

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship Master's Program

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Introductions

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This presentation is meant as a general overview.

Applicants should always refer to the criteria and instructions on the specific award websites. Material on these websites takes precedence over any details discussed in these slides as information can change year-to-year.

A list of resources will be available at the end of the presentation.

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship (CGRS): Master's Program

1. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
2. Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
3. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

→ Please read each agencies' mandate very carefully to determine which agency you should be applying to. If you are unsure, ask your research supervisor or email Graduate.Awards@carleton.ca

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship: Master's Program (CGRS-M)

- **Value:** \$27,000
- **Duration:** 12 months
- **Application Deadline:** December 1, 2025, 8:00 PM EST
- **How to Apply:** Via the Research Portal for all three granting agencies
- **Results:** April 2026

CGRS – Master's Program

Eligibility overview:

- Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or Protected Person
- Must be enrolled in, have applied for or will apply for full-time admission to a graduate program at a Canadian institution with a CGRS-M allocation
- At Carleton, must have achieved a first-class average, (10.0 GPA (A-)), in each of the last two years of study (full-time equivalent).
- Cannot have previously held a CGRS-M scholarship from any of the granting agencies

CGRS-M Eligibility: Months of Study

By December 31, 2025 (year of application):

- **0–12 months full-time study** in:
 - Master's
 - Direct-entry PhD (from Bachelor's)
 - Combined Master's–PhD
 - Fast-track Master's → PhD (no master's degree conferred)

OR

- 4–12 months full-time study in a Master's finishing before award, continuing into first 12 months of PhD

CGRS-M Application Adjudication Process

- 1. Departmental / Faculty Level:** Applications are first reviewed and ranked by the departmental committee, then by the faculty-level committee before advancing.
- 2. University/Graduate Studies Level:** University committees review departmental rankings and prepare both the recommended and alternate (reversion) lists to forward to Graduate Studies. Graduate Studies conducts the final review and communicates the results to the funding agency.

All adjudication committees must complete EDI training, and members are informed of special circumstances to apply EDI principles in their decisions.

Application Tips – Writing Your Statement

- **Showcase potential** — highlight achievements, write clearly, and demonstrate knowledge of your field
- **Be thorough** — check spelling/grammar, provide background, outline methods, and explain significance
- **Make it personal** — connect your experience to the research and why you're a strong candidate
- **Engage & refine** — write for your audience and seek feedback from peers, supervisors, or referees

Application Tips: Transcripts

What You Need:

- **Submit official, up-to-date transcripts** for all undergraduate and graduate studies
 - Up-to-date = issued in the fall of the application year (if registered) or after your last completed term (if not registered)
- **You may use official transcripts from other institutions, from previous years**
- **If you are registered this fall**, transcripts must show proof of registration (even if in the first term with no grades)
- **Include originals for transfer credits** — transcripts must show grades from the original institution

Application Tips: Transcripts

What You Need:

- **Include transcript legends** (often on the back of physical copies); contact the institution if missing
- **Opening a transcript to scan it is allowed** — combine all transcripts into one clear, legible PDF
- **Electronic transcripts with watermarks are fine**, but keep the official hard copy in case it is requested at a later time
- **Tip:** to request an official transcript from Carleton University, you can do so via Carleton Central

Application Tips: References

- **Contact referees early** — share timelines and consider setting an earlier personal deadline
- **Help your referees** — provide your CV, research statement, and selection criteria
- **Important:** — reference assessment forms must be received before you can submit your application
- **Your responsibility** — ensure references are submitted before the application deadline

Resources

Name	Link
CGRS-M Program Literature	https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/cgrsm-besrm_eng.asp
CGRS-M Application Instructions	https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/CGSHarmonization-HarmonizationBESC_eng.asp
CGRS-M Tutorial Videos	https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6ox0GB7vXYIhaAY7mEqwmMqYK9TGCp1E
CGRS-M Canadian Common CV Instructions	https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/CCV_CGSM-CVC_BESCM_eng.asp
CGRS-M Reference Instructions	https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/CGSM_REF-BESCM_REF_eng.asp
Awards and Funding	https://gradstudents.carleton.ca/awards-and-funding/
How to request an official transcript from Carleton U.	https://carleton.ca/registrar/student-documents/transcripts/
Contact for Award Questions	Graduate.Awards@Carleton.ca

Questions?