The CGS-MSFSS program is administered by Canada’s federal granting agencies – the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC); the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC); and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

CIHR and NSERC will be holding a third (additional) round of competition for the Canada Graduate Scholarships - Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements (CGS – MSFSS) program for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

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Application Information

The remaining U of A allocations for the 2016/17 academic year are:

**NSERC:** 1

**CIHR:** CIHR will not be allocating a pre-determined number of supplements to universities this year. Please forward all eligible applications to FGSR.

Eligible applications will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

Eligible applicants must complete the appropriate web-based application form online, and also print the form and submit the printed form and all other required documentation to their home department.

The CGS-MSFSS Program description, the electronic application form and instructions are available on the following pages of each agency’s Web site:

**CIHR:**
https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOppntyDtls.do?prog=2430&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true

**NSERC:**
Deadline and Submission Instructions

Each eligible department may submit a maximum of one (1) application for NSERC to FGSR for consideration. There is no limit on the maximum of CIHR applications that can be submitted to FGSR.

The deadline for departments to submit applications to FGSR is January 23rd, 2017 at 4:00pm MST. Departments may set an earlier internal deadline to receive applications from students and conduct internal adjudication.

Granting agency review

Members of the GSC will review all eligible applications, and forward recommended applications to the Granting Agency. The Agencies will review the applications received from universities for eligibility and completeness and a CGS-MSFSS will be awarded to the eligible applicants through the universities.

Notification of decision

The granting agencies will notify the FGSR at the respective universities of the results, at the latest, two to three months following receipt of applications. The CGS-MSFSS will be paid directly to the institutions who will administer the supplements on behalf of the granting agencies. The granting agencies will publish the names (and other basic award information) of CGS-MSFSS recipients on their respective Web sites.

Other important information:

For information on Where a CGS-MSFSS recipient can travel and which host supervisors/host institutions are eligible, please check the MSFSS information on NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR websites.

NB: Applicants should contact the respective granting agency in advance if they are unsure about the eligibility of a particular host supervisor or host institution.

We wish students and departments success in the MSFSS Competition!