Transcript: CIHR CGSD, Part 1

[Introduction]

Welcome to the CIHR CGSD, Part 1: Learn about the scholarship.

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Learn more in this nine-minute recording presented by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

While every effort has been made to provide accurate information, please refer to the CIHR program material as your primary source of information.

# Accessibility Statement

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# What is the CGSD?

The Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral (referred to as the CGSD) is a scholarship provided by Canada’s research councils: the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (known as NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (known as SSHRC), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (known as CIHR).

Together, these research councils are often referred to as the Tri-Agencies or the Tri-Councils.

The value of the CGSD is $40,000 per year for up to three years.

The purpose of the CGSD is to support research excellence so that scholarship recipients may focus on their doctoral studies. The scholarship is based on indicators of excellence set out in the selection criteria. It is not based on financial need.

In addition to the funding provided, another reason why students may choose to apply for this scholarship is the impact of having a competitive award in your curriculum vitae (or resume).

# Equity Initiatives

[Indigenous student researchers](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp#a15). As part of the Tri-Agencies commitment to supporting research by and with Indigenous peoples, institutions may recommend an unlimited number of applications from Indigenous students to the national competition. Students who identify as Indigenous may complete the Voluntary Self-Identification as Indigenous Form and upload to their CIHR application.

[Black student researchers](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/policies-politiques/FAQBlackScholars-FAQUniversitairesNoirs_eng.asp). The Tri-Agencies have dedicated resources to address the disproportionate underfunding of Black scholars. This support will help strengthen efforts to address inequities, making Canada’s research culture more equitable, diverse, and inclusive. CIHR applicants must self-identify as Black within their application to be eligible.

# Funding Supplements

CIHR CGSD recipients may be eligible for additional funding:

[Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSForeignStudy-BESCEtudeEtranger_eng.asp) provides up to $6000 for two to six months research activities outside of Canada.

CGSD recipients may be eligible for up to twelve months of [paid parental leave](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/Guides-Guides/TriRTA-TriBFR_eng.asp#paid).

# Am I eligible?

The CGSD is open to Canadian citizens, Permanent Residents, and Protected Persons (as defined by the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act).

Your doctoral program must include a significant research component that leads to the completion of a thesis, dissertation, or major research project.

You must have completed no more than twenty-four months of full-time study in your doctoral program as of December 31st of the year of application.

There are some exceptions. The table on this slide summarizes two exceptions to this requirement in which students may be eligible with up to thirty-six months of study. If you enrolled directly from a bachelor’s to a PhD program, or if you are enrolled in a joint professional program in which you will receive both a master’s and a doctoral degree, you must have completed no more than thirty-six months of full time study in your program.

# When is the deadline?

The table on this slide provides a timeline of the CGSD process, beginning with the online portal opening for applications in summer 2024, and ending with successful applicants receiving their scholarship payments as early as May 2025.

The CIHR ResearchNet online portal is now open for application. CIHR students must create a [ResearchNet](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38201.html) account, a CIHR PIN as well as creating a [Common CV](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/45688.html) (known as a CCV)

The Faculty of Graduate Studies will hold an application workshop on campus for CIHR on Monday, August 26, 2024 in the Clearihue Building Room D130 from 1:00pm – 2:00pm.

The deadline to submit your application is Thursday, October 3, 2024 by 12:00pm (PT). This is a UVic internal deadline. You must submit a completed application by this deadline.

Applications are reviewed and scored by a committee of Canadian Institutes of Health researchers on campus, with top-scoring applications forwarded to the national competition in late November. UVic is an institution with a CIHR quota, meaning that CIHR sets a maximum number of applications that we may forward to the national competition.

CIHR will announce results of the competition in April 2025.

Successful applicants can choose to begin receiving scholarship payments on either May 1 or September 1, 2025, or January 1, 2026.

# How do I apply?

You may submit one application per year to one research council. Begin by [selecting the appropriate research council](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/interagency-research-funding/policies-and-guidelines/selecting-appropriate-federal-granting-agency?OpenDocument) – NSERC, SSHRC, or CIHR – according to the guidelines provided in the link and reviewing the [eligibility requirements](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp) for a CGSD. If your area of research overlaps with two or more research councils it is important to seek advice, as applications submitted to the incorrect research council may be rejected as ineligible, and you will not be permitted to re-submit your application to another research council in that competition. Consult with your academic supervisor, and contact FGS to learn how you may request advice from CIHR.

The CGSD application is a web-based form in the [ResearchNet](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38201.html) online system. When you initiate your application in the [CIHR ResearchNet Online System](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnetsso/ssologin?language=en) you will need to create a [ResearchNet account and register for a CIHR PIN](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38201.html). Please note, this may take up to 24 hours to receive your PIN. You will also need create a Common CV in the [CCV system](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38201.html) and then upload to your ResearchNet application. Register, then initiate your application, following the [CIHR CGSD instructions](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38887.html).

 If you are currently registered at UVic or if you were registered during the 2024 calendar year, then you will apply through UVic. Review the [Where should I submit my application?](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/Students-Etudiants/CGSDFlowchart_e.PDF) flowchart for more information.

Remember to save your work often. CIHR resources include an [accessibility Plan 2023-2026](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53308.html) (email and telephone contact information is posted on the On-line System website), [frequently asked questions](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/42504.html).

# What can I expect at the workshop?

At the fall application workshop hosted by the Faculty of Graduate studies we will go over the selection criteria and provide tips for each section of the application. We will provide advice for developing your application strategy: how to prepare your outline of proposed research, your research contributions and statements, and work with your sponsors to create a compelling application. Sponsors are two people who will provide letters of assessment to support your application; one must be your current graduate supervisor (if applicable). CIHR refers to these letters of reference as sponsor assessments on the applicant.

You’ll meet your CIHR CGSD Coach, Dr. Ryan Rhodes from UVic’s School of Exercise Science, Physical & Health Education. Dr. Rhodes is available to provide strategic advice and feedback on the written portions of your application leading up to the early-October application submission deadline.

The workshop will not be recorded but presentation slides will be available on the FGS website after the event. These slides will be labelled CIHR CGSD, Part 2: Application Advice and Support. Registration is not required: bring your questions and join us on Monday, August 26, 2024, 1:00pm to 2:00pm in Clearihue D130. We strive to host inclusive, accessible workshops that enable all students to participate fully. Please contact FGS with any accessibility needs prior to the workshop.

# What are my next steps?

1. Visit the Tri-Agencies [Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp) website to find complete program information and confirm your eligibility.
2. Review the [CIHR CGSD instructions](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38887.html) and plan ahead. For example, order your official transcripts.
3. Consult with your academic supervisor or the Graduate Advisor in your department.
4. Attend the fall workshop.

If you have questions, please contact Donja Roberts, Scholarship Administrative Officer, by email at scholoff@uvic.ca, by telephone at (250) 472-5186 or visit the Jamie Cassels Centre, room A207.

Thank you.