SCHOLARSHIP-WRITING WORKSHOP
2016-2017
websites


http://gradstudents.carleton.ca/awards-and-funding/external-awards/ogs/
What kinds of support are available?

• ONTARIO GOVERNMENT
  Ontario Graduate Scholarships
  – MA or PhD
  *See Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs website for info

• SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA
  – MA (Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Scholarships now on NSERC site)
  – PhD (Doctoral Fellowships)
And the $$$$$ ?

- OGS: $5,000 per term for 2 or 3 consecutive terms (up to $15,000)

- SSHRCC CGS: $17,500 for a 12 month period, non-renewable

- SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral: $35,000 per yr, up to 36 mos.

- SSHRCC Doctoral: $20,000 per yr, 12, 24, 36 or 48 mos.
- Also look into other grants listed by FGPA!
Eligibility? OGS
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• Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or international students who hold a valid student permit at time of application
• 10.0 GPA in each of the last 2 years of full time study regardless of level of study
• Currently enrolled in a full-time graduate program at Carleton or 4th year students who are planning to pursue a grad degree program at Carleton in 2017-2018
• Must be planning to study full-time next year; students with disabilities may study part-time
• third-year MA students cannot apply
• Cannot be in default on any Canadian government-sponsored loan
• Cannot have held more than a maximum of six years OGS funding total
Eligibility: SSHRCC MA level

• be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
• be enrolled in, or intend to apply for full-time admission* to an eligible graduate program at the master’s or doctoral level at a Canadian university with a CGS M allocation;
• have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, between zero and 12 months of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent) in: the master’s program for which you are requesting funding; or the doctoral program for which you are requesting funding if you were admitted into a doctoral program directly from your bachelor’s program (you were never registered in a master’s program, or you are registered in a combined Master’s-PhD program); or a master’s program, but are requesting funding for a doctoral program (an example is a student who is fast-track from a master’s to a doctoral program within 12 months of starting their Master’s and is seeking funding for the first 12 months of their doctoral program); and
• have achieved a first-class average, as determined by the host university, in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent); and
• submit a maximum of one CGS M application per year (the Research Portal will allow the application to be submitted to up to five universities – refer to Application Procedure).
Eligibility: SSHRCC PhD awards

• To qualify to apply to both the SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships and the Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarships funding opportunities, you must:
  • be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
  • be applying for support to pursue your **first** PhD (or equivalent);
  • be pursuing doctoral studies in the social sciences or humanities;
  • not have already received a scholarship or fellowship from SSHRC, NSERC or CIHR to undertake or complete a doctoral degree or combined MA/PhD; and
  • not be applying in the same academic year to NSERC or CIHR.
• At the time of application, you need not be assured of admission to a degree program.
Deadlines?

• ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS
  – DECEMBER 1 (to department: give to Barb Shannon, Graduate Administrator)

• SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA
  – Master’s December 1
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- Although SSHRCC and OGS differ slightly in their processes of adjudication, SSHRCC’s system is a good model:
  - 50% on academic excellence (transcripts, awards, distinctions, references)
  - 30% research potential
  - 20% personal characteristics & interpersonal skills

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- OGS

These awards are adjudicated within the university

1. Ranked at the departmental level

2. Ranked or screened at the university level (faculty)
OGS APPLICATION

1. Completed OGS Application (all pages)
2. Application Checklist
3. Two Academic Assessment Reports
4. Research/Program Statement (Tell the committee what you plan to study, the program’s fit with your studies and your career plans)
5. Awards/Publication Page (Optional, if you do not have any awards or publications you are not required to submit these pages.
6. Temporary resident visa student – student study permit (if applicable)
7. Get References (include in your application package)
What does an application entail?
https://webapps.nserc.ca/SSHRC/faces/logonFellowships.jsp?lang=en_CA

Through the new tri-council research portal:

• Canada Common CV
• On-line Application form (see all components including 2 page statement)

• References?
• Transcripts?
On-Line Applications

OGS


SSHRC Awards

MA—through NSERC


PhD

References

SSHRC Instructions for Referees (useful for OGS, too)

• Academic Excellence
• Research Potential
• Communication skills

CONTACT YOUR REFEREES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! DO NOT LEAVE THIS FOR THE LAST MOMENT!
Qualities of a Good Referee

• An Academic
• Knows your work well (you took at least one small—seminar—class with this person)
• Thinks highly of your work (you received excellent grades)
• Knows you as a person
Statement of Interest or Program of Study

• Follow the guidelines carefully (especially for page limit!)
• Remember your essay may be evaluated by an interdisciplinary group. Write clearly and avoid jargon yet demonstrate that you know your field.
• Get your referees to read over the statement!
• In a short essay, organization is crucial:
  – What is your research project? (Be specific!)
  – How will you do it?
  – Why are you doing it?
  – Why are you well-equipped to do this project?
FINAL ADVICE

• Read the application instructions and follow them carefully!
• Request supporting material right away! (transcripts, letters of reference)
• Select your referees with care
• Make sure your statement clearly describes an innovative research program that you are well equipped to undertake