

# Fall 2017 CIHR Doctoral Research Award Competition

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## **Description**

The CIHR Doctoral Research Award consists of two programs administered through a single application:

- [Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Awards \(CGS-D\)](#): Provides special recognition and support to students pursuing a doctoral degree in a health-related field **in Canada**. Canada Graduate Scholarship recipients may be considered for the honour of having their scholarship named a “[Canada Graduate Scholarship to Honour Nelson Mandela](#)”. To be considered for this honour, you must complete the Canada Graduate Scholarship to Honour Nelson Mandela Identification Form.
- [Doctoral Foreign Study Award \(DFSA\)](#): Provides special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a doctoral degree in a health-related field **abroad**.

## **Value:**

- Trainee stipend: \$30,000 per annum
- Research allowance: \$5,000 per annum

## **Funding Opportunities in Specific Research Areas**

The CGS-D and the DFSA programs will fund applications in any area of health research. Additional funds are available, in specific research areas, to support Doctoral Research Award applications that are not funded through either the CGS-D or the DFSA.

- [Doctoral Research Award: Fall 2017 Priority Announcement \(Specific Research Areas\)](#)

## **Eligibility:**

### **For the application to be eligible:**

1. As the Nominated Principal Applicant, the candidate must be a [trainee](#) and maintain such status throughout the award duration. **Note:** For this funding opportunity, the Nominated Principal Applicant must **not** hold a tenure-track or tenured faculty position, nor can they be on leave from such a position (generally “tenure or tenure-track” refers to an open-ended academic position in which the holder can form a research group, apply for externally funded research as a principal investigator, and also teach).
2. A primary [supervisor](#) must be identified on the application. An additional supervisor may be identified.
3. The program is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada at the time of application.
4. Only students engaged in a full-time doctoral program that has a significant research component are eligible to apply. An eligible program of study must require

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that 75% of the students' time be devoted to research training. The research component must be a requirement for completion of the program, such as the completion of a thesis, a major research project, a dissertation, a scholarly publication, a presentation and/or an exhibit that is merit/expert reviewed at the institutional level. Doctoral programs that are based only on course work are not eligible. Joint doctoral programs with a professional degree (e.g. MD/PhD, MBA/PhD, DVM/PhD, etc.) and clinically-oriented doctoral programs (e.g. PhD in Clinical Psychology) are eligible if they have a significant research component as described above.

5. The maximum duration of award funding from all federal sources to undertake graduate studies is four years, including at the Master's level. Individuals who hold or have held a doctoral award from a federal source for a term of three years are not eligible to apply.
6. Applicants may submit only one application per year (September 1 to August 31) for funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) or the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). However, individuals eligible to apply to the [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships program](#) or the [Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program](#) may also submit an application to the CIHR Doctoral Research Award program (this is the only exception where an individual may submit two applications in the same year).
7. As of October 1st, 2017, all candidates must have completed a **minimum** of 12 months of graduate study at the Master's or doctoral level.
8. The **maximum** amount of time candidates can be registered as full-time students in a doctoral program is indicated below and includes all previous studies at the graduate level, regardless of discipline, either course-based or research-based <sup>123</sup>. If a candidate:
  - holds a Master's degree **or** has completed 12 months or more in a Master's degree program prior to transferring to or starting a doctoral program, then the **maximum amount of time** candidate can be registered in a doctoral program is **22 months**;
  - has completed less than 12 months in a Master's degree program prior to transferring to or starting a doctoral program, then the **maximum amount of time** candidate can be registered in a doctoral program is **30 months**;
  - has transferred directly from a Bachelor's degree to a doctoral program (with no time in a Master's program), then the **maximum amount of time** candidate can be registered in a doctoral program is **34 months**.

