SSHRC Doctoral Scholarships
2017-18 Competition

• The Lingo
  • SSHRC = Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council
  • PGS D = Post Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral
    • $20,000. per year for 1, 2, 3 or 4 yrs
  • JAB CGS D = Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral
    • $35,000. per year for 3 years

• SSHRC Fact Finding
  • Google “Guelph SSHRC Doctoral”
    • for details on U of Guelph’s internal process
  • Google “SSHRC doctoral awards”
    • for eligibility, application and instructions and subject matter eligibility

• Due date to department: November 1, 2016

• SSHRC Eligibility Criteria
  • completed less than 41 months of Doctoral studies as of Dec 31, 2016
  • citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
  • Pursuing your first PhD (or equivalent);
  • be pursuing doctoral studies in the social sciences or humanities;
  • not have already received a tri-council scholarship or fellowship to undertake or complete a doctoral degree or combined MA/PhD; and
  • not be applying to NSERC or CIHR in the same year

• Subject matter eligibility
  • Google “subject matter eligibility SSHRC”
  • Justify your submission to SSHRC if in Psychology or health-related field

• Future Challenge Areas
  1. What new ways of learning, particularly in higher education, will Canadians need in order to thrive in an evolving society and labour market?
  2. What effects will the quest for energy and natural resources have on our society and our position on the world stage?
3. How are the experiences and aspirations of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada essential to building a successful shared future?

4. What might the implications of global peak population be for Canada?

5. How can emerging technologies be leveraged to benefit Canadians?

6. What knowledge will Canada need in order to thrive in an interconnected, evolving global landscape?

• **Warning: Challenges Ahead**
  
  • Order all transcripts
  
  • Ask 2 professors to complete Letters of Appraisal
  
  • Put together your research proposal
  
  • Submit your entire application package before the due date!

• **What’s Next?**
  
  • U of G can forward 22 Doctoral applications to the national competition
  
  • Results announced in Spring 2017

• **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
  
  • Google “SSHRC Michael Smith”

  **Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships**

• **Trudeau Fact Finding**
  
  • Google “Guelph Trudeau scholarship”
    
    • to view internal process and due dates
  
  • Google “Trudeau doctoral scholarship”
    
    • to review Eligibility Criteria & access the application
    
    • Click “Become a scholar” to register an account

• **Overview**
  
  • Up to 15 new Scholars announced in May
    
    • Close to 250 nominations carefully examined every year
• Up to $60,000/year (including $20,000 annual travel allowance), up to 4 years
• Research project linked to one of the four themes of the Foundation

• **Four Themes**
  • Human Rights and Dignity
  • Responsible Citizenship
  • Canada in the World
  • People and their Natural Environment

• **Trudeau Eligibility Criteria**
  • 1st or 2nd year student enrolled or enrolling in doctoral program in social sciences and humanities
  • Canadian in program in Canada or abroad
  • PR in program in Canada
  • 1 in 4 scholars/year may be foreign national in program in Canada

• **Selection Criteria**
  • Academic achievement at the highest standards of world’s most prestigious doctoral scholarship programs
  • Possess exceptional skills that will enable the scholar to engage in lively exchange with other researchers
  • Intend to work in area related to one or more of the four themes and have an expressed desire to contribute to public dialogue

• **Application & Supporting Documents**
  • On-line application process, due **October 28, 2016**
  • Official transcripts of all Post-Secondary Studies scanned & uploaded by applicant
  • 3 letters of reference
    • 2 from academic referees
    • 3rd from a non-academic referee

  **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