CIHR IRSC

Canadian Institutes of Health Research | Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada

Tri-Agency and CIHR Funding Opportunities for Trainees

September 2019

Discoveries for life / Découvertes pour la vie

Canadian Institutes of Health Research | Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada

Canada

Agenda

- Funding Opportunities
- Other Useful Information
- CIHR Training Resources
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at CIHR
- Questions

Funding Opportunities

Funding Opportunities available for trainees

- Canada Graduate Scholarships - Masters Awards (CGS M)
- Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship Doctoral Awards (CGS D)
- Doctoral Foreign Study Award (DFSA)
- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)
- Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (MSFSS)
- CIHR Fellowship
- Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships

It is searchable and can be sorted by Institute, program type, or target applicant

From any CIHR web page, modify the URL link by entering these 5 digits (http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/35273.html) for an easy access to complete listing of current and archived opportunities.

ResearchNet

Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's Program (CGS M)

This program funds high caliber scholars who are engaged in eligible Masters or, in some cases, doctoral programs in Canada.

Annual Stipend: $17,500

Term: Up to 12-months

Application Deadline: December 3, 2019

For more information about this program: CGSMA-BESCBM@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's Program (CGS M)

Eligibility Criteria

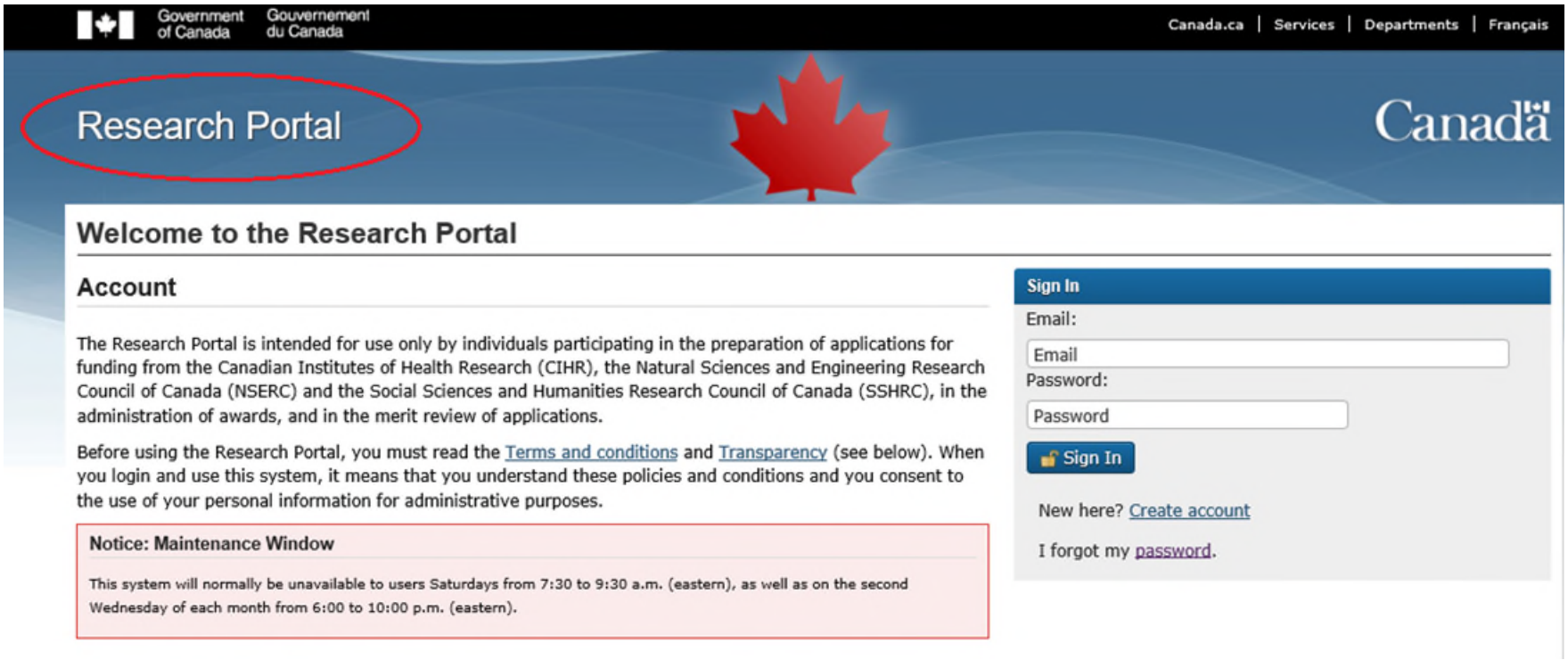
- Open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada
- be enrolled in, have applied for, or will apply for full-time admission* to an eligible graduate program (master's or doctoral) at a Canadian institution with a CGS M allocation
- have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application:
  - between **zero and 12 months** of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent) in the program for which funding is requested; or,
  - between **four and 12 months** of full-time study (or full-time equivalent) in an eligible master's program for which the degree requirements will be completed before activation of the award, allowing it to be activated during the subsequent doctoral program for which funding is requested
- have achieved a first-class average as determined by the host institution, in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent)

This list is not exhaustive - Review the program's literature for full list of eligibility requirements

CIHR IRSC | Discoveries for life Découvertes pour la vie

Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's Program (CGS M)

To apply to this funding opportunity, you are to submit an application via the Research Portal, and not ResearchNet.



