

Graduate students in the Department of Psychology are expected to apply for all scholarships for which they are eligible. This memo provides important information to apply for federal, provincial, and internal graduate scholarships, as well as undergraduate and postdoctoral research awards.

WEBSITE AND CONTACTS

The Faculty of Graduate Studies Website (www.grad.ualgary.ca) should be the first bookmark in your Internet browser. The website is indeed a limitless source of information and you are expected to become familiar with it as much as possible.

The **Awards** page (<http://www.grad.ualgary.ca/awards>) contains information and links for active internal and external graduate scholarships. Make sure that you visit this site frequently.



The Graduate Awards Database will provide with all the information you need about any Scholarship available for you. The logo (and link) is available in many pages within the website. For each scholarship, the database provides information about salary support, duration of the award, eligibility criteria, guidelines, etc. This is a very important site to visit in order to get knowledge about your possible application.

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SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOPS

The Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) conducts workshops to assist senior undergraduate students, graduate students, and prospective postdoctoral fellows in preparing their scholarship applications. Please visit FGS' website from time to time to find out about workshops.

This year Dr George Shimizu, Associate Dean Scholarships, and Brandee Strickland, Vanier Scholar, will be hosting the following information workshops (we strongly encourage you to attend):

- SSHRC - Friday, Sept. 14 | 9a.m. - 10:30a.m. | University Theatre, Craigie Hall, G Block

- NSERC - Friday, Sept. 14 | 11a.m. - 12:30p.m. | University Theatre, Craigie Hall, G Block

- CIHR – Tuesday, Oct. 23 | 10a.m. - 11:30a.m. | Mackimmie Library Tower, 215

- CIHR – Tuesday, Oct. 23 | 1:30p.m. – 2:50p.m. | HSC G500 Foothills Campus
 - CIHR Webinar for students – Wednesday, Sept. 12 | 9a.m.-10:30a.m. | MLT215. Students must RSVP gsaward@ucalgary.ca

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS, BURSARIES, AND FINANCIAL AID

Most of the major scholarships are open only to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. However, international graduate students can apply to the Open Scholarship Competition (internal awards) since some of the special awards adjudicated in this competition are not restricted. Funding options may also be available from the student's home country. Visit the sites below to find out more about funding opportunities for international students, or about bursaries or financial aid more generally:

International Studentship Grants

http://www.ucalgary.ca/uci/relations/international_funding_opportunities

Grad Stud Association Awards/Bursaries

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/gsa/services/financial.html>

Student Awards and Financial Aid

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/studentfinance>

UNDERSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

There are many funding opportunities for students. Some will provide, throughout your graduate studies, substantial salary support ranging from \$17,300 to \$50,000 per year. Others will provide only partial support, providing one-time contribution that can range between \$500 and \$10,000.

The three major federal agencies that support research and research training in Canada are:

1. Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) - <http://www.cihr.ca>
2. Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) - <http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca>
3. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) - <http://www.sshrc.ca>

These three agencies are referred to as Tri-Council Agencies. **Students can apply only to one of them per academic year.**

CIHR supports research and training in health. **NSERC** supports research related to fundamental process and neural mechanisms, their evolutionary and ecological context. Fundamental processes include sensation and perception, motivation, emotion, learning, memory, cognition, language, and many others. **SSHRC** supports research and training in social psychology and personality, as well as developmental psychology, interpersonal communication history and philosophy of psychology, theory and method, and applied psychology.

Visit the websites above to find out more about these three agencies. Alternatively, you can keep yourself updated on Tri-Council opportunities by visit the Faculty of Graduate Studies [website](#).

Federal agencies are not limited to these three though. Many other opportunities are available that may be related specifically to your field of research. For instance, if you are planning to work on a project investigating Alzheimer's Disease, you may consider applying to CIHR as well as to the Alzheimer Society of Canada, which provides generous supports for

different levels of training. **It is the student's responsibility to find out more about these sort of opportunities closely related to their research topic.**

There are many funding opportunities from the Province of Alberta as well. In the past, different research topics were administered by different agencies (e.g., Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Alberta Ingenuity for technology research, etc). The Province is currently integrating all funding opportunities under one single agency, namely Alberta Innovates. You find more information about provincial funding at the Alberta Innovates official website <http://www.albertainnovates.ca>.

