Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship Competition 2017
Workshop Overview/Schedule

Welcome: Dr Bryan Hogeveen, Associate Dean, FGSR & Chair, Graduate Scholarship Committee

Moderator: Dr Renee Polziehn, FGSR Professional Development & Outreach Program Director

Award Services Representative: Katya Joshi, Supervisor, FGSR Award Services

Vanier Winners: Margot Challborn, Obinna Ezulike, Hali Morrison, Leslie Robbins, Yichuan Wang

Agenda Items
1.) Introductions and Welcome
2.) Information and the Internal U of A Vanier CGS Competition Process and Timeline
3.) Brief Overview of the Online Application System: ResearchNet
4.) Panel Discussion by the Vanier Recipients
5.) Wrap Up/Surveys
What are the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships?

- Value: $50,000 per year
- Duration: 3 years
- “The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS) program attracts and retains world-class doctoral students and helps establish Canada as a global centre of excellence in research and higher learning.”
What are the Eligibility Criteria for the Vanier Scholarships?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

• be seeking financial support to pursue a first doctoral degree (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD).
• intend to pursue a doctoral degree (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD) full-time at the U of A in the May 2017 semester or the 2017/18 academic year.
• have completed between 0 and 20 months of doctoral studies as of May 1, 2017.
• have achieved a first-class average (equivalent to 3.5 or greater at the U of 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 SSHRC, NSERC or CIHR to undertake or complete a doctoral degree.
2017 U of A Competition Timeline

**September 19, 2016 (Midnight, MST)**
Deadline for submission of applications via ResearchNet and for receipt of official transcripts and department nomination letters at FGSR.

**September 20 – November 1, 2016**
The FGSR Graduate Scholarship Committee adjudicates application packages received and prepares a shortlist of nominees.

Internal U of A results are communicated to the applicants and shortlisted applicants are given the opportunity to fine-tune the applications based on feedback provided by the adjudication committee.

**November 2, 2016**
University deadline for submitting nominations to Vanier-Banting Secretariat.
How do I Apply?

Students apply directly on ResearchNet. A complete nomination package consists of:

- Completed and submitted **online application form** via ResearchNet
- **Official transcripts** (UAlberta transcripts are not required) submitted to the FGSR. If the FGSR has your official up-to-date transcripts for completed degrees from other institutions on file, these transcripts do not need to be requested again.
- **Nomination letter** completed and signed by the Department Head nominating the candidate and submitted directly to the FGSR.
2017 Quotas

- CIHR – 11
- NSERC – 13
- SSHRC – 9
What are the Selection Criteria?

• **Academic Excellence** - as demonstrated by past academic results and by transcripts, awards and distinctions.

• **Research Potential** - as demonstrated by research history, interest in discovery, the proposed research and its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field and any anticipated outcomes.

• **Leadership** - (potential and demonstrated ability), as defined by the following qualities:
  - Personal Achievement
  - Involvement in Academic Life
  - Volunteerism/Community Outreach
  - Civil Engagement
  - Other
FGSR Resources for Scholarship Applications

See our *Tips and Tools for a Successful Scholarship Application* on the Awards and Funding Landing page.

[https://www.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/awards-and-funding](https://www.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/awards-and-funding)
Questions?

• Contact Vanier
  – Email: vanier@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
  – For technical assistance with on-line application: 613-941-9080 or support@researchnet-recherchenet.ca

• Contact FGSR
  – Telephone: 780.492.9460
  – Email: gradvani@ualberta.ca
Panel Discussion and Q&A

• Obinna Ezulike, 2014 NSERC Vanier CGS, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
• Leslie Robbins, 2015 NSERC Vanier CGS, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

• Hali Morrison, 2014 CIHR Vanier CGS, Department of Oncology

• Yichuan Wang, 2014 SSHRC Vanier CGS, Department of Resource Economics & Environmental Sociology
• Margot Challborn, 2015 SSHRC Vanier CGS, Department of Political Science
Thank you!
Please fill out a feedback survey before you go!!!!!!!