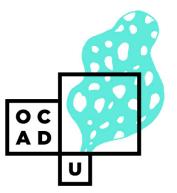
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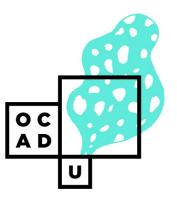
October 1, 10, and 22, 2019



# CGS-M (SSHRC, NSERC) and OGS Information Session

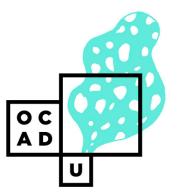
External Scholarships:

https://www.ocadu.ca/academics/graduate-studies/currentstudents/funding/external-funding.htm



### Agenda

- Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)
- Canada Graduate Scholarship Masters program (CGS-M; SSHRC, NSERC)
- Questions



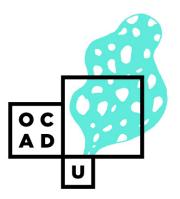
### **Research Ethics Board**

Ask yourself...

- Does the proposed research involve humans as research participants?
- Does the proposed research involve animals?

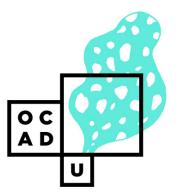
If the answer is yes, please follow this link:

http://www.ocadu.ca/research/research-ethicsboard.htm



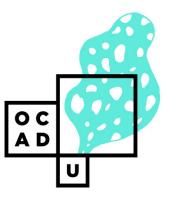
### **First Class Average**

- You must have the required First Class Average in <u>each</u> of your most recent two years of academic study in order to be eligible for a CGS-M and OGS awards.
- Only grades awarded prior to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 will be considered.



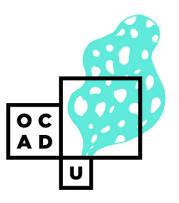
### **Eligibility for CGS-M versus OGS**

- CGS-M awards are open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents only.
- OGS is open to international students, as well as Canadian citizens and permanent residents.
- You cannot hold a CGS-M and an OGS at the same time.



### Roles

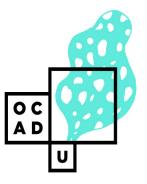
- Graduate Student
- Office of Graduate Studies
- Graduate Scholarships & Awards Committee



### Roles: The Student

- Research application processes and eligibility;
- Begin and submit applications in a timely manner;
- Order transcripts;
- Communicate with referees;
- Communicate with appropriate help desk(s) as soon as you encounter technical issues.

#### DON'T WAIT TO COMMUNICATE



### Roles: The Office of Graduate Studies

- Support you in your application, answer questions and direct you to online resources;
- Communicate processes and deadlines in a timely manner;
- Contact: <u>aahrensembleton@ocadu.ca</u> or 416-977-6000 x4369



#### **Roles:**

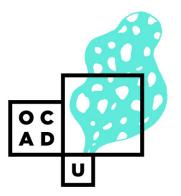
#### The Graduate Scholarship and Awards Committee

- Adjudicate externally funded awards (CGS-M and OGS);
- Act as Subject Matter Experts when reviewing applications;
- Govern the award criteria, processes, and policies on behalf of the university.
- Membership is entirely Graduate Faculty. The Dean, Graduate Studies chairs the Committee and all programs have equal representation.

### Scholarship decisions made by the committee are final and not eligible for appeal.

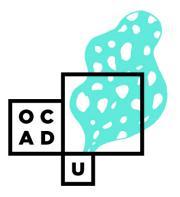






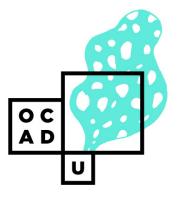
### **OGS Application Timeline**

December 13, 2019	Final Submission Deadline		
April 2020	Scholarship results are announced		
May 2020	Funding commences for second year graduate students		



### Value and Duration:

- An OGS is awarded for up to one academic year (either two or three consecutive terms) at \$5,000 per term.
- You may receive \$10,000 for two consecutive terms or \$15,000 for three consecutive terms. One term awards are not granted.
- Non-renewable, you will need to apply each year.
- Lifetime maximum of 6 years of government-funded student awards (2 years at the Master's level, 4 years at the PhD level).

