

# SCHOLARSHIP-WRITING WORKSHOP 2016-2017



# websites

<http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/index-eng.aspx>

<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)

    - [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM_eng.asp)

  - PhD (Doctoral Fellowships)

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# 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

<http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programmes-programmes/fellowships/doctoral-doctorat-eng.aspx>

- 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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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](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

- <http://gradstudents.carleton.ca/awards-and-funding/external-awards/ogs/>

## SSHRC Awards

MA—through

**NSERC**[http://www.nserc-crnsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instruction-s-Instructions/CGS\\_M-BESC\\_M\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crnsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instruction-s-Instructions/CGS_M-BESC_M_eng.asp)

PhD

<http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programmes-programmes/fellowships/doctoral-doctorat-eng.aspx>

# References

SSHRCC 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