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Frequently Asked Questions for University Administrators

Deadlines

Will universities be able to set their own deadline for the harmonized Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (CGS M) competition or are they bound by the December 1st deadline and have to accept all CGS M applications up to that point?

Universities are bound by the December 1st deadline. The agencies are developing an harmonized CGS M application form which will be available early September. All students are required to fill out this form and to submit it to universities by December 1st.

Allocations

Will the Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (CGS M) allocations by university and by agency be made public?

Yes. The [Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's Award Allocations](#) by university and agency are available to universities and students. The allocations are in effect for the next three years (2014, 2015 and 2016 competitions) and the allocation formula will be reviewed by the end of this period.

Application Process/Eligibility



Can students entering their second year of a program apply for a Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's (CGS M)?

Yes. Students entering their second year of program are eligible for a CGS M as long as they have not completed more than 12 months of studies overall at the Master's level.

Has a decision been made about whether or not students can be considered for a Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's (CGS M) at more than one university (because at the time of application they may not yet have decided to which university they will go)?

Students will be able to apply to more than one university. Students will be instructed to apply only to universities where they are enrolled or where they anticipate submitting an application for admission. Many CGS M students are already enrolled in their program of study, meaning they will only submit an application to one university, but for those who haven't yet decided they will be able to apply to up to five different universities. CGS M offers can only be made to students who will be admitted to an eligible program of study and confirmed upon admission.

To make it easier for the students to complete the Canadian Common CV (CCV), could the CCV be either adapted or include very clear instructions for students to follow as they complete it?

Yes, the CCV will have a Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's template which will focus only on fields that are pertinent for graduate student level of experience.

When will universities be given access to the Research Portal?

The Research Portal for university administrators (SLOs) will be available as of November 1st, 2013. At this particular time we are focussing on ensuring the Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's application form itself is ready for students early September 2013.

Who will upload transcripts?

The student will be responsible to upload his/her transcript.

Notification of Results

Will there be a notification function of the Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (CGS M) competition results available as part of the Research Portal?

Yes. The Research Portal will include a function to allow the CGS M competition results to be communicated to the applicants.

When can students be notified of the Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (CGS M) competition results?

Applicants can be notified of the CGS M competition results as of April 1st of every fiscal year.

Can students be notified of the Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (CGS M) competition results prior to April 1st?

No. Universities cannot release the results prior to April 1st. All applicants must have the same opportunity to be informed of competition results and have the opportunity to accept or decline offers made by universities.

Will students be able to accept or decline Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's offers via the Research Portal?

Yes. The Research Portal will have that functionality.

How long do students have to accept or decline a Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's (CGS M) offer?

The CGS M competition results will be uploaded as of April 1st. Students will have three weeks to respond to the offers made by the universities.

Other Questions

Will the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Postgraduate Graduate Scholarships (PGS) Program be discontinued this year — at both the Master's and doctoral level?

The NSERC PGS Program will be discontinued this year for the Master's level only.

Is the doctoral competition being done on the old application forms and still a hardcopy submission? Or is this a harmonized electronic application as well?

The doctoral competitions will be harmonized only next year (2014-15). You should follow the current application process available for each agency in submitting doctoral applications.

Will the doctoral competitions this year be run as in previous years and with the same deadline dates?

For the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, there are no changes to the doctoral competitions for this year, with no anticipated change to the deadlines. For the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the deadline for submitting doctoral applications has changed from October 15 to October 1. Agencies will confirm the deadlines for the 2014 competitions in their respective updated program material.



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