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). The CGS-MSFSS program supports high-caliber Canadian graduate students in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional research experiences at research institutions abroad. Supplements of up to $6,000 will be awarded to active CGS-Masters or CGS-Doctorate or Vanier CGS holders to help offset the costs, including travel and accommodation, of undertaking research studies outside Canada for a defined period.

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To be eligible to apply for this program, applicants must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- be registered at the University of Alberta at the time of application;
- have accepted, or hold an active Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) - Master’s or Doctoral level or a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship administered by one of the granting agencies and ensure that their scholarship will still be active at the time the research study period abroad begins;
- be registered at an eligible Canadian institution at the time of application and during the period of the study abroad;
- undertake the proposed trip abroad no earlier than the competition deadline date (October 10, 2016); and
- not hold, or have held, any other CGS-MSFSS during the course of their graduate studies.

**NB:** There must be an overlap of at least 1 day between the duration of the research study period abroad and the active Canada Graduate Scholarship and in addition, the trip abroad may not start before the deadline date of the competition.

**NB:** PGS-level funding is ineligible for this funding.

Please click through to read the full Agency requirements, or contact us for more details.
**Application Process**

The remaining U of A allocations for the 2016/17 academic year are NSERC: 2; and SSHRC: 2.

CIHR will not be allocating a pre-determined number of supplements to universities this year. As a result, CIHR encourages each university to forward all eligible applications requesting CGS-MSFSS funds to CIHR for consideration.

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.

A complete application includes the following:

- Application form (found on the respective NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR websites)
- Letter from current research supervisor
- Letter from host supervisor indicating the resources available to support student’s planned research activities; non-academic host supervisors must demonstrate they have experience supervising graduate student research
- Consent to Disclosure of Personal Information Form
- For CGS M and Vanier CGS recipients, a copy of the latest updated CGS project proposal must also be included.

For detailed application and eligibility requirements, please visit the appropriate federal government granting agency website and read through the instructions and application form online.

**Deadline and Submission Instructions**

Each eligible department may submit a maximum of two (2) applications for NSERC, and a maximum of two (2) applications for SSHRC 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 **September 16, 2016 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!