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# GRADUATE STUDIES

## Scholarships Presentation

Business

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# AwardSpring

- AwardSpring is our internal donor award application platform
- The AwardSpring tile is located on the Mosaic homepage.
- AwardSpring simplifies the award search process by personalizing options.
- The student completes one common application and will be matched with all the aid and award opportunities for which they are eligible.

# AwardSpring

- Only once the common application is completed does the Dashboard list which applications are available for the applicant to consider.
- Award applications appear on the Dashboard only when the application is open in AwardSpring.
- AwardSpring shares documents such as reference letters, transcripts etc. across all award applications to which a student applies.

# 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 (applicants must accept both grant and loan portions of their OSAP to be eligible).
- Application opened August 10,2022 and closes January 10, 2023.
- OSAP recipients are eligible to apply for the General Bursary.
- Your financial need will be determined by the OSAP assessment.

## McMaster General Bursary (cont'd)

- If a student didn't apply to OSAP and wants to be considered for financial need awards, they are required to submit financial information and documents in AwardSpring.
- The General Bursary is the only award part-time students can apply for through The School of Graduate Studies.

## Donor Bursaries & Academic Grants

- You will only be able to apply for donor bursaries or academic grants in AwardSpring if you have financial need.
- The School of Graduate Studies' named bursaries and academic grants have donor specific criteria.
- If you apply for the General Bursary, you will automatically be considered for certain bursaries and academic grants.
- You will also be able to apply for other bursaries and academic grants for which you meet the criteria (based on how you completed your common AwardSpring application).

## Donor Bursaries & Academic Grants (cont'd)

- Our named bursaries and academic grants are not available for international students.
- Applications opened August 10, 2022 and will close January 10, 2023.

# Donor Scholarships

- Donor Scholarship applications are available in AwardSpring. These awards are based on merit, and available to all students regardless of citizenship.
- There are two award applications available in AwardSpring specifically for Business students
  - Norm Archer Prize
  - R. C. Joyner Doctoral Prize
- Applications open September 26, 2022 and close October 17, 2022.
- The School of Graduate Studies named donor scholarships have donor specific criteria.



## Donor Scholarships (cont'd)

- 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

- Travel award applications are available in AwardSpring and are available to all students regardless of citizenship.
- Applications open early January 2, 2023 and close February 27, 2023.
- 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).

## SSHRC Doctoral Values

- CGS-D - \$35,000 per annum for 36 months
- SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship - \$20,000 per annum for 12, 24, 36, or 48 months

## SSHRC Doctoral Eligibility

### To be eligible for a CGS-D you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada as of the application deadline
- 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 (cont'd)

- 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

- Research Ability or Potential (50%)
- Relevant experiences and achievements obtained within and beyond academia (50%)

# SSHRC Doctoral Application Timeline

- McMaster Internal Deadline for students to submit their application on SSHRC On-Line System
  - **Monday, October 3, 2022, 11:59 p.m.**
- Departments to submit recommended candidates to SGS
  - **Thursday, November 3, 2022 at noon**
- McMaster will submit the selected applications to SSHRC and inform the applicants of the internal results
  - **No later than Monday, November 21, 2022 8:00 p.m.**

# SSHRC Doctoral Self-Identification

- Self-Identification Data Collection in Support of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)
- All applicants are asked to voluntarily self-identify their age, gender identity, sexual orientation, Indigenous identity, population group, language, membership in a visible minority group, and/ or status as a person with a disability.
- Completing the self-identification form is mandatory, but for each category there is an option for “I prefer not to answer”.



# SSHRC Doctoral Allowable Inclusion Section

- Applicants can include special circumstances that could have affected their research, professional career, record of academic or research achievement, or completion of degrees.
- Relevant circumstances could include administrative responsibilities, maternity/parental leave, child-rearing, illness, disability, cultural or community responsibilities, socio-economic context, health-related family responsibilities, trauma and loss, or the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 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 are encouraged to use the “Allowable inclusions” section of their application to describe special circumstances that could 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 Transcripts

- For the fall 2022 competition, SSHRC will accept unofficial electronic transcripts if official transcripts are not available.
- Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions the applicant has attended are required for any SSHRC application.
- Students are required to include current McMaster transcripts with their application that show their fall 2022 registration (this also includes applicants who start at McMaster in September 2022).

# SSHRC Doctoral Links

- SSHRC Doctoral [instructions](#)
- SSHRC Doctoral application [Online System](#)

## OGS / OGF Doctoral

- The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) valued at \$15,000 and the Ontario Graduate Fellowship (OGF) valued at \$12,000 for doctoral students will be allocated to the faculties.
- Each department will be given an allocation of OGS and OGF awards to give out to their students.
- Students should contact their department for further details in early 2023.

# General Scholarship Tips

- Do not wait until the last minute to complete your applications.
- Read all application instructions before beginning your applications.
- For ALL awards, be sure to read the terms of the award to ensure you meet the eligibility requirements.
- Give referees plenty of time to prepare their reference letter. Remember, you are probably not the only person asking for one.



**Thank you!**

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