The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) is pleased to announce the details of the 2022 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:

1. **May** - Vanier Scholarship Information Session – details to be announced. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
2. **May/early June** - Departments set deadline date for receipt of Vanier Preliminary Assessment packages (please choose a deadline beyond June 11 to allow students to benefit from the leadership session that will be hosted by the Academic Success Centre on June 9th from 10:30 am to noon (main session without Q & A period will be recorded for applicants who cannot attend the live session). Students are to attend live session or watch recorded session (Q & A period will not be recorded) before submitting Vanier preliminary application package to the department; the session is intended to assist students in polishing /finessing their leadership statements. Applicants and other interested parties
must RSVP here to receive the meeting code and any possible additional documents provided by Academic Success Centre (ASC).

3. **June 29, 2021 by 4 pm** - Deadline for departments to submit the preliminary package(s) and ranked list of Vanier nominees (use the FGSR Vanier Preliminary Ranking Form) by email to grad.awards@ualberta.ca. 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.

4. **July 2 - July 21, 2021** – FGSR review for eligibility/completion

5. **July 22 – August 31, 2021**– FGSR Graduate Scholarship Committee review and adjudication

6. **Early September** – 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.