Tips for Applicants

For applicants to CGS-M specifically:

If you select *Health* as your Field of Research, you must also provide a CIHR Personal Identification Number (PIN). It takes up to one full working day to process your CIHR PIN Request.

For **program-related information,** contact the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or its equivalent) at the institution(s) where you intend to hold the award.

For **technical matters** related to the Research Portal:
contact the Helpdesk or complete an On-line Services Support Request

Doctoral Awards Programs

Funding is available for Doctoral studies in Canada and abroad.

Three envelopes of funding:

- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)
  - Nomination process
- Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral Awards (CGS D)
  - If proposed location of research is at a *Canadian Institution*
- CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Award (DFSA)
  - If proposed location of research is located *abroad*

New this year

CGS D and DFSA are now 2 distinct funding opportunities.

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)

Bourses d'études supérieures du Canada Vanier
Canada Graduate Scholarships

Open to Canadians, permanent residents of Canada, and foreign citizens and offered by CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC.

Aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies.

Applicants must be nominated by a Canadian Institution with a Vanier quota and awards can only be held at the nominating institution.

Annual Value:

$50,000

Duration: 3 years

Application Deadline (Institution nominations):

November 6, 2019

For more information about this program:
www.vanier.gc.ca

SSHRC CRSH

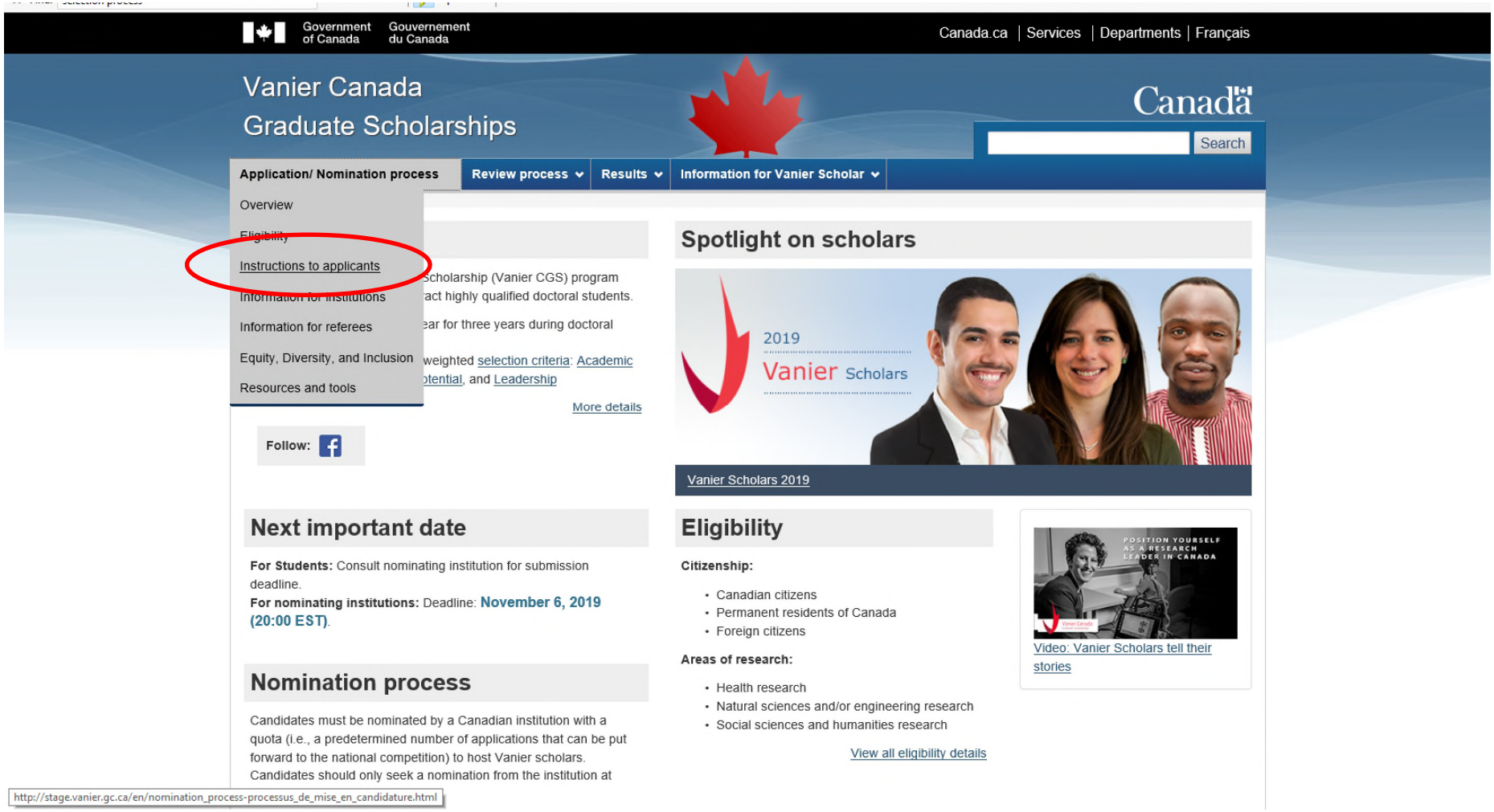
CRSNG NSERC

CIHR IRSC
Canadian Institutes of Health Research | Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada

CIHR IRSC Discoveries for life Découvertes pour la vie

Vanier CGS - Instructions to Applicants

Bourses d'études supérieures du Canada
Vanier
Canada Graduate Scholarships



Vanier CGS - Selection process

Bourses d'études supérieures du Canada
Vanier
Canada Graduate Scholarships

Selection Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated and selected based on the following three (3) criteria (weighted equally):

Academic Excellence	As demonstrated by past academic results and by transcripts, awards, and directions
Research Potential	As demonstrated by the candidates research history, interest in discovery, proposed research and its potential contribution to advancement of knowledge in field and anticipated outcomes
Leadership	Personal achievement, involvement in academic life, volunteerism/community outreach, civic engagement or other

The *Instructions to Applicants* on the website provide detailed information on these selection criteria

Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC have worked collaboratively on the Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral program (CGS D) in removing barriers and having consistent processes across the three agencies to simplify the application and adjudication processes.