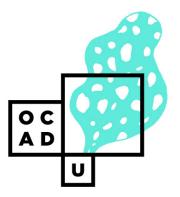


### **Eligibility:**

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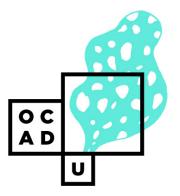
 Full-time students in, or who have applied for full-time admission to, one of OCAD University's master's programs

Note: Full-time students who are taking a reduced/part-time course load due to an accommodation may still be considered for an award provided all other eligibility requirements are met.



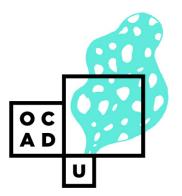
### Eligibility (cont'd):

- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or an international student in Canada on a student visa
- Be in good standing with OSAP. This will be verified by the OCAD U Financial Aid & Awards Office.



### Eligibility (cont'd):

- Have a GPA of 80% or an A- in each of your most recent two years of full-time academic study, including courses completed up to August 31, 2019
- You cannot hold a CGS-M scholarship at the same time as an OGS.

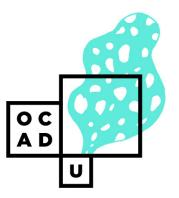


### How to Apply

Step 1:

Review the OGS Application Process information posted here

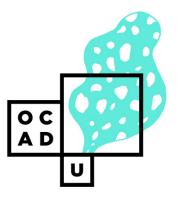
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### Step 2:

## Complete the OGS application through the OCAD University Application Portal

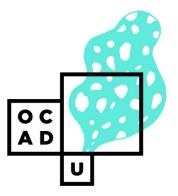
Make sure that you select the application for the Ontario Graduate Scholarship



### Step 3:

#### **Prepare your Online Application Components**

- Completed online application form
- Statement of Intent
- CV
- Transcripts
- Two reference letters

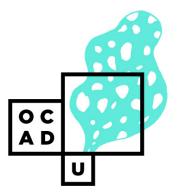


### Step 3 (cont'd):

#### **Statement of Intent Guidelines - 3,500 characters max**

Provide a description of your proposed course of study (statement of intent) for the period during which you will hold the award. Be as specific as possible in your discussion. Your statement should identify your preparedness to undertake this work and should position your proposed research within the context of the current knowledge in the field.

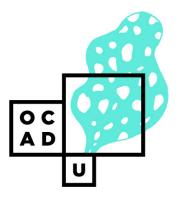
350 characters = ~580 words



### Step 3 (cont'd):

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

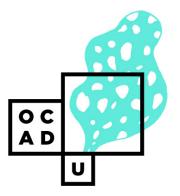
- Ensure that any recent exhibitions, publications, events and employment have been added
- Please only list relevant information



### Step 3 (cont'd):

Transcripts

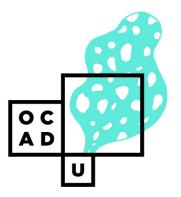
- Copies of official transcripts from all attended institutions
- Undergraduate and graduate
- Include OCAD U transcript



### Step 3 (cont'd):

**Reference Letters** 

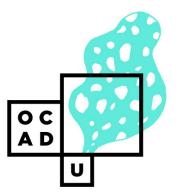
- These can be the same individuals who acted as referees for your application to your program.
- If you have already developed a relationship with a current professor, having an OCAD U referee is encouraged.
- Reference letters are completed through the online application portal. You are encouraged to follow up directly and monitor their progress.
- Reference letters are due the same day as the application December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



### Step 4:

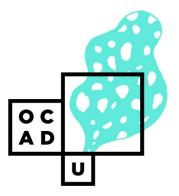
#### **Finalize and Submit your Application**

- Ensure all required pieces are completed and uploaded into the online application portal.
- Send a reminder to your referees if they have not yet completed their letters.
- There is no application fee required.



