

# FUNDING FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

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## Internal funding opportunities

Most universities have internal funding opportunities, including academic merit awards, research assistantships, teaching assistantships and donor awards. In most cases, you don't need to apply for these opportunities—you'll automatically be considered when your application is evaluated by the program or department. When you receive an offer for admission, it should include how much internal funding you are being offered as part of your admission. Once you start your graduate studies, there may also be opportunities to apply for additional research assistantships or teaching assistantships within your department.

## Federal external funding competitions (NSERC, SSHRC or CIHR)

If you're a senior undergraduate or graduate student, consider completing an application for funding from one of the federal Tri-Councils (NSERC, SSHRC or CIHR). These competitions are awarded to individuals and require an internal pre-selection step at the university level. This means that if you were successful, you could choose to pursue your graduate work, with funding, at the institution of your choice. The University of Victoria has grantscrafters to help you organize and polish the outline of proposed research section of your application. For more information, visit the Faculty of Graduate Studies website at [www.uvic.ca/graduatestudies/finances/financialaid/scholarshipapps](http://www.uvic.ca/graduatestudies/finances/financialaid/scholarshipapps).

## Other external funding competitions

There are many other external funding competitions that you can apply for directly (they don't involve an extra pre-selection step at the university level). You can search for these competitions on your own, or sometimes they will be circulated by your departmental secretaries. For more information, visit the Faculty of Graduate Studies website at [www.uvic.ca/graduatestudies/finances/financialaid/externalawards](http://www.uvic.ca/graduatestudies/finances/financialaid/externalawards).