What is harmonized

- Objective
- Description
- Eligibility
- Program of Study
- Deadlines
- Selection Process
- Selection Criteria

The Doctoral Foreign Study Award (DFSA) program has also aligned with the harmonized CGS D aspects.

Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

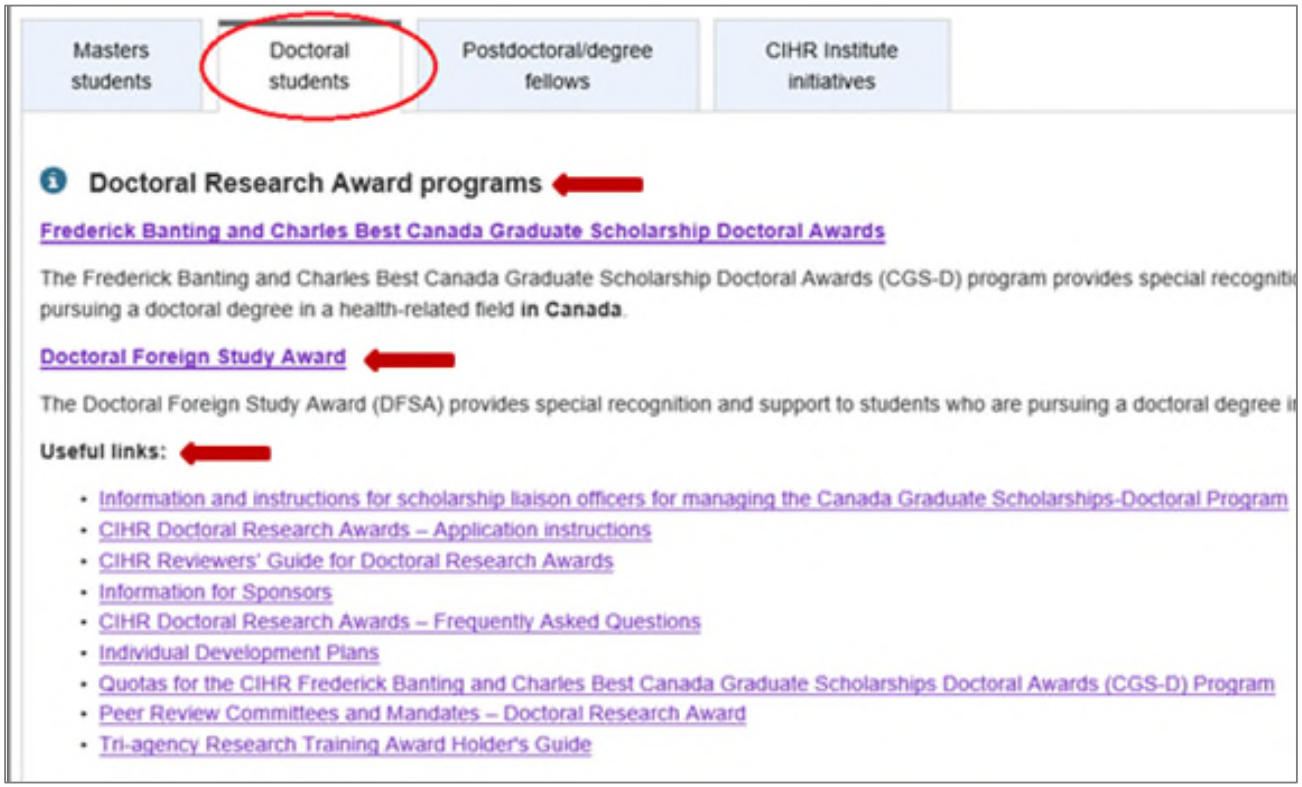
The Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral Program (CGS D) is available on a common landing page hosted on NSERC's website: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp

Supervisor's CV *is no longer a requirement*, although at least one primary supervisor must still be identified as part of the application.

Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

In addition to the harmonized program description hosted on NSERC's website, candidates have access to various information and useful links located on the CIHR website at **http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50513.html.**

It is strongly suggested that you familiarize yourself with the information contained in these links to increase the success of your application…



Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

Starting with this year, CIHR has set Quotas for the CGS D program.

Each institution will review and submit their best applications to CIHR based on their quotas.

