

School of Graduate Studies Scholarships Presentation

Business

*August 31,
2021*



AwardSpring

- AwardSpring is our new awards platform that makes applying for aid & awards simple
- AwardSpring simplifies your award search process by personalizing your options
- Complete one common application and you'll be matched with all the aid & award opportunities for which you are eligible
- You'll even be able to share additional requirements (e.g. reference letters, transcripts, etc.) across different applications and stay organized with the user-friendly dashboard
- Find the AwardSpring tile on your Mosaic homepage to get started

McMaster General Bursary

- The McMaster General Bursary Application is available in AwardSpring
- Applicants must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents
- The bursary is based on financial need
- Application opened August 10, 2021 and closes January 10, 2022
- OSAP recipients are eligible to apply for the General Bursary.
- Your financial need will be determined by the OSAP assessment
- If students who did not apply to OSAP want to be considered for the General Bursary, they will be required to submit financial documents to confirm financial need

Donor Bursaries and Academic Grants in Award Spring

- You will only be able to apply to donor bursaries or academic grants if you have financial need
- The School of Graduate Studies' named bursaries and academic grants have donor specific criteria
- You will only be able to apply for bursaries and academic grants for which you meet the criteria (based on how you completed your common AwardSpring application)
- Our named bursaries and academic grants are not available for international students
- Applications opened on August 10, 2021 and close on January 10, 2022

Donor Scholarships in AwardSpring

- Donor Scholarships are based on merit, not financial need
- There are three donor award applications available in AwardSpring for Business students:
 - Norm Archer Prize
 - R C Joyner Doctoral Prize
 - Sandra Stephens Research Award
- Applications open September 28, 2021 and close on October 19, 2021
- The School of Graduate Studies named donor scholarships have donor specific criteria.
- You will only be able to apply for scholarships for which you meet the criteria (Based on how you completed your common AwardSpring application.)

Travel Awards in AwardSpring

- Travel awards are available to all students regardless of citizenship
- Applications open on January 3, 2022 and close on February 25, 2022, but are for travel within the entire 2021/22 academic year.
- The School of Graduate Studies' named travel awards have donor specific criteria
- You will only be able to apply for travel awards for which you meet the criteria (based on how you completed your common AwardSpring application)

Ontario Graduate Scholarship and Ontario Graduate Fellowships

- There is no longer a central doctoral competition for the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) and Ontario Graduate Fellowship (OGF) awards
- The OGS and OGF awards will be allocated to the faculties to award at their discretion
- Please contact your department early in the new year for further details

SSHRC Doctoral Value and Basic Eligibility

- Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarships:
 - \$35,000 per year
 - 36 months
- SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships
 - \$20,000 per year;
 - varied for 12, 24, 36 or 48 months
- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, as of the application deadline date
- SSHRC CGS-D: have completed no more than 24 months of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if previously enrolled in a master's program

SSHRC Doctoral Eligibility Continued

- SSHRC CGS-D: have completed no more than 36 months of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if enrolled in a joint program or if you were a direct entry from a bachelor's to a PhD program
- SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship: have completed no more than 48 months of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the year of application
- submit only one doctoral award application in a given academic year to either SSHRC, CIHR or NSERC. Nominations to the Vanier CGS program do not count towards this limit

SSHRC Doctoral Evaluation Criteria

- Evaluation Criteria
 - Research ability and potential (50%)
 - Relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia (50%)

SSHRC Doctoral Timeline

- McMaster Internal Deadline for students to submit their application on SSHRC On-Line System
 - **Sunday, October 3, 2021, 11:59 p.m.**
- Departments to submit recommended candidates to SGS
 - **Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 12:00 noon**
- McMaster will submit the selected applications to SSHRC and inform the applicants of the internal results
 - **No later than Monday, November 22, 2021 8:00 p.m.**

SSHRC Doctoral – COVID-19

■ Allowable Inclusions

- Last year, the agencies added “pandemic” to the list of special circumstances that applicants may cite as having an impact on their research and academic trajectory. The agencies have retained its inclusion for this year and have also added “trauma or loss”.

■ Transcripts

- SSHRC acknowledges that the widespread disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic may hinder the ability of some applicants to access official and up-to-date versions of their transcripts in advance of the deadline date, particularly at institutions which do not currently provide official electronic versions of these documents. As such, for the fall 2021 competition, SSHRC will accept unofficial electronic transcripts if official transcripts are not available

SSHRC Doctoral Indigenous Applicants

- Students can self-identify as Indigenous when completing the doctoral application on the SSHRC On-Line System
- McMaster can recommend applications from self-identified Indigenous applicants to the doctoral awards competition in addition to our application quota
- Indigenous applicants may complete an allowable inclusion to explain any special circumstances that may have had an impact on their academic or career paths (e.g., cultural or community responsibilities, and/or challenging socio-economic contexts). This information will be taken into account by selection committee members.

SSHRC Doctoral-Diversity Considerations

- All applicants are now required to indicate whether or not diversity considerations are applicable to their research proposal and to explain why or why not. Before applicants complete this module, they should carefully read the Guide to Including Diversity Considerations in Research Design for Doctoral and Postdoctoral Award Applicants.
- This first year of implementation of the module is a pilot and an awareness-raising phase. Although mandatory, this module is not subject to merit review and is not shared with institutions or committee members. Integration into evaluation is planned for the 2022 competitions.



Thank you

Questions?
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