The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) is pleased to announce the details of the 2020 CIHR - Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship Doctoral Award (CIHR CGS-D) competition, now available on FGSR's website. Departments are to submit an alphabetical list of their students to FGSR by **4 PM on October 3, 2019**; refer to the Application and Department Nomination process below for details. There are no restrictions on the number of applications that Departments may forward to the FGSR for the doctoral competition; however, the FGSR requests that Departments consider the workload of the adjudicators and forward only those students who have a reasonable chance of success relative to the limited number of applications that may be forwarded to Ottawa for the competition. Applications being forwarded to the FGSR should be reviewed within the Department to ensure that they are complete and accurate according to the CIHR Guidelines.

Please ensure applicants refer to CIHR website for clarification concerning the value, duration, and eligibility criteria. Applicants are also to consult CIHR to determine registration status at time of application submission, and for assistance in selecting the appropriate agency when applying for funding.

As a reminder, 2019/20 recipients of the UofA Master’s Scholarship and UofA Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship are required to apply for Tri-Agency funding if they are eligible (ie. citizenship status is Canadian/Permanent Resident).

Applicants may simultaneously apply to both the CIHR CGS-D program and the CIHR Vanier CGS program. At the U of A, those applicants who have completed the online 2020 CIHR Vanier CGS application are strongly encouraged to also complete an application for the CIHR CGS-D competition if they are eligible (ie. citizenship status is Canadian/Permanent Resident). NOTE: If a student accepts a CIHR CGS-D scholarship, they are no longer eligible to hold a Vanier scholarship.

**Application and Department Nomination Process and Timelines**
Departments are encouraged to set an earlier, internal Departmental deadline to allow time to collect and review applications to determine competitive applications. Note that institutions are permitted to recommend an unlimited number of self-identified Indigenous applicants to the CIHR CGSD Program above our application quota. In order to be considered for this, Indigenous applicants must agree to their personal information being used for this purpose by making the appropriate selection in the application form in ResearchNet.
Departments are to follow and advise students of the following information:

1) Students must first notify their Department of their intention to apply. To complete a full application, students must follow the instructions in Doctoral Research Awards – Application instructions and submit through the CIHR online application system, ResearchNet. It is the student’s responsibility to read all instructions and be familiar with the application process before applying through ResearchNet.

2) Students are to print a copy of their application from ResearchNet, and submit it to their Department for internal adjudication purposes, if required. As sponsors are required to submit a confidential online form, letters are not available to students. If sponsor letters are required for Department internal adjudication purposes, Departments must contact the sponsors directly to obtain a copy. FGSR will not provide copies of students’ applications or letters to Departments.

3) Students must submit their application through ResearchNet by the institutional deadline of **October 3, 2019 at 11:59 pm MST**. It is highly recommended that applicants submit their application well ahead of the institutional deadline. **FGSR will NOT accept late applications.**

4) Departments are not required to rank their applications, but are required to submit their list of nominees on the signed Tri-Council Doctoral Scholarship Nominee List Form to grad.awards@ualberta.ca by **Thursday, October 3, 2019 before 4:00 PM**. Students who apply to this competition, but are not included on the Department’s applicant list will not be considered. As FGSR has access to ResearchNet, hard copies of students’ applications and sponsor letters are not required.

5) Following the application/Department submission deadline of October 3rd, FGSR will then review students’ applications for eligibility and completeness based on the list provided by Departments.

6) End of November: Results of the CIHR competition at the University level will be shared to Departments. Only those students who have been nominated to CIHR will receive a notification email from FGSR that they have been forwarded to the national competition level. Unsuccessful students will be notified via ResearchNet.

7) Final CIHR doctoral results are expected to be announced in April 2020.

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

Sincerely,

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