Overview	
Value	Stipend of $30,000 per year Research Allowance of $5,000 per year
Duration	36 months
Tenure	CGS D → Canadian institutions DFSA → Abroad
Application Deadline	Directly to CIHR : October 17* Through a Canadian Institution: ***Contact your institution***

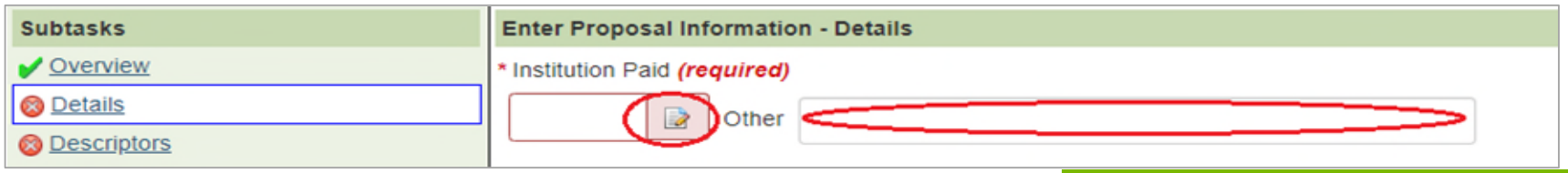
**** For CGS D applications submitted directly to CIHR, Institutions' internal deadlines could still be in advance.***

Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

It is of upmost importance for candidates to familiarize themselves with the Doctoral Research Awards – Application instructions.

New this year

Applicant's status at time of application	How to select "Institution Paid"	Application Deadline
Currently registered **in a degree program** at a Canadian institution with a quota. **Note:** This includes applicants on an approved leave of absence from a Canadian institution with a quota.	"Institution Paid" field must be selected from the **dropdown**.	Institution Internal Deadline - Contact your Paid Institution
Registered **concurrently at a Canadian institution with a quota** and a foreign post-secondary institution (e.g., in a cotutelle).	"Institution Paid" field must be selected from the **dropdown**.	Institution Internal Deadline - Contact your Paid Institution
Not currently registered in a degree program **but were registered at any other time during the year of application** in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a quota.	"Institution Paid" field must be selected from the **dropdown**.	Institution Internal Deadline - Contact your Paid Institution
Currently registered at an institution (Canadian or foreign) **without a quota** for the selected agency.	CGS D: "Institution Paid" field must be selected from the **dropdown**. DFSA: "Institution Paid" field must be **entered manually** in the field "Other".	Directly to CIHR – Deadline is October 17th*, 8:00 pm
Not registered **at any time during the year of** application in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a quota for the selected agency.	"Institution Paid" field must be selected from the **dropdown**.	Directly to CIHR – Deadline is October 17th*, 8:00 pm



* There could be an internal deadline in advance of the CIHR deadline.

CIHR IRSC | Discoveries for life Découvertes pour la vie

Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

Harmonized Eligibility Criteria

- Open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada, as of the application deadline

- have completed **no more than 24 months** of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the year of application (**no more than 36 months** if transferred directly from Bachelors to a PhD or enrolled in a joint program, e.g., MD/PhD, MA/PhD)
  - An applicant who commenced studies in a doctoral program directly from an undergraduate program (i.e., never enrolled in a Master's program) must be enrolled in their doctoral program at the time of application - *These applicants may be eligible to apply to the CGS M program for their first year of doctoral funding.*

- Must submit only one doctoral award application in a given academic year - Nominations to the Vanier CGS program do not count towards this limit (not applicable for DFSA program as proposed location of research is abroad).

An eligible doctoral program must include a significant research component

CGS D & DFSA – Selection process

Selection Criteria

1. Research Ability or Potential (50%)

- Quality of research proposal
- Relevant training
- Research experience and achievements relative to stage of study
- Quality of contributions to advance the field of research
- Sound judgment and critical thinking skills
- Demonstration of responsible and ethical research conduct
- Enthusiasm for research, originality, initiative, autonomy, relevant community involvement and outreach
- Oral and written scientific communication skills

2. Relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia (50%)

- Scholarships, awards and distinctions (amount, duration and prestige)
- Academic record
- Professional, academic and extracurricular activities as well as collaborations with supervisors, colleagues, peers, students and members of the community

Annex A of the CIHR Reviewers' Guide provides detailed information of these evaluation criteria

CGS D & DFSA – Tips for success

Tasks	Useful Tips	What's New
Identify Participants	In addition to yourself, you must also identify a supervisor. If only one supervisor, it must be selected as "Primary Supervisor"	Supervisor's CV is no longer required
Identify Sponsors	Refer your sponsors to the Information to Sponsors web page, so they can follow best practices and limit unconscious bias	Only 2 sponsor assessments are required. Applicants can manage the deadline by which sponsors must submit their assessment
Enter Proposal Information	Use full page allowances and adhere to format guidelines (e.g. font, page limits) Proofread (grammar and orthography)	"Training Expectations" and "Research Project Summary" sections instructions have been updated to align with new selection criteria
Attach Other Application Materials	Order the transcripts several weeks before the deadline (includes all undergraduate and graduate studies, completed or ongoing)	Must include "Doctoral Studies Timelines" form – it must be uploaded as one single PDF with transcripts

CGS D & DFSA – Tips for success (Cont'd)

Tasks	Useful Tips	What's New
Apply to Priority Announcements / Funding Pools (Optional)	It increases funding success if the application is relevant to a specific CIHR research area – can be considered for up to three	The Canada Graduate Scholarship to honor Nelson Mandela is now listed as a Priority Announcement
Print/Upload Signature Pages	Only the Primary supervisor's signature is required (if a second supervisor is identified, signature is also required)	No change
Preview	Ensure consistency between the various sections of the application Show the complete application to your supervisor and other researchers for feedback	**For CGS D:** It is the applicant's status that determines where the application is to be submitted (to an Institution with quota or directly to CIHR*)
Consent and Submit	Be particularly careful when determining if your application should be submitted to a Canadian Institution with a quota or directly to CIHR	For CGS D application submitted to an institution with a quota: It is the responsibility of the Scholarships Liaison Officer (or equivalent) to inform applicants of the outcome of the institution's internal selection process

