

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship: Master's Program

October 2026

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.

Introductions

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

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, 2026, 8:00 PM EST
- **How to Apply:** Via the [Research Portal](#) (one portal for all three granting agencies)
- **Results:** April 2027
- **Other:** Up-to-date official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies required; two reference assessments are required

CGRS-M: Applicant Eligibility

- 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
 - Program must be primarily research-based and require the completion of a thesis, major research project, dissertation, scholarly publication, performance, recital, and/or exhibit that is evaluated through a merit review process; if admission to the research stream occurs after entry to the program, acceptance into that stream must be confirmed before the award can be held.
- If applying to Carleton, must have achieved a first-class average, (10.0 GPA ; A-), in each of the last two years of full time equivalent study
- Cannot have previously held a CGRS-M scholarship from any of the granting agencies

CGRS-M Eligibility: Months of Study

By December 31, 2026, to be eligible to apply, one must have completed either:

- **0–12 months of full-time equivalent study in a:**
 - Master's program
 - Direct-entry (from Bachelor's) doctoral program
 - Combined master's - doctoral program
 - Fast-track master's program into a doctoral program (no master's degree conferred)
- or
- **4–12 months full-time equivalent study in an eligible master's program**, with all degree requirements completed before award activation, allowing the award to be activated within the first 12 months of the subsequent doctoral program at the same institution

CGRS-M : Application Adjudication Process

Departments: Applications are first reviewed and ranked by departmental committees before moving forward to the University level committees.

>> **University Level:** University committees review departmental rankings and prepare both the recommended and alternate (reversion) lists to forward to Graduate Studies.

>> **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 - Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Master's program

 Sign out

Identification (mandatory)

Applicant



To modify this information, update the Person Profile page.

Family Name: Ibrahim

First Name: Madeleine

Middle Names:

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Application

Application Title (required) 

SLO for Carleton U. - TEST ONLY

Language in which the proposal is written
(required)

☒ English ☐ French

Field of Research

health

health

natural sciences and engineering

social sciences and humanities

Start date or proposed start date of
program of study

Number of months of graduate studies completed as of December 31 of year of application

Months of full-time study

0

Months of part-time study

0

Proposed Host Organization

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Supplements/Joint Initiatives

1. Department of National Defence Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security (MINDS) scholarship initiative (SSHRC):

- a. MINDS master's scholarships for Indigenous students are one-year, non-renewable awards valued at \$17,500.
- b. MINDS scholarship initiative supplements are one-time supplements valued at \$10,000.

2. Black Scholars Initiative (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC)

- a. Each agency has up to 20 additional awards reserved for Black student researchers

3. Indigenous Scholars Awards and Supplements Pilot Initiative (NSERC & SSHRC)

- a. Consists of a one-year, non-renewable supplement valued at \$5,000 for all meritorious Indigenous CGRS M applicants and a one-year, non-renewable award valued at \$27,000 for all alternate candidates, subject to the limit of available funding.

Application Tips: Summary vs. Outline

Summary of Proposal	Outline of Proposed Research
1800 Characters	<u>One</u> attachment consisting of two pages with very specific formatting including: - A4 page (or 8 ½" X 11") - single spaced - 12pt Times New Roman - black text - margins are at least ¾ inch (1.87cm)
Typed into a text box within the online application form	Attachment consisting of: 1. Outline of proposed research (1 page - PDF) 2. Bibliography and Citations (1 page - PDF) Both pages are merged into one attachment; the maximum file size is 10MB
Plain language summary	Detailed description of the proposed research

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 paper transcript envelope 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 online via Carleton Central
- **Include all transcripts into a single file**

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

Resource	Link
CGRS-M Program Literature	https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/funding-opportunity/canada-graduate-research-scholarship-masters-program
CGRS-M Application Instructions	https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/canada-graduate-research-scholarship-masters-program-instructions-completing-application
CGRS-M Tutorial Videos	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmWF00SP6-w&list=PL6ox0GB7vXYIhaAY7mEqwmMqYK9TGCp1E
Research Portal Presentation and Attachment Standards	https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/research-portal-presentation-and-attachment-standards
CGRS-M Canadian Common CV Instructions	https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/canada-graduate-research-scholarship-masters-program-instructions-completing-canadian-common-cv
CGRS-M Reference Instructions for Referees	https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/canada-graduate-research-scholarship-masters-program-instructions-completing-reference-assessment

Resources

Resource	Link
San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)	https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/san-francisco-declaration-on-research-assessment-dora
Foxit PDF Editor for Carleton Students	https://carleton.ca/its/all-services/computers/site-licensed-software/
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?

Bonus: Anther Funding Opportunity for Master's Students

Consider also applying to the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)!
More information can be found here: <https://gradstudents.carleton.ca/ogs/>

Value: Up to \$15,000 for over 12 months

Deadline: November 16, 2026

OGS Application: via [Carleton Central](#)

Results: April 2027