The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) is pleased to announce the details of the 2021 SSHRC Doctoral Competition. The University of Alberta’s quota for the 2021 – 2022 competition is 62. Complete details on eligibility are available on the following websites:

- **FGSR Awards Services website**: Provides overview and internal deadlines
- **SSHRC CGS-D website**: Provides specific eligibility for the CGS-D
- **SSHRC Fellowships website**: Provides specific eligibility for the Fellowships

Though there are different eligibility requirements, there is only one application. Students will automatically be considered for each award they are eligible for.

This is a direct application, whereby students apply through the appropriate portal. There is no nomination, list, or ranking required by the department. The departments will be notified of any applicants, students successfully forwarded to the national competition, and of any winners. Departments may advise students on the following process.

**Application Process and Timelines:**

1. Students are to complete a full application by **Monday, October 5, 2020 at 11:59 PM (MST).**

   - The deadline above is for applications submitted through the University of Alberta only. For complete details on where you should apply, please refer to the "Where to submit an application" sections of the SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships or CGS D Scholarships descriptions.

   - To complete a full application, students must follow SSHRC's Application Instructions through [SSHRC's Online Services portal](#). It is the student’s responsibility to read all instructions and be familiar with the application process before applying. This includes making sure to click "preview" and "verify" on each page in order to submit the application.

   - **A Note on Transcripts**: It is students’ responsibility to submit online through SSHRC’S Online Services any and all required official, up-to-date transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies. For more information please refer to SSHRC Application Instructions and our website. This includes obtaining official University of Alberta transcripts. FGSR cannot provide copies of transcripts to students.
2. Following the application submission deadline of October 5, 2020 FGSR will then review the students’ applications for eligibility and completeness. Eligible applicants will be then be adjudicated by the Graduate Scholarship Committee.

3. Mid - end of November: Results of the SSHRC competition at the University level will be shared to Departments. Only those students who’ve been nominated to SSHRC will receive a notification email from FGSR that they have been forwarded to the national competition level. Unsuccessful students will either be notified by email or through the SSHRC portal.

4. FGSR will forward their quota of applications to SSHRC for the national competition by November 21, 2020.

5. Final SSHRC doctoral results are expected to be announced in April 2021.

Important Information

- As a reminder, 2020/21 recipients of the UofA Master’s Entrance Scholarship and UofA Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship are encouraged to apply for Tri-Agency funding if they are eligible.

- Applicants may apply in the same year to both the SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship program and the SSHRC Vanier CGS program. At the U of A, those applicants who have completed the 2021 SSHRC Vanier CGS application are strongly encouraged to also complete an application for the SSHRC Doctoral competition if they are eligible. NOTE: Students cannot hold an NSERC PGS-D and Vanier CGS scholarship simultaneously, but applying for both may increase a student’s probability of obtaining a Tri-Council Scholarship.

- Institutions may recommend applications from self-identified Indigenous applicants to the doctoral awards competition beyond their application quota. Indigenous applicants must agree to their personal information being used for this purpose by making the appropriate selection in the application form. Self-identified Indigenous applicants who are required to submit directly to the appropriate agency are automatically evaluated at the national competition.

- Only completed applications will be reviewed.

- Submission of an application does not mean it has been forwarded to the national SSHRC competition. All eligible applications will be shared with the Graduate Scholarship Committee (GSC) adjudicators for review.

We wish all students success in the upcoming competitions!

Sincerely,

Award Services