Vanier Canada Scholarships

It is important to confirm eligibility before submitting a Preliminary Assessment Form (PAF) to the Graduate Awards Office.

To be considered for a Vanier CGS, you must:

- be seeking financial support to pursue your first doctoral degree (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD);
- intend to pursue, in the summer semester or the academic year following the announcement of results, full-time doctoral (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD) studies and research at the nominating university;
- have completed no more than 20 months of doctoral studies as of May 1, 2013 (see Notes below);
- have achieved a first-class average, as determined by your university, in each of the last two years of full-time study or equivalent; and
- not have already received a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from CIHR, SSHRC or NSERC to undertake or complete a doctoral degree (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD).

Notes:
All prior doctoral-level studies, regardless of discipline, will be considered in the evaluation of eligibility. The granting agencies will count two months of part-time study as one month of full-time study.

In the case of students who are registered in a combined MA/PhD program or a direct-entry doctoral program, or who are accelerated from a master’s program into a doctoral program without obtaining the master’s degree, the agencies will not include the first 12 months of graduate study in the evaluation of eligibility.

Combined MD/PhD degrees (CIHR only)
All months of doctoral-level study within the combined degree program will be considered in the evaluation of eligibility.

Eligible students can forward a Preliminary Assessment Form (PAF) directly to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Awards Office.

External Scholarship Opportunities

- Leonardo Scholarship For Media Art Histories – Deadline: July 31, 2012
  www.donau-uni.ac.at/mah-scholar

- Expanded Mitacs -Accelerate Program – Applications are accepted throughout the year
  Collaborate with industry on development-focused projects – open to grad students and post-docs from all research disciplines.

Important Updates on Thesis Policy

The thesis withhold policy and request form have been updated. If you plan to apply for a thesis withhold, please use the new form.
Electronic Thesis Submission is now available!

Graduate Students can now choose to submit their theses electronically to theses.ucalgary.ca. Please note that all forms must be submitted to the FGS office prior to electronic submission. Visit our website for more information.

Updates on Thesis Guidelines

Thesis Guidelines have been updated. While the formatting requirements (Section 1 and 2) remain the same, Section 3 has been revised to include recent changes on electronic thesis submission.

PhD Candidacy Examinations

PhD students pay full program fees until the term immediately following successful completion of a candidacy exam. Note that Spring and Summer are counted as one 4 month term i.e. If you have a successful candidacy exam between May 1, 2012 and August 31, 2012 your fees will change to continuing fees starting in the Fall 2012 term. This does not apply to EdD students in the Faculty of Education.

Important Dates

July 23, 2012 – Last day to withdraw from first term (Summer) half courses
July 25, 2012 – Summer second-term lectures begin.
August 31, 2012 – Last day to successfully complete PhD Candidacy in Spring/Summer session and move to Continuing fees in Fall 2012.

FGS/GSA Photo Contest

Do you have a photo that captures your graduate research? Enter the FGS/GSA photo contest for a cash prize and a chance to have your photo permanently displayed in the new FGS/GSA offices in the MacKimmie Library Tower. Check out the prizes, rules and regulations at http://www.grad.ucalgary.ca/
Deadline for submissions: August 31, 2012. Please send your submissions to vpsl@gsa.ucalgary.ca

Looking for a Workshop? See below:

Taylor Family Digital Library - Learning Commons Workshops
Questions? Information? Email Leslie Potter BPE or http://library.ucalgary.ca/icinstruct

Writing Workshops – Student Success Centre
Information about dates, times and locations for all workshops at the Student Success Centre and a link to the registration login page: https://success.ucalgary.ca/home.htm or Writing Support Services

Writing Boot Camp
The workshop offers a quiet sunny space in the TFDL with plenty of plugs. It is BYOC, bring your own computer. This is only open to a student writing an honours, master, or doctoral thesis.
July 25, August 9, or August 22 from 1:00-4:00pm

Dissertation/Thesis Support Group
This informal group will be facilitated by Writing Services instructors and group leaders to initiate peer-to-peer discussion and provide resources on various topics for participants. Students must have completed their proposals.
July 19, or August 16 from 2:00-4:00pm

**Personal Development & Wellness Workshops – Wellness Centre (MSC 370)**  
Information about these free workshops: [http://www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/workshops#Personal](http://www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/workshops#Personal)  
Events at the Faith and Spirituality Centre: [http://www.ucalgary.ca/faithandspirituality/event](http://www.ucalgary.ca/faithandspirituality/event)

**Workshops – Teaching & Learning Centre**  
Information about workshops at the Teaching & Learning Centre

The May Edition of the [TLC’s Newsletter](http://www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/workshops#Personal) is available.

**TA Preparedness Workshop**  
September 4 and 5, 2012, 9:00am–4:00pm – Biological Sciences 587

**Useful Links**

- [Academic Schedule](http://www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/workshops#Personal)
- [U This Week](http://www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/workshops#Personal)
- [Research in Action Online](http://www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/workshops#Personal)
- [Graduate Student Association](http://www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/workshops#Personal)
- [Postdoctoral Program](http://www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/workshops#Personal)

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