

Transcript

CIHR CGRS-D: Learn about the scholarship

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What you will learn

At the end of this presentation, students will be able to answer the following questions:

- What is the CIHR CGRS-D?
- Am I eligible?
- How do I apply?
- When is the deadline?
- What are my next steps?

While every effort has been made to provide accurate information, please refer to the CIHR program materials as your primary source of information.

What is the CIHR CGRS-D?

The Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral is a scholarship provided by Canada's research councils: the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (known as NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (known as SSHRC), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (known as CIHR).

Together, these research councils are often referred to as the Tri-Agencies, the Tri-Councils, or the granting agencies.

The value of the CGRS-D is \$40,000 per year for up to three years.

The purpose of the CGRS-D is to support research excellence so that scholarship recipients may focus on their doctoral studies. The scholarship is based on indicators of excellence set out in the selection criteria. It is not based on financial need.

In addition to the funding provided, another reason students may choose to apply for this scholarship is the impact of having a competitive award in your academic experience.

Am I eligible?

Eligibility for the CGRS-D has changed as of the fall 2025 competition.

The program was formerly known as the CGS-D, and was open only to domestic students. Beginning fall 2025, the new CGRS-D program is open to both domestic and international students. In order to be eligible, international students must be registered in a doctoral program at the time of application.

Your doctoral program must include a significant research component that leads to the completion of a thesis, dissertation, or major research project.

Another significant change to the program this year, is the window for application has extended from two years to three. You must have completed no more than thirty-six months of full-time study in your doctoral program as of December 31st of the year of application.

A final change to the program is that you may apply to the CGRS-D a maximum of three times. This new limitation begins with the fall 2025 competition: applications submitted earlier under the former CGS-D program will not be counted.

How do I apply?

You may submit one application per year to one research council. Begin by [selecting the appropriate research council](#) – NSERC, SSHRC, or CIHR – according to the guidelines provided in the link.

If your area of research overlaps with two or more research councils it is important to seek advice, as applications submitted to the incorrect research council may be rejected as ineligible, and you will not be permitted to re-submit your application to another research council in that competition.

Next, review the [Where to submit an application instructions](#) on the CGRS D program website to confirm that you should submit your application to the UVic competition. If you are a current UVic student, you should submit your application to the UVic competition. This is true even if you intend to hold your award at a different institution.

The CGRSD application is a web-based form in the [ResearchNet](#) online system. When you initiate your application in the [CIHR ResearchNet Online System](#) you will need to create a [ResearchNet account and register for a CIHR PIN](#). Please note, it may take up to 24 hours to receive your PIN. You will also need to create a Common CV in the [CCV system](#) and then upload it to your ResearchNet application. Register, then initiate your application, following the [CIHR CGRSD instructions](#).

When is the deadline?

The table on this slide provides a timeline of the CGRS-D process, beginning with the online portal opening for applications in summer 2026, and ending with successful applicants receiving their scholarship payments as early as May 2027.

The ResearchNet online portal is open for applications beginning July 8, 2026.

FGS will host two application information sessions:

- The first will be held online, Wednesday, August 12th at 1:00pm Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) which is the time zone here in Victoria. A Zoom link will be made available on our [UVic CGRS-D website](#) under CIHR applications.
- An in-person information session will be held on Tuesday, August 25th at 9:00am in room A225 of the Clearihue building on campus.

The deadline to submit your application is Thursday, September 24, 2026 by noon Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). This is the deadline for applicants in the UVic competition. While you are reviewing information on the CIHR website you may see a reference to a separate deadline of October 17. This deadline is **not applicable for UVic students**.

Applications are reviewed and scored by a committee of health researchers on campus, with top-scoring applications forwarded to the national competition in late November. UVic has an institutional quota, meaning that CIHR sets a maximum number of applications that we may forward to the national competition.

CIHR will announce results of the competition in April 2027.

Successful applicants can choose to activate their award and begin receiving scholarship payments on either May 1 or September 1, 2027, or January 1, 2028. CIHR also provides options to defer a start date under certain circumstances.

What are my next steps?

1. Visit the Tri-Agencies CGRS-D website to find complete program information and confirm your eligibility.
2. Begin first steps for the various parts of your application including: ordering official transcripts, obtaining a CIHR PIN, creating a Common CV and contacting potential sponsors, also known as referees. One sponsor should be your academic supervisor. If you would like advice about choosing your second sponsor, please consult with your academic supervisor or a UVic CIHR coach.
3. Consult with your academic supervisor and begin drafting your Training Expectations and Research Project Summary. Set a schedule that allows time for feedback from a CIHR coach. Coaches are UVic faculty members who are available to provide application advice and written feedback. Their contact information is available on the UVic CGRS-D website under CIHR applications.
4. Plan to attend our application information sessions where you can meet your CIHR coaches, receive application advice, and have your questions answered.

Contacts and resources

If you have questions, please contact Danielle Copp, Scholarship Assistant, by email at dcopp@uvic.ca or by telephone at (250) 721-8451.

Visit the [UVic CGRS-D website](#) where you can find contact information for the CIHR coaches, workshop dates, the UVic deadline, and other helpful information.

CIHR resources on the [CGRS-D program website](#) include the selection criteria, application instructions, sponsor instructions, links to tutorial videos and contact information for technical support.

This concludes the presentation. Thank you.