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

Fact Finding
- Google “Guelph SSHRC Doctoral”
  - for Guelph’s internal process
  - link to SSHRC website for eligibility, application, instructions, subject matter eligibility
- Due date to department: November 1, 2017

Eligibility Criteria
- < 41 months of doctoral studies as of Dec 31, 2017
- Citizen/permanent resident of Canada;
- First PhD (or equivalent);
- Doctoral studies in the social sciences or humanities;
- Have not already received a doctoral tri-council scholarship or fellowship
- Not applying to NSERC or CIHR in the same year

Subject matter eligibility
- Google:
  - “subject matter eligibility SSHRC”
  - “selecting appropriate federal agency”
- Justify submission to SSHRC if in Psychology or health-related field

Evaluation Criteria
- Academic merit, measured by:
  - Past academic results
    - Transcripts, awards, distinctions
• Program of study and its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge
• Relevant professional and academic experience
  • Conference presentations, scholarly publications
• Reference letters
• Departmental appraisal

Warning: Challenges Ahead
• Order all transcripts
  • By Oct 24 for free Guelph 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?
• Department appraises application
• University-wide awards committee selects 27 applications to forward to national competition
• Results announced in Spring 2018

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
2018-19 Competition

Fact Finding
• Google “Guelph Trudeau scholarship”
  • For Guelph internal process
  • Link to Trudeau Foundation website for eligibility criteria & application
    • Click “Become a scholar” to register an account
    • Due October 27, 2017

Overview
• Up to 15 new Scholars announced in May
• Approx. 250 nominations every year
• Guelph can forward 8 nominations
• $40,000/year, +$20,000/year research & travel allowance, 3 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

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
• 1 in 4 scholars/year may be permanent resident or foreign national in program in Canada

Selection Criteria
• Academic excellence
• Communication skills
• Public engagement
• Desire to contribute to public dialogue and transmit knowledge
• Desire to be involved in the community with other researchers or scholars
• Thematic relevance of the doctoral research

Application & Supporting Documents
• On-line application process, due October 27, 2017
• 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 (Research Proposal)
- Exude enthusiasm and excitement
- Demonstrate thorough knowledge and deep understanding of your field
  - Provide context for your research
  - Highlight main research question(s)
  - Describe significance/impact
- Write for lay audience

The Details
- Highlight and elaborate your significant contributions
  - Awards
  - Publications/presentations
- Showcase your personal strengths and commitments
  - Volunteer, service, extracurricular

The Shout Out!
- (aka letters of support)
- Don’t underestimate the importance of picking solid referees
  - Adam Chapnick, *How to ask for a reference letter*, University Affairs
- 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?
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