Dear Colleagues,

Updated information for the 2018 NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master’s (CGS-M) competition is now posted on the FGSR website.

The CGS-M has a single, harmonized application process for the three federal granting agencies: NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR. The deadline for students to submit their applications on the online Research Portal is December 1st, 2017. Additional details for students on eligibility criteria and how to apply can be found on the NSERC website (note that all information applies to SSHRC and CIHR applicants as well).

Students are not required to submit applications to their departments. The timeline is as follows:

- **December 1st, 2017**: Students submit applications on the online Research Portal.
  - FGSR does a preliminary review of applications to verify eligibility.
- **January 11th, 2018**: FGSR shares applications with departments based on proposed departments declared in the application, along with instructions on providing rankings and evaluation.
- **February 16th, 2018**: Departments submit rankings/evaluations to FGSR.
- **March 1st, 2018**: Deadline for incoming CGSM applicants to apply for admission. Applicants who haven’t applied for admission by this date will have their applications removed from the competition.
  - Graduate Scholarships committee reviews and adjudicates eligible applications.
- **April 1st, 2018**: Applicants are notified of results on the online Research Portal.

**A Note on Applications and Transcripts**

Students must complete the applications entirely online using the Research Portal, including uploading of transcripts. Students must obtain official, up-to-date transcripts for all post-secondary institutions they have attended, and scan and upload the transcripts into the Research Portal themselves. This includes official transcripts from the University of Alberta.

**Competition Process**

The Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master’s Program (CGS-M) has a single, harmonized application process for the three federal granting agencies: the Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). These three agencies are also referred to as the “Tri-Agencies”.

The CGS-M is valued at $17,500 for 12 months. It is not renewable.

**Eligibility requirements:**

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Must be in a graduate program with a research component
• Must have completed no more than 12 full-time months in the graduate program as of December 31st, 2017
• Must not have previously held a CGS-M
• Must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher in each of the last two years of study
• Must not have received any other Tri-Agency funding for a master’s program

Complete eligibility requirements are listed on the CGS-M website.

How to apply:
Students apply online through the Research Portal, which is the Tri-Agencies’ electronic system for creating, managing and submitting applications for funding.

The deadline for students to submit their applications on the Research Portal is December 1st, 2017.

If not yet admitted to a graduate program, prospective students must also apply for admission no later than March 1, 2018 in order to be considered for the CGSM at the University of Alberta.

A complete application must include the following materials:
• The completed application form
• An outline of proposed research (one page max, plus one page for citations)
• CV (to be completed on the Canadian Common CV online system)
• Two letters of reference (to be uploaded online by referees before December 1st)
• Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended, including University of Alberta (scanned and uploaded by the applicant)

Review process:
After applications have been submitted, they will be reviewed in three stages:
1.) By the FGSR for eligibility and completeness;
2.) By departments for evaluation and ranking;
3.) By the FGSR’s Graduate Scholarship Committee for selection of winners.

Each university has a set allocation for each granting agency. The allocation is the total number of scholarships that the university is allowed to offer in the annual competition. The University of Alberta’s allocations are as follows: NSERC: 50; SSHRC: 48; CIHR: 19.

All applicants will be notified of final decisions on April 1st, 2018.

Complete information on the CGS-M competition can be found on the NSERC website.

Please note that FGSR strongly encourages all winners of the 2017/2018 University of Alberta Masters Recruitment Scholarship to apply for CGSM funding if they meet the eligibility requirements.

We wish all students and departments success in the upcoming competitions!

Sincerely,
The FGSR Awards Team