For complete eligibility information, please refer to the following link:

<https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?progCd=10793&language=E&fodAgency=CIHR&view=browseArchive&browseArc=true&org=CIHR#eligibility>

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## **General Application Process**

- Applications must be prepared, finalized and submitted by applicants using ResearchNet. **NOTE:** If you do not already have a ResearchNet account, you will need to [register](#) to have one prior to starting an online application <https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/UserAdminServlet>
- Any information that exceeds the character limits, or is not required, will be removed from the application prior to peer review.
- Applicants must preview **all components of their application** to ensure its completeness.
- For complete application instructions, please refer to the following links:  
#1-<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38887.html>  
#2- : <https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?progCd=10793&language=E&foAgency=CIHR&view=browseArchive&browseArc=true&org=CIHR>

## **Key Dates:**

### **McMaster internal ResearchNet deadline:**

**Friday, September 22, 2017, 12:00 p.m.**

Applications are prepared and submitted by students in ResearchNet by the internal deadline set by McMaster. **You will not be able to submit your application to ResearchNet until all the required tasks are completed, including the letters from your sponsors.**

We encourage you to work closely with your supervisor and department on your application. The application you submit to ResearchNet on September 22, 2017 will be the final version that will be sent to CIHR if approved by McMaster.

## **Sponsor Assessments**

It is important to note that it is the applicant's sole responsibility to follow up with his/her sponsors to ensure **the assessments are submitted online by the sponsors no later than Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 12:00 p.m.**

## **Internal Document Submission**

**Graduate Studies Approval Form**-(*This form replaces the HRS Checklist*)

The applicant is required to complete and submit the Graduate Studies Approval Form to [graduatescholarships@mcmaster.ca](mailto:graduatescholarships@mcmaster.ca) anytime on **Friday, September 22, 2017.**

You will find the Approval Form as a PDF attachment to this same e-mail.

## **Final Submission Date**

McMaster will review the Graduate Studies Approval Form and submit approved applications to CIHR on behalf of the applicants by the ResearchNet competition deadline of **Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

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## Clarification of Signature Pages

- Please complete and upload page 1, “The Routing Slip”.
- Please upload the “Supervisor(s) Signatures” page completed by your supervisor(s). Please ensure your supervisor(s) includes his/her name, signature and date of signature.
- Please upload a **blank** version of the “**Signature of Institution Paid**” page. You are not required to get signatures for this page.

## Other Awards

The CIHR Doctoral Research Award applications are also eligible for additional McMaster awards such as the Ontario Graduate Scholarship. No additional application is necessary.

## CIHR Webinar

CIHR will be offering information sessions to students and university staff about CIHR award programs as well as recent improvements made to these. Information will also be provided on relevant CIHR policies, tips for applicants, and guidelines on how to submit an application. These sessions will be interactive and there will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

The sessions will allow all participants to be connected and discussions will be supported with a view of a PowerPoint presentation. Participants must have access to a computer with internet connection to access the session and view the PowerPoint presentation. Questions may be directed to CIHR via the webinar chat function.

If you are interested in participating in one of these sessions, please follow the instructions below to register to one of the three sessions that will be offered.

Date, Time & Duration	Language Session	Link to Register
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• September 6, 2017</li><li>• Time: 10:00 am, EST</li><li>• Duration : 1 1/2 hours</li></ul>	English	<a href="https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/onstage/g.php?MTID=e40381645193003284d8053ed58223839">https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/onstage/g.php?MTID=e40381645193003284d8053ed58223839</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• September 7, 2017</li><li>• Time: 1:00 pm, EST</li><li>• Duration : 1 1/2 hours</li></ul>	French	<a href="https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/onstage/g.php?MTID=e29e3cf9b385b56a0a04327fec642278d">https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/onstage/g.php?MTID=e29e3cf9b385b56a0a04327fec642278d</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• September 8, 2017</li><li>• Time: 1:00 pm, EST</li><li>• Duration : 1 1/2 hours</li></ul>	English	<a href="https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb39af3b448db93652410b7ba7decbeaf">https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb39af3b448db93652410b7ba7decbeaf</a>