

**Subject:** Award Announcement: 2024 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (CIHR, NSERC) - Deadline Monday, August 21, 2023  
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## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

## SGS Award Announcement

**To:** Graduate Chairs/Directors; Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators  
**Re:** 2024 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC)

### Award Overview

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| <b>Student submission deadline:</b>             | <b>Monday, August 21, 2023, 5:00 pm</b>      |
| <b>Deadline for Referees:</b>                   | Date set by applicant                        |
| <b>Application goes offline for Applicants:</b> | September 18, 2023 8:00 p.m.                 |
| <b>Value/Duration:</b>                          | \$50,000 per year for three years            |
| <b>Level of study:</b>                          | To support PhD, or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD |
| <b>Required Legal Status:</b>                   | Domestic or International                    |
| <b>Results:</b>                                 | Early April 2024 directly from Vanier        |

### Purpose:

The Vanier CGS program aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health. The Vanier CGS program strongly encourages candidates to pursue their studies beyond the university that granted their previous degree(s).

### Eligibility to Apply:

Please refer to the Vanier website for complete [eligibility requirements](#).

To be considered for a Vanier CGS, applicants must:

- be nominated by **only one** Canadian university, which has received a [Vanier CGS quota](#);
- be pursuing their **first** doctoral degree (including joint program such as MD/PhD, DVM/PhD, MBA/PhD – if it has a demonstrated and significant research component);
- intend to pursue, in the summer semester or the academic year following the announcement of results, full-time doctoral (or a joint graduate research program such as MD/PhD, DVM/PhD, JD/PhD, MBA/PhD) studies and research at the nominating institution; For joint graduate programs, only the PhD portion of the program is eligible for funding;
- Have completed no more than:
  - **20 months** of full-time study in their doctoral program as of May 1, 2024
    - The doctoral program would begin after the completion of a master's degree. The months of study completed are calculated from the doctoral enrolment date.
    - All prior doctoral-level studies that started in Canada or abroad are considered in the evaluation of eligibility. Note: students registered in a "Direct Entry PhD" program at U of T who previously completed a master's degree in any program would fall under the 20-month category.
  - **32 months** of full-time study in their doctoral program, by May 1, 2024 if:
    - enrolled in a joint graduate research program, e.g., MD/PhD, MA/PhD, MS/PhD, DVM/PhD. Applicants in this category have access to the 32-month window whether or not they were previously enrolled in a master's program:
      - The months of study are calculated starting from the date on which an applicant is officially registered in the joint graduate program (For MA/PhD or MS/PhD this will be the master's registration date). For joint degree students who only

completed a Bachelor's degree with no prior registration in a graduate degree program, months of study are calculated starting at the PhD portion of the joint degree. All joint degree students must complete a timeline of their registration broken down by session in the "Attach other Application Materials" task to confirm eligibility.

- enrolled directly from a Bachelor's to a PhD (without having been previously enrolled in another graduate program);
  - The months of study completed are calculated from the doctoral enrolment date.
- previously enrolled in a master's program **without obtaining the degree** and subsequently starting a doctoral program
  - The months of study completed are calculated from the original master's enrolment date, regardless of when the master's degree registration began or type of master's degree.
- have achieved a first-class average (A-), in **each** of the last two years of full-time study or equivalent;
- not have already received a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from [CIHR](#), [SSHRC](#) or [NSERC](#) to undertake or complete a doctoral program.

Note: Eligible candidates may apply to both the Vanier CGS program and other Tri-agency-specific scholarship/fellowship programs (whether at the same or a different federal granting agency in the same academic year, provided that the research proposed in each application falls within the mandate of the federal granting agency to which the application is submitted, and the candidate meets all eligibility criteria. Candidates who are successful in more than one competition will have to choose one award to accept.

## Nomination:

Applicants must be nominated by the institution at which they wish to study and hold the award. Applicants seeking an institutional nomination must first receive the endorsement of their proposed graduate unit through a local selection process. Applicants seeking this endorsement must submit a completed Vanier CGS application using the [ResearchNet](#) application system. Graduate units will view the submitted applications from candidates seeking endorsement via ResearchNet.

**Nomination Letters** must be completed and **signed** by the **Department Head** nominating the candidate. (See SGS Instructions to Administrators for guidelines on selecting candidates and preparing this letter. These instructions will be distributed later in July.)

## Application Process:

Applicants should refer to the Vanier website for step by step [application/nomination instructions](#).

For important application updates and reminders please refer to the [University of Toronto Vanier webpage](#).

## Contacts & Resources:

Graduate unit quotas and instructions for submission to SGS will be forwarded separately in late July.

Questions regarding the Vanier Awards competition can be directed to Vanier at [info@vanier.gc.ca](mailto:info@vanier.gc.ca), or the Graduate Awards Office at the School of Graduate Studies

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