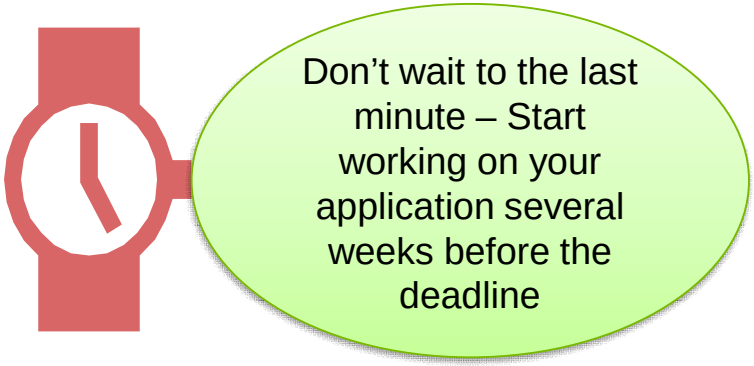
For CGS D applications submitted directly to CIHR, Institutions' internal deadlines could still be in advance.

Application deadlines – CGS D & DFSA

CGS D (Quotas)	CGS D (Non- Quotas) & DFSA
INSTITUTION DEADLINE	**AGENCY DEADLINE**
Applications submitted through the Institution	Applications submitted directly to CIHR
Deadline will be set by the institution	Deadline is on October 17* before 8:00 pm (ET)
The institution will review all applications received and submit the best applications to CIHR (according to their quota)	

Applications from self-identified Indigenous applicants may be submitted beyond the institution's quota.

* There could be an internal deadline in advance of the CIHR deadline.



Quota. Maximum number of applications an institution can forward to the agency.

Where to submit a CGS D or DFSA application?

Applicant's status	Where to submit application	Application Type
Registered **in a degree program** at a Canadian institution with a quota. • Including applicants on an approved leave	The Canadian institution at which the applicant is currently registered.	**CGS D**
Registered at a Canadian institution with a quota ***and*** a foreign institution (e.g., cotutelle).	The Canadian institution at which the applicant is currently registered.	**CGS D**
Not currently registered in a degree program but was registered at any other time during the year of application in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a quota.	The Canadian institution at which the applicant was registered in a program during the year.	**CGS D**

CIHR IRSC | Discoveries for life
Découvertes pour la vie

Where to submit a CGS D or DFSA application? (Cont'd)

Applicant's status	Where to submit application	Application Type
Registered at an institution (Canadian or foreign) without a quota.	Directly to CIHR. (via the eApproval process for CGS D applications)	**CGS D or DFSA** (based on location of tenure)
Not registered at any time during the year of application in a program at a Canadian institution with a quota.	Directly to CIHR. (via the eApproval process for CGS D applications)	**CGS D or DFSA** (based on location of tenure)

Applicants may submit their application in the official language of their choice.

Fellowship Awards Programs

Funding is available for Post-Docs and Post-Health professionals in Canada and abroad.

Two envelopes of funding:

- Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship
  - ❖ Endorsement from Host Institution required
  - ❖ Intended for students pursuing research training
- CIHR Fellowship
  - ❖ Intended to:
    - o PhD holder pursuing a Post-PhD
    - o Health Professional pursuing a graduate degree or a research training.

Peer Review Opportunity

Depending on expertise requirements, there are opportunities for Postdoctoral Fellows to participate in evaluating applications for CIHR's Doctoral Research Awards. For more information, please see the peer review pilot studies.

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships

Bourses postdoctorales Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships

Aims to attract and retain top-tier postdoctoral talent nationally and internationally;

Develop their leadership potential;

Position them for success as research leaders of tomorrow, positively contributing to Canada's economic, social and research-based growth through a research-intensive career.

For more information about this program:
http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca

Annual Value: $70,000

Duration: 2 years

Application Deadline:

