The CGS-MSFSS Program supports high-calibre graduate students in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional research experiences at research institutions abroad. By accessing international scientific research and training, CGS-MSFSS recipients contribute to strengthening the potential for collaboration between Canadian and foreign institutions. These supplements are available to Canadian citizens or permanent residents who hold a Frederick Banting and Charles Best (CIHR) Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) at the master’s or doctoral level, or a Vanier CGS at the doctoral level.

Although there is no limit on the number of eligible CIHR applications a department can forward to FGSR, CIHR has limited funds for this competition; therefore, applications will be accepted by the tri-agency on a first-come first-served basis. Departmental rankings are not required; however departments may set an earlier internal deadline to receive applications from students.

The deadline for departments to submit applications to FGSR is **Friday, January 24, 2020 at 4:00pm MST**. Departments are to submit completed applications to FGSR via GSMS.

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**Application and Department Nomination Process**

Departments are encouraged to set an earlier, internal Departmental deadline to allow time to collect and review applications to determine competitive applications.

Candidates applying for the CGS-MSFSS will now access the application from a single harmonized program description hosted on [NSERC’s website](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSForeignStudy-BESCEtudeEtranger_eng.asp). Each agency has its own application form and instructions, and care should be taken to ensure that the appropriate form is used. Eligible applicants must complete the appropriate web-based application form online; a printed copy of the form, and all other required documentation is to be submitted to their home department.
Applicants should contact the tri-agency well in advance if they are unsure about the eligibility of a particular host supervisor or host institution.

In addition, please review the information provided on the FGSR website regarding application and nomination requirements.

Departments are not required to rank the applications they received, but are required to submit complete and eligible applications via GSMS by deadline date specified above.

Granting agency review

The Agency will review the applications received from universities for eligibility and completeness. Funds are limited; therefore not all eligible candidates may receive an award.

Notification of decision

The Granting Agency will notify the FGSR at the respective universities of the results within approximately two months following receipt of applications. The CGS-MSFSS will be paid directly to the institutions who will administer the supplements on behalf of the granting agency. The granting agency will publish the names (and other basic award information) of CGS-MSFSS recipients on their respective web site.

We wish students and departments success in the CIHR MSFSS Competition!