The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) is pleased to announce the details of the 2020 SSHRC Doctoral Competition. The University of Alberta’s quota for the 2020 – 2021 competition is 68. Complete details on eligibility are available on the following websites:

- **FGSR Awards Services website**: Provides overview and internal deadlines
- **SSHRC CGS-D website**: Provides specific eligibility for the CGS-D
- **SSHRC Fellowships website**: Provides specific eligibility for the Fellowships

Though there are different eligibility requirements, there is only one application. Students will automatically be considered for each award they are eligible for.

**Department Responsibilities**

1. Set an internal deadline to review student’s applications. There is no restrictions on number of applications a department can forward to FGSR, but please consider the workload of the adjudicators and nominate only those with a reasonable chance of success.
2. Submit an alphabetical list of students to be considered by **4PM on October 3, 2019**.
   - Please use the **Tri-Council Doctoral Scholarship Nominee List**. Email this list to **grad.awards@ualberta.ca** using the heading "SSHRC Doctoral – Department Name"

**Important Information**

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.

Applicants may simultaneously apply to both the SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship program and the SSHRC Vanier CGS program. At the U of A, those applicants who have completed the online 2020 SSHRC Vanier CGS application are strongly encouraged to also complete an application for the SSHRC Doctoral competition if they are eligible. **NOTE**: If a student accepts a SSHRC CGS-D/Fellowship, they are no longer eligible to hold a Vanier scholarship.

**Note that institutions are permitted to recommend an unlimited number of self-identified Indigenous applicants to the Fellowships Program above their application quota.** In order to be considered for this, Indigenous applicants must provide consent within the application form to share this information with their institutions and SSHRC.
Application and Department Nomination Process and Timelines

Departments are to follow and advise students of the following process:

1) Students must notify their Department of their intention to apply. To complete a full application, students must follow SSHRC’s Application Instructions through SSHRC’s Online Services portal. It is the student’s responsibility to read all instructions and be familiar with the application process before applying. This includes making sure they click “verify” in order to submit their application.

A Note on Transcripts: It is students’ responsibility to submit online through SSHRC’S Online Services any and all required official, up-to-date transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies to their Department by the departmental deadline. Departments are asked to refer students to FGSR’s Application Requirements for Academic Documents. This includes obtaining official University of Alberta transcripts. FGSR cannot provide copies of transcripts to students.

2) By the Department internal deadline, students are to print a copy of their application from the On-line system, and submit to the receiving Department for internal review purposes. As referees are required to submit a confidential online form, letters are not available to students. If academic reference letters are required for Department internal adjudication purposes, Departments must contact the referee directly to obtain a copy. FGSR will not provide copies of students’ applications or reference letters to Departments.

3) Departments are not required to rank their applicants for FGSR purposes, but are required to submit their list of nominees by the deadline stated above. 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 SSHRC’s Online Services, hard copies of students’ applications and reference letters are not required.

4) Following the application/Department submission deadline of October 3, 2019 FGSR will then review students’ applications for eligibility and completeness based on the list provided by Departments.

5) Mid - end of November: Results of the SSHRC competition at the University level will be shared to Departments. Only those students who’ve been nominated to SSHRC will receive a notification email from FGSR that they have been forwarded to the national competition level. Unsuccessful students will either be notified by email or through the SSHRC portal.

6) Final SSHRC doctoral results are expected to be announced in April 2020.

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

Sincerely,

Award Services