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To: Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, and Graduate Program Administrators

From: Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research – Award Services

Re: 2023 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) – Preliminary Competition

The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) is pleased to announce the details of the 2023 Vanier CGS Preliminary competition at the University of Alberta. Although the competition has not yet been launched, notification is hereby provided of the FGSR preliminary assessment process.

All applicants wishing to be considered for this year's competition must first complete a mandatory Vanier Preliminary Assessment package which consists of the following:

- [Vanier Preliminary Assessment Form](#)
- Research proposal
- Project references
- Leadership statement
- Canadian Common CV
- All Post-Secondary Transcripts
- One [Referee's Assessment for Vanier CGS Preliminary Competition Form](#) must be completed and signed by the applicant's current graduate supervisor (or equivalent). Additional pages attached to the reference form will not be assessed by the Graduate Scholarship Committee and will be redacted. Applicant must advise his/her referee to submit the required form directly to their home department. This reference form does not replace the Vanier Referee Assessment. If an applicant is selected as a final nominee, all referees will be required to complete a referee assessment according to the [Vanier Application Instructions](#) and [Vanier Information for Referees guidelines](#). Departments are asked to ensure the completed and signed form is sent directly to them by the referee.

The purpose of this package is to identify outstanding Vanier applicants well in advance who will then proceed to completing the full Vanier application package. In identifying these candidates early on in the process, it is hoped that these applicants will have additional time to finesse their final application forms and that departmental workload will be reduced with respect to the number of departmental nomination letters ultimately required. The preliminary packages will be evaluated by members of the FGSR Graduate Scholarship Committee and candidates will be advised if they are selected to proceed to the next level i.e completing the full Vanier application package. As this is a mandatory preliminary assessment, applicants who bypass this process will automatically be rejected.

All Vanier applicants must submit Preliminary Assessment packages to the department by departmental deadline date. The process and timelines are detailed below:

Date	Event	Additional Information
May 24, 2022 -1:30pm-2:30pm	Research Proposals and Reference Letters Workshop – hosted by FGSR	Applicants’ <a href="#">RSVP here</a> – open to all students not just Vanier
June 9, 2022 – 1:00pm-2:30pm	Vanier Leadership Statement Workshop – hosted by the Academic Success Centre	Vanier Applicants’ <a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Between June 11 – 28, 2022	Departments set internal deadlines	This allows for students to attend the leadership statement workshop and have time to compose.
June 30, 2022 by 4:00pm	Vanier Preliminary Nomination Deadline	Deadline for departments to submit the preliminary package(s) and ranked list of Vanier nominees (use the <a href="#">FGSR Vanier Preliminary Ranking Form</a> ) by email to <a href="mailto:grad.awards@ualberta.ca">grad.awards@ualberta.ca</a> . Send only ONE email with the subject heading “Vanier Preliminary Application Package(s) and Ranking Form” and attach each complete application package and the ranking form as separate pdfs. Label application packages with the applicant’s last and first name. FGSR will not accept packages directly from students. Departments should notify any students whose packages were deemed uncompetitive and thus not forwarded to FGSR.
July 1 – 22, 2022	FGSR review for eligibility/completion	No additional documents, applications, or modifications will be taken after the June 30, 2022 deadline
July 23 – August 31, 2022	FGSR Graduate Scholarship Committee review and adjudication	N/A
Early September	Notification of Preliminary Results	Applicants for whom preliminary packages have been forwarded to FGSR will be advised, via email, as to whether they have been selected to complete the full Vanier package. FGSR will also advise those students who were not chosen to proceed in the competition. Departments will be copied on these emails.

Further details regarding deadlines for the full Vanier application, changes for this year’s competition, etc, will be provided once the competition is formally launched.

Best of luck to all applicants!

FGSR Award Services