## OGS and SSHRC Information Session

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# OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship)

https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/PRDR015090.html

## Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

- Number of Scholarships: approximately 3000 across all fields
- Value: approx. \$15,000/year, \$5000 per term (3 terms of study)
- Duration: 2 years max/Master's program

## Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

#### Eligibility:

- 1. Full-time enrollment in an eligible program leading to a master's or doctoral degree at an eligible institution in Ontario
- 2. Canadian citizen, Protected Person, or Permanent Resident or have received a Temporary Resident Visa Student Class
- 3. Applicants who are entering the first or second year of graduate studies at the time of application, must have an overall average of at least A- (80.0% at King's), or the equivalent, on the last 10 full course equivalents

## Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

## Participating Ontario Schools

- Brock University
- Carleton University
- University of Guelph
- Lakehead University
- Laurentian University
- McMaster University
- Nipissing University
- OCAD University
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology

- University of Ottawa
- Queen's University
- Ryerson University
- University of Toronto
- Trent University
- University of Waterloo
- Western University
- Wilfrid LaurierUniversity
- University of Windsor
- York University

### **Acceptance Conditions**

- You must be enrolled as a full-time student in an eligible graduate program for the tenure of the award
- You may change disciplines or eligible programs during the tenure of the award, but only if your eligible institution approves the change
- You may hold other awards that, together, have a maximum value of \$10,000 per year. You may also accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other employment that does not affect your status as a full-time graduate student.

### How To Apply for OGS

- You must contact the <u>Graduate Studies Office</u> at an <u>eligible Ontario institution</u> to apply for an OGS.
- If you wish to apply to more than one graduate program at different institutions, you must complete each institution's OGS application.
- Important: the deadlines vary by school. <u>Please</u> carefully check the Graduate Studies website at each institution.

### Anatomy of an OGS Application

- Application Form
- Academic Assessment Reports (2)
- Statement of Interest
- List of Scholarships and Awards
- List of Significant Academic Accomplishments
- Transcripts
- Summary Sheet

## Contents & Organization

- Opening Paragraph → Define the problem you want to study
- 2. Contextualization of your problem → Show that you are already familiar with the grounding research
- 3. Methodology → How do you plan to tackle this project?
- 4. Qualifications & Background → Why are you a good candidate to undertake this study?
- 5. (Short) **Conclusion** → Why *this* program is best suited for you

## The Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS)

offered by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/ PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM\_eng.asp

## Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships: SSHRC

- Value: \$ 17,500 for 12 months, non-renewable (up to 2500 offered Canada-wide)
- o Deadline: **December 1, 2017, 8pm ET**
- Tenable: At a recognized Canadian university
- Eligibility:
  - Be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada
  - Have achieved an first-class average (80%) in each of the last two years of study
  - Be entering a program with a significant research component

### **Evaluation Criteria**

#### Academic excellence – 50%

- Academic record (first class average)
- Scholarships and awards held
- Type of program and course load

### Research potential – 30%

- Quality, originality, significance, feasibility and merit of proposed research
- Relevance of work & academic training proposed research
- Judgment and ability to think critically

#### Personal Characteristics – 20%

- Work, leadership, and volunteer experience
- Ability to communicate logically both verbally and in written work

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

### **Proposed Host Institution**

- You must indicate the institution at which you intend to hold the award.
- You can select up to five institutions at which you will apply for full-time admission to an eligible program of study
- Any institution may only be selected once. Additionally, only one department per institution may be selected.

## Canada Graduate Scholarship

- Application Form (online)
- Program of Study (1 page for research summary & 1 page for bibliography)
- Transcripts (scanned together as a single document)
- Reference Assessments (2 sent electronically)
- Common CV
- Agree to Terms and Conditions

### Canada Graduate Scholarship

- Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement
- Up to \$6000 for 3 to 6 months, non-renewable
- Deadline: June 10 and October 10 each year
  - Applicant must hold an active CGS at the time your study period abroad starts;
  - Be registered full time in a graduate research studies program at a Canadian institution for the duration of the time abroad;
  - Return to complete your graduate degree in Canada.

## Other Scholarships & Bursaries

- Upon acceptance, check with your department and your school's financial aid office to see if there are further scholarship/bursary options
- Not all bursaries are selected on grade standing (e.g. travel bursaries, group-specific bursaries)
- International schools will have their own scholarship system

**Questions?**