September 18, 2019

Note: Institutions may have prior internal deadlines

SSHRC CRSH

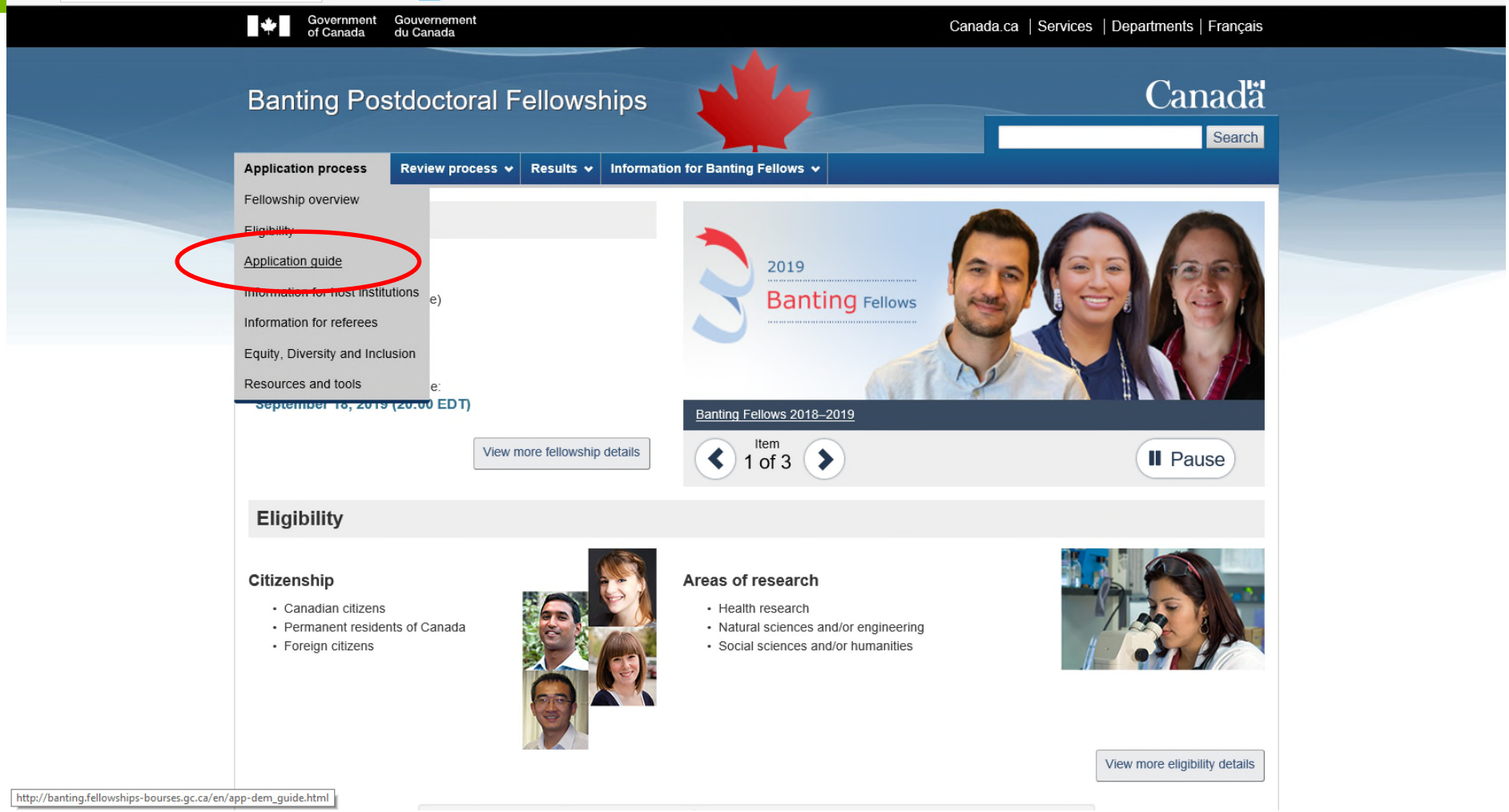
CRSNG NSERC

CIHR IRSC
Canadian Institutes of Health Research | Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada

CIHR IRSC | Discoveries for life | Découvertes pour la vie

Application Guide

Bourses postdoctorales Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships



CIHR IRSC Discoveries for life Découvertes pour la vie

Selection process

Bourses postdoctorales Banting
Postdoctoral Fellowships

Selection Criteria

Applications are evaluated based on the following three criteria (weighted equally):

1) Research excellence and leadership in the research domain
2) Quality of applicant's proposed research program
3) Institutional commitment and demonstrated synergy between applicant and institutional strategic priorities

The *Application Guide* on the website provides detailed information on these selection criteria

CIHR Fellowship

This program provides support for highly qualified candidates in all areas of health research at the post-PhD degree or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research either in Canada or abroad.

Annual Stipend: From $21,000 to $55,000

Annual Research Allowance : $5,000

Term : Up to 5 years

Application Deadline: October 1st, 2019

Stipend and term is determined based on the candidate's educational background and proposed location of research.

Canadian Institutions may have an internal deadline ahead of CIHR.

CIHR Fellowship

Eligibility Criteria

- The candidate must be a trainee.
- A primary supervisor must be identified on the application. An additional supervisor may also be identified.
- As of the application deadline, the candidate must hold or be completing a PhD or regulated health professional degree.
  - The candidate must expect to have completed all degree requirements by the latest date on which they may commence their award.
  - Health Professional degree holders may request support to pursue a graduate degree or to pursue post-degree research.
- Canadian citizens and permanent residents are eligible to hold awards in Canada or abroad; Foreign applicants are eligible to hold awards in Canada only.

Complete Eligibility Guidelines are outlined in the Funding Opportunity

CIHR Fellowship - Selection process

Evaluation Criteria

1. **Achievements and Activities of the Candidate (60%)**
   - Training Expectations (10%)
   - Proposed Research Project (10%)
   - Honours, Awards and Academic Distinction (10%)
   - Publications and Related Research Achievements (30%)

2. **Sponsor's Assessment of the Candidate's Characteristics and Abilities (20%)**

3. **Research Training Environment (20%)**

Annex A of the *CIHR Reviewer's Guide for Fellowship Awards* provides detailed information on these evaluation criteria

CIHR Fellowship - Tips for Applicants

Candidates are encouraged to…

- ✓ Start at least several weeks before the deadline
- ✓ Work on the research proposal in collaboration with your supervisor
- ✓ Proofread your application (grammar and orthography)
- ✓ Show the complete application to your supervisor and other researchers for feedback
- ✓ Ensure consistency between the various sections of your application
- ✓ Ensure that the overall goal of the project is clearly explained

All ResearchNet tasks must be listed as complete in order to allow successful application submission. Do not wait until the last minute to submit the application!

