Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020

To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators

From: Awards Services, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Re: 2020 Canada Graduate Scholarship- Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements (CGS-MSFSS) October Competition (CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC)

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 Joseph-Armand Bombardier (SSHRC), Alexander Graham Bell (NSERC), or 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.

There is currently no limit on the number of eligible applications (NSERC, SSHRC, and CIHR) a department can forward to FGSR. 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 **Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 4:00pm MST**. Departments are to submit completed applications to FGSR as a single PDF file per student to grad.awards@ualberta.ca.

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**Application and Submission Process**

Candidates applying for the CGS-MSFSS will now access the application from a single harmonized program description hosted on NSERC’s website. 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 respective granting agency 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.

**Granting agency review**

Members of the GSC will review all eligible applications, and FGSR will forward recommended applications to the Granting Agency. The Agencies will review the applications received from universities for eligibility and completeness, and a CGS-MSFSS will be awarded to the eligible and approved applicants through the universities.

**Notification of decision**

The Granting Agencies will notify the FGSR at the respective universities of the results within 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 agencies. The granting agencies will publish the names (and other basic award information) of CGS-MSFSS recipients on their respective web sites.

We wish students and departments success in the MSFSS Competition!