Opportunities for training may also be available from different agencies more related to specific field of research. For instance, you may consider applying for a training scholarship provided by the *Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Research Partnership Program* if you are interested in working in this field (<http://www.mentalhealthresearch.ca>).

Many other opportunities for salary support are available within the University of Calgary. We refer to these as "internal awards". Information on awards, guidelines and deadlines are available in the Faculty of Graduate Studies [website](#) and the [Graduate Awards Database](#).

Hereafter are reported some of the funding opportunities available for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as postdoctoral trainees.

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

What	More information
NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) \$4,500 plus other contribution	Deadline is announced in the fall but is usually Feb 1. http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp
University of Calgary PURE Awards \$3,000 - \$6,000	U of C Teaching and Learning Funding Committee. Deadline is announced later in the year but is usually February. http://www.ucalgary.ca/TLFC/awards/undergrad
University of Calgary Undergraduate Student Research Program (USRP)	For Fall/Winter Session (\$4,000) deadline is Sept 15 th 2011 For Summer Session (\$6,000) deadline is Feb 15 th 2012 http://www.ucalgary.ca/usrp/about/what Travel award (\$1,000) available as well http://www.ucalgary.ca/usrp/about/travel_award

GRADUATE AWARDS

What	More information
Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships \$50,000/year (up to 3 years)	Applications are submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. http://www.vanier.gc.ca Candidates are nominated by the University - Deadline is usually September.
CIHR Doctoral and Research Award \$35,000/year (up to 3 years) (\$30,000 stipend + \$5,000 research allowance)	Applications are submitted directly to CIHR (Deadline is Oct 15 th 2012) http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/35273.html Note: Application for PhD Scholarship they go directly to CIHR, whereas applications for Master Scholarship they must go through FGS (FGS Internal deadline is Dec 15 2011).
CIHR	Applications are submitted through FGS (deadline is Dec 12

Canada Graduate Scholarships Master's Award \$17,500 one year only	2012) http://www.cihr.ca/e/20335.html
NSERC Master's Doctoral Graduate Scholarship Postgrad Scholarships (\$ varies - range between \$17,300-\$35,000 up to 3 years)	http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/index_eng.asp
SSHRC (Master's Doctoral) Canada Graduate Scholarships and Postgraduate Scholarships (\$ varies - range between \$17,300-\$35,000 up to 3 years)	http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/index-eng.aspx
University of Calgary Open Doctoral Scholarships \$ varies according to program	Applications are submitted online through the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Graduate Award Competition (GAC) deadline is Feb 1 st 2013. http://www.grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/internal_awards

POSTDOCTORAL AWARDS

What	More information
CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$40,000 - \$60,000 up to 5 years)	Application submitted to CIHR. Deadline is October 1 st 2012 and Feb 1 st 2013. Click here to read more about this and other opportunities.
NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$40,000/year up to 2 years)	Application submitted to NSERC. Deadline is October 15 th 2012. http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PD-NP/PDF-BP_eng.asp
SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$38,000/year up to 2 years)	Application submitted to SSHRC. Deadlines vary according to different scholarship. http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/index-eng.aspx#results-resultats

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Evidence of leadership is a critical component of any scholarship application. We strongly encourage our students to start building on their leadership skills as soon as possible in their program. You can sign-up for the University of Calgary Leadership (UCL) Program, a certificate program offered **FREE** to all U of C graduate students. You can choose from certificates in Personal Leadership, Team Leadership, Community Leadership and Organizational Leadership.

Workshop registration and other information available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/leadership/ucl-program>

General tips for preparing scholarship applications:

1. Review forms, check requirements, and confirm eligibility a few weeks before the scholarship deadline.
2. Allow enough time to receive at least one round of feedback from your supervisor about your research proposal.
3. Order official transcripts from *every* post-secondary institution you attended ASAP.
4. For your reference letters, choose referees who are familiar with your academic history and/or research ability. Encourage referees to provide *specific examples* of ways you have demonstrated your academic and/or research abilities. To assist them in this task, ask them what material they need (your CV and application's guidelines are of good help). Contact them as soon as you can (at least 2 weeks before the deadline).
5. Ask two friends who are not in your field to read your proposal.
6. Useful information on how to write clearly <http://muhc.ca/research/page/grant-writing-tips>.