CGS – Master’s
CIHR / NSERC / SSHRC
2017-18

• The Lingo
  • Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
    • Frederick Banting and Charles Best CGS-M
  • Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
    • Alexander Graham Bell CGS-M
  • Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
    • Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters (CGS-M)

• Value
  • $17,500 for 1 year
    • Tri-council award winners at U of Guelph receive a $5,000/year top-up for duration of award
  • Non-renewable

• Fact Finding
  • Google “Guelph CGS-M”
    • For details on U of Guelph’s internal process
  • Google “CGS-M”
    • For eligibility, application, instructions and subject matter eligibility

• Important Dates
  • Dec 1, 2016 – Application Due Online
  • April 1, 2017 – Results available online
  • April 22, 2017 – Applicant must respond to offer(s)

• Eligibility Criteria
  • Canadian or permanent resident
  • full-time in an eligible Master’s program
  • completed O-12 months of full-time study or equivalent of:
    • Master’s program
Doctoral program admitted to directly from bachelor’s program (never registered in a Master's)

Doctoral program after transferring from the Master's within the first 12 months

- have not previously held a CGS-M
- a first-class average, as determined by the university, in each of the last two years of study (full-time equivalent)
- submit a maximum of one application a year

**Subject Matter**

- Applicants must categorize proposed “field of research”:
  - Health (CIHR)
  - Natural Sciences and Engineering (NSERC)
  - Social Sciences and Humanities (SSHRC)
- Ensure submission to the correct agency
  - Google “selecting federal granting agency”
- Allocation: CIHR = 3 | NSERC = 20 | SSHRC = 19

**How Do I Apply?**

- On-line using the Research Portal
  - Read the instructions!
- Select up to five universities
  - where you are currently registered
  - where you intend to register
- Selection process & post-award administration carried out by universities

**Selection Criteria**

- Academic Excellence 50%
- Research Potential 30%
- Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills 20%
- Total 100%

**Warning: Challenges Ahead**

- Order all transcripts now
• Start your CGS-M Canadian Common CV
• Ask 2 professors to complete Letters of Appraisal
• Put together your research proposal
• Submit your entire application package before the due date!

• **Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements (MSFSS)**
  • Available to CGS award holders
  • Fosters research abroad
  • Up to $6,000 to offset the cost of travel abroad for 3-6 months

  **Making your application stand out:**
  **What makes you different?**
  • The competition is fierce, but keep in mind some of the tips and advice to follow and you just might come out on top!

• **The Message**
  • Convey your ideas in a creative way
  • Exude enthusiasm and excitement
  • Demonstrate thorough knowledge and deep understanding of your field

• **The Details**
  • Elaborate on your successes
  • Highlight your significant contributions
  • Showcase your personal strengths and commitments

• **The Shout Out!**
  • (aka letters of support)
  • Don’t underestimate the importance of picking solid referees (Adam Chapnick on University Affairs website)
  • You have an A…what else?
  • Leaving an escape route...

• **The Nitty Gritty**
  • Did you spel things rong?
  • Is your application organized?
  • Have you left any gaps?
• **Staying Positive**
  • “Keep on keepin’ on”. Bob Dylan

• **Questions?**
  • Email us at grschol@uoguelph.ca