

To: Graduate Coordinators and Graduate Assistants  
From: Monica Corbett  
Date: August 19, 2024  
RE: 2025-26 Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral (CGS-D) competition

*APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. EST*

*COMPETITION DESCRIPTION AND WEBSITE*

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## APPLICATIONS TO CGS-D

. Each agency has maintained its own CGS-D application and their agency-specific application portals. The agencies' application portals are all now open and applicants may begin preparing their applications (see below).

### DEADLINE

There IS a harmonized deadline, both at the university level and the Tri-council level. Queen's University deadline is OCTOBER 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. EST.

Please inform your students of this competition and university deadline as soon as possible.

Below are details of the 2025-26 CGS-D competition.

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Online Applications: Currently there is no harmonized application for this competition. Each agency's CGS-D application is online, and there are agency-specific application portals and process. The applications, or access to the application via the agency-specific portals, are located as follows:

CIHR: <https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/LoginServlet?language=E>

NSERC: <https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-Service> access to IF1 11.04 Tf1 0 0 1 234.53 a53.47 3BT/2 C



have completed no more than 24 months of full-time study in their doctoral program or the PhD portion of their joint professional undergraduate/PhD program (such as MD/PhD), by December 31, 2024 if previously enrolled in a graduate program have completed no more than 36 months of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31, 2024 if enrolled directly from a bachelor's to a PhD program (without having completed or enrolled in another graduate program). This is called direct entry. Direct-entry applicants must be enrolled in their doctoral program at the time of application to the CGS-D competition.

have completed no more than 36 months of full-time study in the PhD portion of their joint professional undergraduate/PhD program (such as MD/PhD) by December 31, 2024 if they have not previously enrolled in another graduate program. If applicants have not previously completed or enrolled in another graduate program, they must be enrolled in the joint MD/PhD program at the time of application to the CGS-D competition.

Eligibility for CGS-D is based on the number of months of full-time study, including summer months, toward the degree for which the applicant is requesting funding, by December 31, 2024. Two terms of part-time study count as one term of full-time study.

The agencies count all months of previous and current doctoral level studies up to December 31, 2024, toward the eligibility limit, regardless of whether or not the doctoral studies:

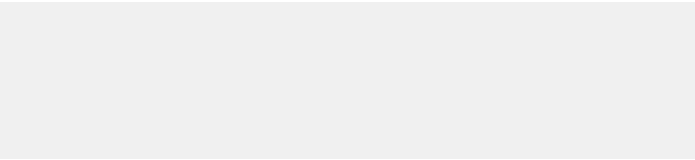
- were completed and a degree was granted;
- were carried out the institution of the applicant's current doctoral studies, and
- were in a same subject/research area as that which the applicant will pursue or is currently pursuing.

The months of study completed are calculated starting from the date on which an applicant is officially registered in any doctoral program. This also applies to applicants who registered in a Master's program and subsequently transferred to a doctoral program without completing the Master's de

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Joint programs with a professional degree (e.g., MD/PhD, DVM/PhD, JD/PhD, MBA/PhD) as well as

This table clarifies the application process for some sample potential applicants:



- a. Up-to-date transcripts are defined as official transcripts dated or issued in the Fall 2024 term (if currently registered) or after the last term completed (if not currently registered).
- b. Official transcripts are defined as transcripts issued by the Registrar's Office of the university. Transcripts from other sources, such as those printed from the student's SOLUS account (or equivalent) are not official.
- c. An official transcript includes one copy of the transcript legend

legends are complete and legible once uploaded. The maximum size of the transcripts file is 10MB.

Reference requirements: 2 references are required for each agency's CGS-D application. Detailed instructions for this part of the application have been provided by each agency in their instructions.

Selection criteria: The selection criteria for the CGS-D competitions are:

Criteria	Description	Weight
Research ability and potential	Indicators of research ability and potential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ quality of research proposal<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ specific, focused and feasible research question(s) and objective(s)</li><li>○ clear description of the proposed methodology</li><li>○</li></ul></li></ul>	



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Relevant experience

Meldrum, are the only staff people with access to the agencies' online databases. Departments /programs will not be able to review their students' applications in the database. SGSPA staff will be able to save the applications as pdfs and send them the departments/programs. SGSPA would do that if there was something in an application that had to be clarified, such as the proposed research, or the eligibility of an applicant, etc.

Internal Selection Processes and Participants: The SGSPA at Queen's University is responsible for coordinating the internal selection process for the CGS-D applications. At Queen's members of the Graduate Councils' /Committees' Awards Subcommittees will normally review and rank the applications received from their Council/Committee. Normally the reviewers will be the elected/appointed members of the Graduate Council Award Subcommittees.

Reviewers from the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Council will review and adjudicate the CIHR CGS-D competition.

Reviewers from the Faculty of Arts and Science Graduate Council from graduate programs in the Humanities and Social Sciences, will review and adjudicate the SSHRC CGS-D competition. The SSHRC CGS-D applications and adjudication will be split between a Humanities CGS-D competition and a Social Sciences CGS-D competition. A reviewer or reviewers from the School of Business and/or the Faculty of Education and/or the Faculty of Law will be invited by SGSPA to participate in the adjudication of the SSHRC Social Sciences CGS-D competition.

Reviewers from the Faculty of Arts and Science Graduate Council from graduate programs in the Sciences will review and adjudicate the NSERC CGS-D competition from applicants in life sciences and physical sciences. The NSERC CGS-D applications and adjudication will be split between a Life Sciences CGS-D competition and a Physical Sciences CGS-D

recipients on their respective websites. For more information about this, see the [Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act](#).

Conditions of the award: Applicants and award holders must comply with the policies and guidelines set out in the [Tri-agency Research Training Award Holder's Guide](#) and in any other documents related to scholarship applications and awards. The agencies reserve the right to interpret and enforce the policies and guidelines for their funding opportunities set out in their published materials.

Award holders may be eligible to hold their awards part-time. Refer to the [Tri-agency Research Training Award Holder's Guide](#)