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To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators

From: Award Services, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Re: 2023 Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master’s Competition (CGS-M CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC)

The FGSR is pleased to announce the details of the 2023 Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master’s (CGS-M) competition. The CGS-M, valued at \$17,500 for one year, has a single harmonized application process for the federal granting Tri-Agencies: Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). The selection process and post-award administration are carried out at the institutional level, under the guidance of the three agencies.

Students may apply for up to three eligible Canadian post-secondary institutions; submitted applications are reviewed by the institution at which they propose to hold their award. Each university has a set allocation for each granting agency. The University of Alberta’s allocations are: CIHR: 35; NSERC: 55; SSHRC: 47.

Departments will not be required to submit completed rankings and evaluations of UAlberta applications to FGSR. Note that prospective graduate students must apply for graduate admission by February 7th, 2023 to be considered for the CGS-M competition at UAlberta. FGSR strongly encourages all winners of the 2022/2 University of Alberta Graduate Entrance Scholarship to apply for CGS-M funding if they meet the eligibility requirements.

Application Outline

Refer to, and ensure applicants are directed to, the CGS-M section on [NSERC's website](#) (information applies to all three Agencies) and [FGSR's website](#) for complete program information, application details, and eligibility criteria. Application steps, transcript requirements, timelines, and instructions for students leading up to UAlberta review and adjudication are on FGSR’s website under Application Procedures. Students are not required to submit applications to their departments or to their proposed department of study.

The CGS-M Portal is Now Open: Both prospective and current students submit applications through the online [Research Portal](#), the Tri-Agencies’ electronic system for creating, managing and submitting applications for funding. Students must complete the applications entirely online using the Research Portal and must obtain up-to-date transcripts for all post-secondary institutions they have attended, including transcripts from UAlberta (refer to [FGSR's Application Procedures](#) for details). Transcripts deemed incomplete and/or unofficial may result in the applicant being removed from the competition.



Transcript Requirements:

It is the student's responsibility to obtain and upload copies of official up-to-date transcripts to the Research Portal for up to three Canadian post-secondary institutions to view. FGSR will not provide copies of transcripts from student records held at UAlberta (includes transcripts from other Canadian/international post-secondary institutions and UAlberta transcripts), nor can FGSR upload transcripts to the Research Portal on students' behalf.

December 1st, 2022: Deadline for students to submit their completed application and CCV through the Research Portal before 6:00 PM (Mountain Time)/8:00 PM (Eastern Time). Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their application well ahead of the deadline. As the deadline approaches, delays may occur due to high traffic on the research portal; this may prevent the timely submission of student's applications, and they should plan accordingly. **Requests to submit late applications will not be accepted.** FGSR cannot assist with issues students may encounter with the external Research Portal.

- FGSR accesses UAlberta applications, and completes its initial preliminary review to verify eligibility and completeness.
- FGSR contacts UAlberta applicants to acknowledge receipt of their applications. At this time FGSR informs them that they must apply for admission to a UAlberta graduate program by their Department program deadline, or by February 7th, 2023, whichever comes first, in order to be considered for a CGS-M at UAlberta. Note: this is for May 1, 2023, July 1, 2023, September 1, 2023, and January 2024 admission intakes. Recipients of a CGS-M are eligible to take up the award in either May or September 2023, or January 2024.
- Departments are allowed to contact promising CGS-M applicants who have not applied for admission and encourage them to apply.

February 7th, 2023: If not yet admitted to a graduate program, prospective students must apply for admission no later than February 7th in order to be considered for the CGS-M at UAlberta. Prospective students only need to submit an application for admission; complete admission decisions are not required for the CGS-M competition, and thus are included in the full nomination review. Prospective students who haven't applied for admission by this date will have their applications removed from the competition.

Mid-February 2023 – end of March 2023: FGSR Graduate Scholarship Committee reviews and adjudicates eligible applications.

April 1st, 2023: Applicants are notified of results on the online Research Portal.

We wish all students and departments success in the upcoming competitions!

Sincerely,

The FGSR Awards Team