

Call for Application: NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR CGS M - Canada Graduate Scholarships

Background

We are pleased to announce that the Research Portal is now open to receive applications for the Canada Graduate Scholarship Program at the Master's level.

The objective of the [Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's \(CGS M\) Program](#) is to help develop research skills and assist in the training of highly qualified personnel by supporting students who demonstrate a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and early graduate studies

Scholarship Description

CGS M provides a non-refundable financial support of \$17,500 for 12 months to high-caliber students who are engaged in eligible master's or, in some cases, doctoral programs in Canada. This support allows these scholars to fully concentrate on their studies in their chosen fields.

The CGS M Program supports up to 2,500 students annually in all disciplines and is administered jointly by Canada's three federal granting agencies: **CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC**. The selection process and post-award administration are carried out at the institutional level, under the guidance of the three agencies. Students submit their application to the institution at which they intend to hold their award using the **Research Portal**.

Eligible Canadian institutions receive a CGS M allocation indicating the number of students to whom they can offer scholarships; these allocations are divided by broad fields of study: health, natural sciences and/or engineering, and social sciences and/or humanities. Cape Breton University is being allocated two Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships from Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) to **support graduate students in Master of Business Administration in CED program** where their studies require a significant research component leading to the completion of a major research project (thesis).

Eligibility of Applicant

To be eligible to apply, the applicant must:

- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- be enrolled in, have applied for, or will apply for full-time admission to an eligible graduate program at the master's or doctoral level at a Canadian institution with a CGS M allocation;
- respect the internal deadline to apply for admission for your intended program of study;
- have completed, as of December 31st, 2017, between **zero and 12 months** of full-time studies in;

- the master's program for which you are requesting funding; or
 - the direct-entry doctoral program for which you are requesting funding; or
 - the combined master's-doctoral program for which you are requesting funding; or
 - a master's program that was or will be fast-tracked to a doctoral program, and you are requesting funding for the first 12 months of this doctoral program; and
- not have previously held a CGS M award;
 - have achieved a first-class average, as determined by the host institution, in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent); and
 - submit a maximum of one scholarship application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC (the Research Portal will allow the application to be submitted to up to five institutions).

Program of Study Eligibility

An eligible graduate program must have a significant research component. Master's programs that are based only on course work are not eligible.

A significant research component is considered to be original, autonomous research that leads to the completion of a thesis, major research project, dissertation, scholarly publication, performance, recital and/or exhibit that is merit/expert-reviewed at the institutional level as a requirement for completion of the program.

Application Procedures

Application deadline is **December 1st, 2017** before **8:00 p.m.** (ET).

To apply, applicants must complete and submit an application using the [Research Portal](#). If the deadline falls on a weekend, applications must be submitted by the following business day before 8:00 p.m. (ET). The Research Portal will instruct applicants to select up to five institutions where they intend to hold the award.

Applicants must **only** select institutions where:

- they are currently admitted or enrolled full-time in an eligible program of study and intend to pursue their studies; or
- they will apply for full-time admission to an eligible program of study by the internal deadline set by the institution(s).

Please consult the Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's Program [Instructions](#) for completing an application. (For more information and application procedure at Cape Breton University, contact [CBU Office of Research and Graduate Studies](#))

Once completed and submitted online, the entire application will be available to all the proposed universities the student has listed. Students applying for an award at CBU will not be required to submit a paper application. To be considered for a CGS M at CBU, applicants must fill out one of the Proposed Host Organization section with the following information:

- Organization: select “Cape Breton University”
- Faculty: select “School of Business”
- Department: select “MBA (CED)”

A completed CGS M application will include the following:

1. Completed online application (Includes Identification, Summary of Proposal, and Activity Details)
2. Outline of proposed research (as PDF attachment);
3. [CGS M Canadian Common CV](#) (uploaded as a **confirmation number**);
4. All official academic transcripts, undergraduate and graduate (as PDF attachment)*;
5. Two completed reference assessments; invitation is initiated through Research Portal and referee complete the form electronically.

** registered students must provide official transcripts showing Fall 2017 registration*

Adjudication Procedures

Institutions will establish a list of applicants to whom awards will be offered as of April 1. The offers of awards will be made using the [Research Portal](#), where applicants will have 21 days to accept or decline the offers. Should some of the offers be declined, institutions may make subsequent offers until they have no awards remaining. These subsequent offers must be made no later than January 31, 11:59 p.m. (ET) of the following calendar year. If the deadline for offers of awards falls on a weekend, offers will be made by the following business day before 11:59 p.m. (ET).

It is the responsibility of the applicant to regularly verify the Research Portal between April 1 and January 31 for results of the competition.

Recipients of offers of awards must accept them using the Research Portal within 21 days of the date of the award offer by a host institution. **The status of offers not accepted within that period of time will automatically be set to Declined on the Research Portal, and the offer will be considered cancelled. This change in status is irreversible.**

Applicants may accept only one CGS M offer. If they accept an offer, any other potential or actual offers (if applicable) will be declined automatically by the Research Portal, and they will not be eligible to receive further offers.

For more information and CGS M application procedure, contact:

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