The FGSR is pleased to announce the details of the 2018 Vanier CGS competition at the University of Alberta. Our quota for the 2018 competition is 13 for NSERC, 11 for CIHR, and 9 for SSHRC.

**Eligibility**

The following eligibility rules apply to all applicants for the upcoming Fall Vanier competition:

1. They must be enrolled full-time in a doctoral program no later than January 2019.
2. If already enrolled full-time in a doctoral program, they could not have started that doctoral program earlier than September, 2016.
3. If currently enrolled full-time in a master’s program (with the intention of being switched to a doctoral program without completing the master’s degree), then the master’s program could not have started earlier than September, 2015. The switch to a doctoral program must occur in accordance with #1.
4. Must have achieved first-class average (GPA of at least 3.5) in each of the last two years of full-time study (or equivalent).
5. Must be pursuing their first doctoral (including joint undergraduate/graduate research programs, such as MD/PhD or JD/PhD) degree.
6. Must not have already received a doctoral scholarship or fellowship from CIHR, NSERC, or SSHRC.

Please note that the dates in #2 and #3 apply to full-time students only. Calculating months of doctoral studies can be done by consulting the Vanier website, and contacting gradvan@ualberta.ca for further clarification.

**Application Process**

Applications must be submitted through the online application system (ResearchNet) in accordance with the Vanier application/nomination process.
Deadlines

The timeline of the 2018 Vanier CGS competition at UAlberta is as follows:

- **September 18, 2017 (23:59 Mountain Time/ 01:59 September 19 Eastern Time)**
  - Deadline for submission of the application form on ResearchNet (including all attachments) and for receipt of all official, post-secondary transcripts at the FGSR (UAlberta transcript is not required) and a department nomination letter completed and signed by the Department Head (please see 2018 Vanier Department Nomination Letter Memo for instructions).
  - If FGSR has a student’s official up-to-date transcripts for completed degrees from other institutions on file, these transcripts do not need to be submitted again.

- **September 19 – October 31, 2017**
  - FGSR reviews complete applications received to ensure completeness and accuracy and to confirm eligibility.
  - The UAlberta Graduate Scholarship Committee adjudicates complete application packages received and prepares a shortlist of nominees.
  - Short-listed applicants are given an opportunity to finalize their applications.
  - Subject to availability, editorial help will be available for all shortlisted UAlberta nominees who wish to make use of it.
  - FGSR finalizes all documents for submission.

- **November 1, 2017 (18:00 Mountain Time/ 20:00 Eastern Time)**
  - The FGSR submits final nominations to Vanier-Banting Secretariat.

Workshop

- FGSR will be hosting a workshop for applicants on **August 16, 2017 at 12:00 – 1:30 PM in CCIS 1-140.**

Department Nomination Letters

Departments must provide a nomination letter for each candidate and send it to gradvani@ualberta.ca via email by the **September 18 (23:59 Mountain Time/ 01:59 Eastern Time)** deadline in a PDF format. Please ensure that the document is signed by the Department Chair (or Dean if a Faculty) and is on the current UAlberta letterhead. For detailed nomination letter requirements, please refer to the 2018 Vanier Department Nomination Letter Memo.

Please note that FGSR has posted additional resources on our website, including a detailed competition timeline, and process description.