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TO: Department Heads, Grad Chairs, Award Contacts

FROM: Marcia Labiuk, Awards Officer, Faculty of Graduate Studies

RE: NSERC Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship 2009 Competition

The Tricouncil recently announced the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Vanier CGS) Program. The Vanier CGS Program provides financial support to Canadian and International students who have achieved outstanding success in their studies and will pursue a doctoral program in a Canadian university. Candidates must be nominated by the Canadian university at which they will be pursuing doctoral studies. These highly prestigious scholarships allow scholars to fully concentrate on their studies and to work with the best research mentors in their chosen fields in Canada. The three federal granting councils are committed to working together over the course of the next year to bring a harmonized perspective to this program.

The NSERC Vanier CGS will be offered to the top ranked nominees who are pursuing studies in the natural sciences or engineering. Those who have been nominated but were not successful in the NSERC Vanier CGS competition will be offered an Alexander Graham Bell Doctoral Canada Graduate Scholarship, provided eligibility requirements with respect to these scholarships are met.

The University of Manitoba is permitted to forward 3 nominations to NSERC for the 2009 competition by November 14, 2008. Due to the timing of the Vanier CGS competition and the NSERC PGS/CGS competition, we have decided to forward the highest ranked NSERC PGS/CGS doctoral applicants as Vanier CGS nominees. We do anticipate that a new process will be developed for the next competition.

For more information on the NSERC Vanier CGS please see
http://www.nserc.gc.ca/sf_e.asp?nav=sfnav&lbi=vanier

Thank you. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.