CIHR Fellowship - Tips for Applicants (continued)

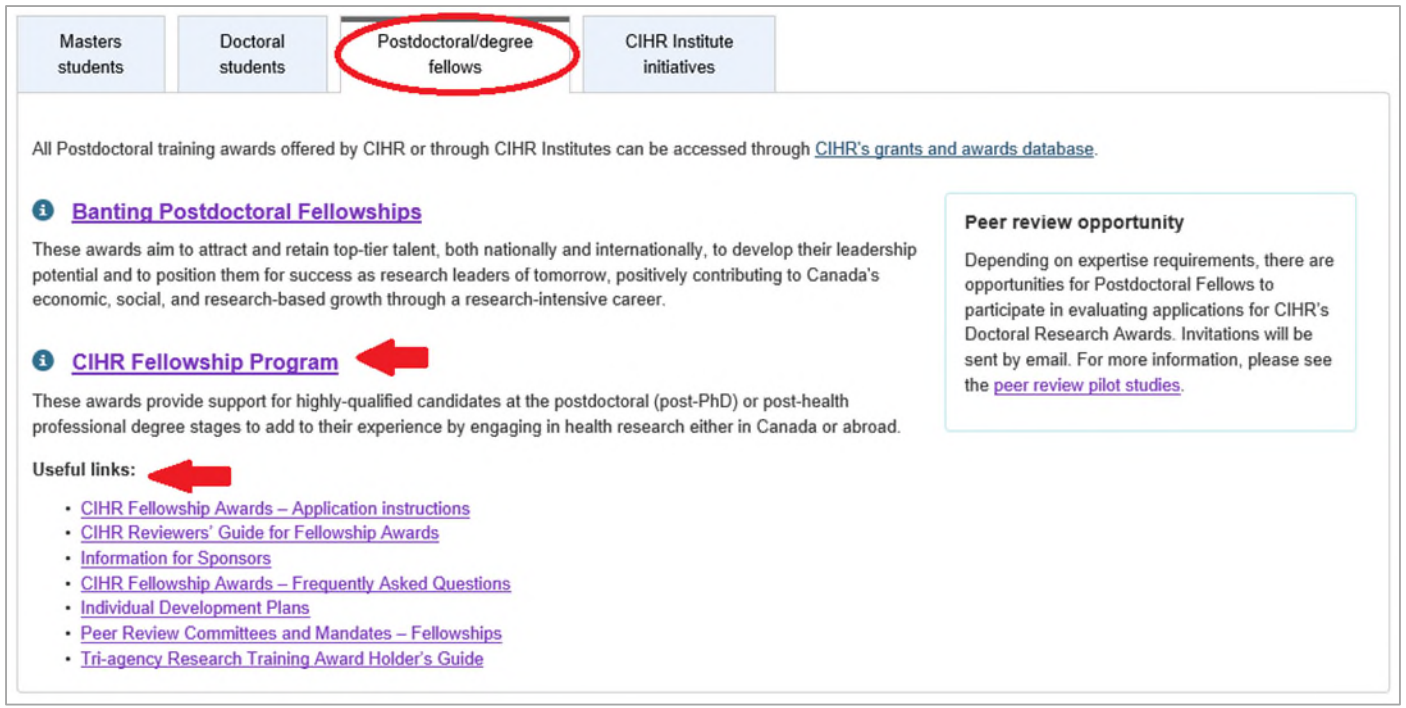
Candidates are encouraged to…

- ✓ Follow instructions and adhere to format guidelines (e.g., font, page limits)
- ✓ Use full page allowances and/or characters limits
- ✓ Obtain the CCV confirmation number from your supervisor(s) in order to attach their CCV to the application
- ✓ Submit their CV well in advance of the competition deadline (during peak periods, there can be a delay between the time that the CV is being submitted and when ResearchNet is able to validate it, which could prevent successful submission of the application).

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

CIHR Fellowship – Useful Resources

Postdoctoral/Degree Fellows also have access to various information located on the CIHR website at **http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50513.html**.

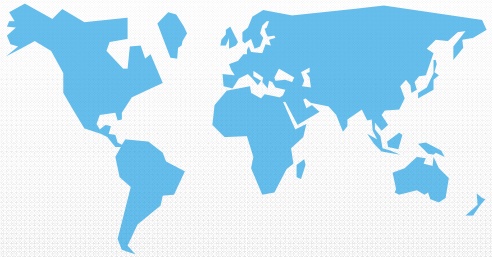


"One-stop shop" location where to find useful information to increase application success – Have a look!

Other Useful Information

CGS Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (CGS MSFSS)

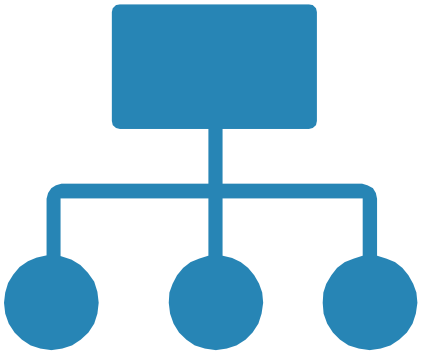
This program funds existing Canadian Vanier and Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) Master's or Doctoral award recipients interested in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional short-term research experiences at research institutions outside of Canada.



To benefit from this program, candidates must have accepted or hold a CGS (Masters or Doctoral) or CGS Vanier and not have previously held a CGS MSFSS.

