:** to be considered for a CGS-FSS funded by CIHR, you must hold a Frederick Banting or Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) (Master's or Doctoral level) or Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Vanier CGS) administered by CIHR.
- **SSHRC Applicants:** to be considered for a CGS-FSS funded by SSHRC, you must hold a Joseph-Armand Bombardier (CGS) (Master's or Doctoral level) or Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Vanier CGS) administered by SSHRC.
- **NSERC Applicants:** to be considered for a CGS-FSS funded by NSERC, you must hold an Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) (Master's or Doctoral level) or Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Vanier CGS) administered by NSERC.

In addition to the above eligibility criteria:

Successful applicants must maintain full-time graduate research studies, and an active CGS or Vanier CGS during the course of their CGS-FSS supplement-funded activities in order to remain eligible.

Eligible applicants can only take up one CGS-FSS while they hold an active CGS or Vanier CGS and must do so within one year of receiving the appropriate notification of award letter from the respective granting agency.

Application Process

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In addition, both the applicant's current research supervisor and the potential host supervisor will have to submit letters detailing their support of the proposed foreign research study period. The host supervisor will also need to indicate that they have the resources available (financial, supervision time, equipment, etc.) to support the applicant's planned research activities. This documentation must be delivered with your application.

Evaluation and Adjudication

Each university is assigned an allocation of CGS-FSS supplements that it can administer. The Faculty (School) of Graduate Studies at each Canadian university is responsible for coordinating the university review of CGS-FSS applications. The university submits a limited number of eligible applications (matching the allocation) to the appropriate granting agency.

The granting agencies will review the applications received from universities for eligibility and completeness and a CGS-FSS will be awarded to the eligible applicants through the universities.

For further information and the application process particular to your CGS Scholarship please see:

NSERC: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSForeignStudy-BESCEtudeEtranger_eng.asp

SSHRC: http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/site/apply-demanded/program_descriptions-descriptions_de_programmes/fellowships/cgs_foreign_study-besc_etudes_etranger-eng.aspx

CIHR: <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtIs.do?prog=559&view=search&terms=fss&orq=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25>