The School of Graduate Studies is pleased to provide you with information for the upcoming Fall 2018 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral competition. These prestigious scholarships awarded by CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC help McMaster attract highly qualified doctoral students.

**Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada or foreign citizens are eligible to be nominated.**

**Award Value**

$50,000.00/year for three (3) years

**Important Deadlines**

A **two-stage** internal review process is in place at McMaster to help identify the strongest applications and to select the most competitive candidates in each research mandate of CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC.

- **Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 10:00 am.** *Stage 1* Letter of Intent (LOI) package is due to SGS.
- **Thursday, October 11, 2018, 10:00 am.** *Stage 2* endorsed candidate applications are due to SGS.
- **Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 11:59 pm** McMaster Internal ResearchNet deadline (for students): *Stage 2* endorsed candidates will submit a complete application on ResearchNet.
- **Wednesday, October 31, 2018 (8:00 pm Eastern Time) Vanier Deadline** McMaster must forward their selected nominations to the Vanier CGS program

You will find complete application instructions on the attached **Fall 2018 Vanier Application Process** document.

**McMaster Quota**

Universities have been assigned quotas for the number of applications that can be submitted to each agency. McMaster's quotas are as follows:

- **CIHR** - 10 applications
- **NSERC** - 7 applications
- **SSHRC** - 4 applications

**Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships Website**


**Attached Documents**

- #1 – **Fall 2018 Vanier Application Process**
- #2 – **2018 Graduate Studies Approval Form** – Vanier
- #3 – **2018 Vanier Stage 1 Checklist**
- #4 – **Vanier Application Tip Sheet**
Eligibility
To be considered for a Vanier CGS, you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada or a foreign citizen;
- be nominated by only one Canadian institution, which must have received a Vanier CGS quota;
- be pursuing your first doctoral degree (including joint undergraduate/graduate research program such as: MD/PhD, DVM/PhD, JD/PhD - if it has a demonstrated and significant research component). Note that only the PhD portion of a combined degree is eligible for funding;
- intend to pursue, in the summer semester or the academic year following the announcement of results, full-time doctoral (or a joint graduate program such as: MD/PhD, DVM/PhD, JD/PhD) studies and research at the nominating institution; Note that only the PhD portion of a combined degree is eligible for funding;
- not have completed more than 20 months of doctoral studies as of May 1, 2019 (see calculating months of doctoral studies below);
- Have achieved a first-class average which is an A (11.0/12.0 or above) at McMaster, in each of the last two years of full-time study or equivalent; and
- Must not hold, or have a held a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC to undertake or complete a doctoral degree.


Instructions/Information for Department Administrators

- Department Graduate Administrators (or equivalent) must create an account in ResearchNet to receive access as a “Secondary User” [https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/LoginServlet?language=E](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/LoginServlet?language=E)
- Upon account confirmation from ResearchNet, please notify The School of Graduate Studies at graduatescholarships@mcmaster.ca and include the name and email address that was used to create the ResearchNet account;
- Graduate Administrators (or equivalent) who already have an existing account with ResearchNet for Vanier are not required to create a new account for this year’s Vanier Competition.
- The Secondary User access will allow the administrators to review/monitor the candidates’ applications, return the candidate’s application for revisions and to upload all transcripts for their departments’ candidates.

Contact Information

ResearchNet technical help, call 1-888-603-4178 or 613-954-1968 or email [support@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:support@cihr-irsc.gc.ca) from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern Time.

For program related help, please contact [vanier@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:vanier@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)


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