Supplement: up to $6,000
Term: 2 to 6 months
Application Deadline:
June 10 and October 10 each year

Priority Announcements



- ✓ It offer additional sources of funding for highly rated applications that are relevant to specific CIHR research priority areas.
- ✓ Candidates may request to be considered for up to three priority announcement research areas within their application.
- ✓ Priority Announcements are offered through the Fellowship and Doctoral Research Awards programs (CGS D & DFSA).

Sponsor Assessments

Candidates should choose sponsors that know them well enough to be able:

- ✓to assess their potential
- ✓to provide specific examples of their behaviour with respect to **each** characteristic on the sponsor assessment form

Candidates are responsible to inform their selected sponsors to consult the Information for Sponsors web page for useful tips.

**** New this year - Assessments submitted via ResearchNet ****

Applicants can manage the deadline by which sponsors must submit their assessments.

- By default, the Sponsor Required Deadline in ResearchNet is set for two days before the application deadline. However, applicants can adjust this to any date prior to the application deadline.

Application & Selection process

Applications to more than one competition

Applicants may only submit an application to one competition per academic year (September 1st to August 31st) for funding from any of these granting agencies:

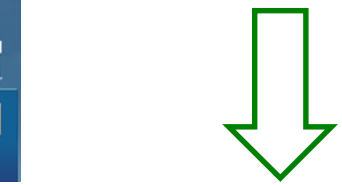
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

Any exceptions to this rule will be indicated within the funding opportunity to which you are applying.

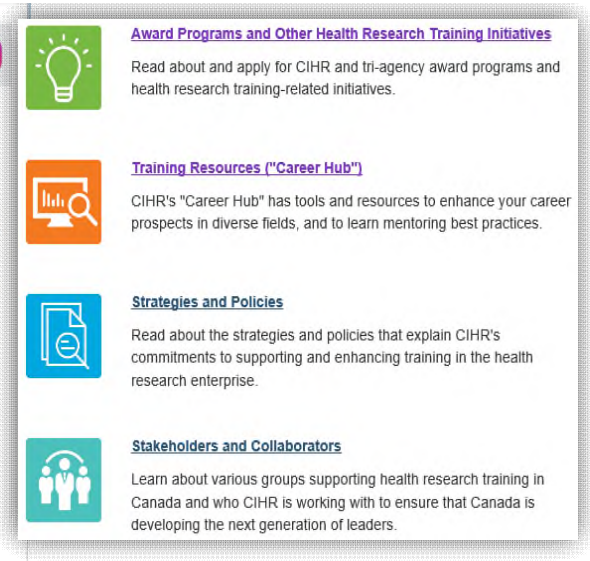
CIHR Training Resources

CIHR Training Webpages

CIHR has expanded the training webpages to allow better access to training related resources. These pages serve as a **one-stop shop for training-related resources** available within and beyond CIHR and its Institutes.



http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50507.html



Training Modules

CIHR has created a **series of research training modules** to ensure trainees are aware of and can integrate emerging practices to advance rigorous and responsible research.

Global Health Research Training Module

Sex and Gender Considerations

Research Involving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples of Canada

Unconscious Bias Training Module

The TCPS2 Tutorial Course on Research Ethics

CIHR Research Data Management (RDM) Learning Module

Ethics in Research: A Science Lifecycle Approach

http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50517.html

Individual Career Development Plans

CIHR encourages the use of Individual Career Development Plans (IDPs) to **empower trainees** to prepare for the career(s) of their choice.

What are Individual Development Plans (IDPs)?

IDPs help map one's career by encouraging the identification of career goals and the intentional planning of short and long-term strategies to attain the goals.

5 steps to develop and complete an effective IDP

For more information on how to fill out an IDP, check out the CIHR IDP webpage for useful resources, including:

- Step by step guide to IDP
- IDP tip sheet
- IDP learning modules (for trainees and mentors)
- CIHR IDP Form (revised)

*** Alternate IDP forms may exist at your university.*

CIHR IRSC | Discoveries for life Découvertes pour la vie

Benefits of IDP Use

Active career management, such as using the IDP tool, has been shown to:

Decrease time to degree completion

Increase success in securing research funding (e.g., scholarships and awards)

Enhance access to career advice

Create better career outcomes for trainees

Increase career satisfaction

Learn more about the benefits of IDPs for:

- Trainees
- Mentors
- Canadian Economy

CIHR IRSC | Discoveries for life Découvertes pour la vie

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at CIHR

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at CIHR: Self-Identification

CIHR has committed to identifying and eliminating systematic biases against any individual or group that would hinder access to CIHR funds.

Reliable and comparable data is essential to identify, track and monitor equitable access to research funds.

- *Data collection has been harmonized across the Tri Agencies*

All applicant participants on submissions to all CIHR programs are asked to fill out an Equity and Diversity Questionnaire.

Five questions: gender, age, Indigenous identity, visible minority identity, and person with disabilities.

- *Each question has "I prefer not to answer" option*

Equity and Diversity Questionnaire

Links

CIHR is committed to ensuring the fair treatment of all participants, and the questionnaire is a tool that will allow CIHR to monitor the equity performance of its programs.

You are invited to view more information at the following links:

- Message from the Associate Vice-President: CIHR launches new Equity and Diversity Questionnaire for applicants
- How to complete the Equity and Diversity Questionnaire
- Frequently Asked Questions about the Equity and Diversity Questionnaire

CIHR IRSC

Canadian Institutes of Health Research | Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada

THANK YOU!

CIHR IRSC

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada

Discoveries for life / Découvertes pour la vie