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TO: Department Heads, Grad Chairs, Award Contacts

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

RE: CIHR Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship 2009 Competition

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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.

All applications from Canadian citizens and permanent residences of Canada to the CIHR Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship Doctoral Award and the CIHR Doctoral Research Award funding opportunities will automatically be considered for the Vanier Canada Graduate program. There is no university or institution based pre-selection process for these applications. One integrated peer review process will assess all CIHR applicants (Canadian applicants and international nominees) to the Vanier Selection Board.

The University of Manitoba is permitted to forward 1 international nomination to CIHR. The deadline to submit this nomination to CIHR is November 14, 2008.

**The Faculty of Graduate Studies will be accepting departmental nominations for the potential international CIHR Vanier CGS nomination. Departments are permitted to forward a maximum of one nomination to the Faculty of Graduate Studies by October 20, 2008.**

Nominations must meet the following criteria:

1. The strongest potential applicant we have identified has an admission GPA of 4.20. Nominations must have a GPA > 4.20 in each of his/her last two years of study.
2. Nomination package must be complete. Due to the short turn around time we will not be able to consider incomplete nomination packages.

Please see [www.cihr.ca](http://www.cihr.ca) for application details.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.