An application for scholarship funding should:

- be complete, clear, concise, coherent and error-free;
- include a strong academic record;
- show excellent potential to conduct advanced scholarly research;
- demonstrate strong communication skills; and
- indicate the ability to successfully complete the graduate program in a timely manner.

A good letter of appraisal:

- supports the information in the application with details;
- is enthusiastic;
- focuses on your skills and past achievements;
- stresses strengths and personal attributes; and
- demonstrates why you are of superior caliber and worthy of a prestigious national award.

FGSR Tip Sheets: [https://uofa.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/awards-and-funding](https://uofa.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/awards-and-funding)

- Scholarship Applications
- Preparing Your Research Proposal
- Reference Letters
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Important reminders:

- Read the program description and application instructions carefully.
- Start your application early.
- Use plain, accessible language.
- Show your application to someone to receive feedback.
- Let referees know the deadline well in advance.
- Indicate your proficiency in any language required for your research.
- Ensure your list of publications indicates peer-reviewed entries, and provides complete bibliographic information.
- Only include research contributions that have been accepted for publication.
- Respect page limits.

Contact NSERC

- On-line Services: [webapp@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:webapp@nserc-crsng.gc.ca)
- Telephone: 613.995.4273
- Email: [schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca)
- Links to application videos:
  - Chapter 1 - Introduction [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qp8iqTlfBB8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qp8iqTlfBB8)

IMPORTANT DATES:

**NSERC:**
- October 13th Doctoral applications to FGSR (apply within University)
- October 15th Doctoral applications direct to NSERC
- December 1st Masters applications due online

**SSHRC:**
- October 30th SSHRC Doctoral to FGSR (apply within University)
- November 5th direct to SSHRC
- December 1st Masters applications due online

**CIHR:** December 1st Masters applications due online

Your department may have an earlier deadline
Chapter 2 - Making your application stand out [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvUsRO9ZB8E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvUsRO9ZB8E)
Chapter 3 – Choosing referees [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrwKXScB-Yw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrwKXScB-Yw)
Chapter 4 – Presentation and communication [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cQ7cSZTbPA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cQ7cSZTbPA)
Chapter 5 – Final tips [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42XT02Ey3Y0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42XT02Ey3Y0)

- To search for past scholarship recipients at the UofA, use the NSERC search engine: [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ase-oro/index_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ase-oro/index_eng.asp)

### Contact SSHRC
- Online Services: [www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)
- Telephone: 613.943.777
- Email: fellowships@sshr-crsh.gc.ca

### Contact CIHR
- Email: CGSMA@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
- Preparing Your Research ([https://uofa.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/awards-and-funding](https://uofa.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/awards-and-funding))

Get help at your institution from:
- your supervisor;
- your peers;
- past SSHRC/NSERC recipients;
- the department head; and
- FGSR

**FGSR Contact Information**
- Phone: 780.492.9460
- Email [grad.awards@ualberta.ca](mailto:grad.awards@ualberta.ca)

### APPLICATION SITES:
**NSERC Doctoral Applications**
- To register: [https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_register_e.htm](https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_register_e.htm)
- System log in: [https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm](https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm)

**Master’s Applications**
- Canadian Common CV [https://ccv-cvc.ca/](https://ccv-cvc.ca/)