The School of Graduate Studies is pleased to provide you with important information in regard to the Fall 2018 SSHRC JOSEPH-ARMAND BOMBARDIER CGS Doctoral Scholarships and SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships Competition.

**Value & Duration**
Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarships: $35,000 per year; up to 36 months
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships: $20,000 per year; varied for 12, 24, 36 or 48 months

**Canada Graduate Scholarship to Honour Nelson Mandela**
Some Canada Graduate Scholarship recipients may be considered for the honour of having their scholarship named a “Canada Graduate Scholarship to Honour Nelson Mandela,” should SSHRC deem their application to be aligned with at least one of five themes championed by Mandela: national unity; democracy; freedom and human rights; leadership; children’s participation in society; and children’s health. No additional application is required.

**SSHRC's Assigned Quota to McMaster: 56**
SSHRC provides a national quota to McMaster University for the number of recommended applications permitted to submit to the national SSHRC Competition by the School of Graduate Studies. For this year’s competition, SSHRC’s assigned quota to McMaster University is 56.

**School of Graduate Studies Deadline: Thursday, November 1, 2018**
Departments/Programs are required to submit:
- Complete applications for all **Recommended** Candidates
- A Completed “Fall 2018 SSHRC Doctoral-Department’s Recommended Candidates” spreadsheet. Please include all required information on the spreadsheet for each application you are forwarding for the competition. The spreadsheet is attached to this same email.

**NEW:** Please **upload** applications to **MacDrive** and **submit** an electronic copy of the completed spreadsheet to **graduatescholarships@mcmaster.ca**.

Before uploading the applications to MacDrive, each application should be saved with the following naming convention:
**Student Number_2019_679**

Please retain all original applications until SGS contacts your department. We are waiting for SSHRC to confirm their new electronic submission process.
## Competition Details

### Eligibility to Apply

To qualify for both the SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships and the Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarships funding opportunities, you must:

- be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- be pursuing doctoral studies in the social sciences or humanities;
- not have already received a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) or SSHRC to undertake or complete a doctoral degree; and
- not be applying in the 2018-19 academic year to NSERC or CIHR.

Applicants who will have completed between 0 and 40 months of doctoral studies as of December 31, 2018

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**Note:** At the time of application, you need not be assured of admission to a degree program.
Combined MA/PhD, fast-track and direct-entry PhD programs
If you are currently registered in a combined MA/PhD, fast-track or direct-entry PhD program, and have or will have completed more than 12 months or more of graduate-level study by December 31, 2018, you can only apply to the Doctoral Awards funding opportunity.

SSHRC’s Guidelines relating to multiple applications
Applicants may submit only ONE application to SSHRC in a given year. Also, fellowship and scholarship applicants may only submit one application in each academic year to either SSHRC or NSERC or CIHR. The only exception to this rule is that applicants may simultaneously apply to both the Doctoral Awards program and the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) program.

Important – Subject matter eligibility
SSHRC collaborates closely with the other granting agencies to encourage and promote support to the full range of social science and humanities research and research training, including collaboration across disciplines and subject areas.

NOTE: Applicants must ensure that their research proposal falls under SSHRC’s mandate. If in doubt, applicants are advised to consult with a SSHRC Research Training Portfolio representatives by providing them with a one-page research proposal for their review, and to seek confirmation. Complete guidelines on selecting the appropriate federal granting agency are available at http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=FEE7261A-1

Evaluation
Applications will be evaluated solely on the basis of their academic merit. To assess the overall merit of an application, the following criteria will be carefully considered:

- Past academic results, demonstrated by transcripts, awards and distinctions;
- The program of study and its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge;
- Relevant professional and academic experience, including research training, as demonstrated by conference presentations and scholarly publications;
- Two written evaluations from referees; and
- The departmental appraisal (for those registered at Canadian university).

Required Documents from applicant

- SSHRC CGS Doctoral Scholarship/Doctoral Fellowship Application Form
  Applicants must use the web-based application form and must print, sign and submit the completed application to their department.
- Official Transcripts- Applicants must include complete official undergraduate and graduate transcripts with their application. Please ensure that the student includes current McMaster transcripts from the fall 2018 session.
Department Process

Department Internal Deadline
Departments are required to set an internal deadline to receive their applicants’ applications for department internal review process prior to the School of Graduate Studies deadline.

Departmental Ranking–Department Appraisal Form
Please rank Master’s students and Doctoral students separately. Include Bachelor’s level applicants with the Master’s level applicants. Each application must include a Department Appraisal Form. You can find the Department Appraisal Form when you click on the link below:

Departments’ Calculations for (Numeric) academic average
Candidates must have obtained a first class overall average of 10.0/12.0, (A-, 80%/100) or above, in the last two years combined of full-time study.

Department Recommended Applicants (Department Ranking of OUTSTANDING or VERY GOOD)
In order to arrive at a Recommended List, we strongly urge all departments/programs, and particularly those who will receive eight or more applications, to make a 'first cut' at the departmental level. Please include the applications ranked "OUTSTANDING’ and "VERY GOOD” in your Department Recommended List.

Departments will complete the attached spreadsheet entitled, Fall 2018 SSHRC Doctoral - Department’s Recommended Candidates, and email it to the School of Graduate Studies at graduatescholarships@mcmaster.ca when uploading their ranked Recommended Applications to MacDrive by Thursday, November 1, 2018.

Non-Recommended Applicants (Department Ranking of GOOD, AVERAGE and BELOW AVERAGE)
Departments will NOT be required to submit their Non-Recommended applications with a department ranking of "GOOD, AVERAGE and BELOW AVERAGE." Please contact your Non-Recommended applicants to advise them of the department’s decision.

Other Awards

The SSHRC CGS Doctoral Scholarships/SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships Research Award applications are also eligible for additional McMaster awards such as the Ontario Graduate Scholarship. No additional application is necessary.
Links to Helpful Information

SSHRC CGS Doctoral – Guidelines, Eligibility, Value, Duration of Award, etc., please visit:

Resource Centre – Doctoral Awards which includes helpful information and tips for students, please visit:

How To Apply – General Instructions, Eligibility, etc., please visit:

SSHRC CGS Doctoral Scholarship/Doctoral Fellowships Forms (Application Form, Letter of Appraisal, and Departmental Appraisal), please visit:

SSHRC CGS Doctoral Application Instructions (Web) please visit:
https://webapps.nserc.ca/SSHRC/Instructions-Help/docinstr_e.htm

Help with Online Forms, please visit:

Contact Information

SSHRC Scholarships inquiries
Email: fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca
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