# Final Decisions are made by the Graduate Scholarship and Awards Committee.

#### You will be notified in April 2020 (via email)



#### To hold an OGS award, you must:

- Register and remain enrolled as a full-time student in a master's program at OCAD University. If you withdraw, transfer to part-time status, fail to complete the full session, or complete degree requirements prior to the end of your award term, you will be required to repay the funds received for the incomplete term
- Not hold an OGS award in the same term as a CGS-M scholarship or QEII-GSST award
- Remain in good standing with OSAP



- <u>SSHRC</u> Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships
- <u>NSERC</u> Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships



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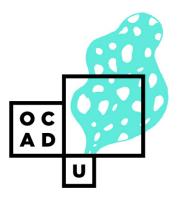
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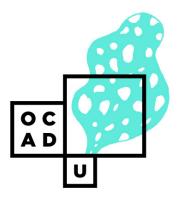
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Canadian Institutes of Health Research



#### **CGS-M Application Timelines**

December 2, 2019	Final Submission Deadline, before 8:00 p.m.			
April 1, 2020	Scholarship results are announced through the Research Portal			
April 22, 2020	Deadline for applicants to accept scholarships			
May 2020	Funding commences for second year graduate students			



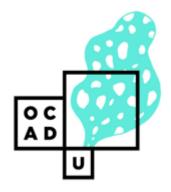
Value and Tenure

- \$17,500 for 12 months, non-renewable;
- Tenable only at a recognized Canadian university.



**OCAD University Allocations for 2020-2021** 

- SSHRC = 4 awards
- NSERC = 1 award



#### **Subject Matter Eligibility: SSHRC**

Research in the social sciences and humanities enhances our understanding of modern social, cultural, technological, environmental, economic and wellness issues. It raises profound questions about who we are as human beings, what we need in order to thrive in complex and challenging times, and where we are headed in the new millennium.

http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/applydemande/background-renseignements/selecting\_agencychoisir\_organisme\_subventionnaire-eng.aspx



#### **Subject Matter Eligibility: NSERC**

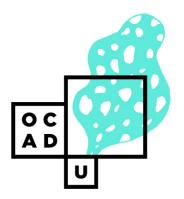
NSERC supports research whose major challenges lie in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE), other than the health sciences. Research primarily in the NSE that advances NSE knowledge is eligible for NSERC support, even if it may have potential future applications in human health--such as diagnosis or treatment.

http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=en&n=FE E7261A-1#NSERC1



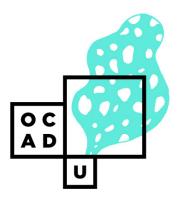
#### **Eligibility to Apply**

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada at the time of application
- Be a full-time student in, or have applied for full-time admission to, one of OCAD University's eligible master's programs:
  - Contemporary Art, Design and New Media Art Histories
  - Criticism and Curatorial Practice
  - Digital Futures
  - Inclusive Design
  - Interdisciplinary Masters in Art, Media and Design
  - Strategic Foresight and Innovation



#### **Eligibility to Apply (contd.)**

- Have completed (as of December 31 of the year of application) between zero and 12 months of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent) in the program for which you are requesting funding
- Have not previously received a SSHRC, NSERC, or CIHR master's level award or be applying for one
- Have a GPA of 80% or an A- in each of your most recent two years of full-time academic study, including courses completed up to August 31, 2019

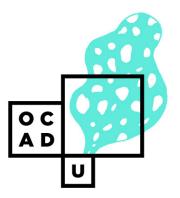


#### **Eligibility to Hold an Award**

At the time of taking up the award, you must:

- Be registered as a full-time OCAD U student
- Not hold a CGS-M award in the same term as an OGS scholarship or QEII-GSST award

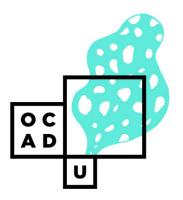
Note: Award holders may hold their awards part-time for parental or medical reasons and/or because of family-related responsibilities.



#### How to Apply: Step 1

Set up your account on the **NSERC Research Portal** 

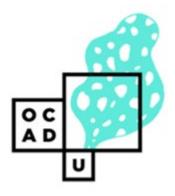
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How to Apply: Step 2

#### Carefully review the Instructions for Completing an Application

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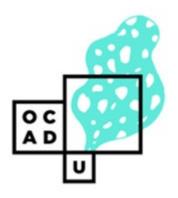
#### How to Apply: Step 3

#### **Prepare your Application Components:**

- Application and Activity Details
  - Summary of Proposal (1500 characters max)
- Attachments
  - Outline of Proposed Research
  - Official Transcripts (order early)
- <u>Canadian Common CV (CCV)</u>
- Invitations
  - Two Reference Assessments



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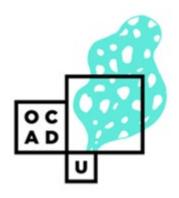
#### **Outline of Proposed Research (Attachment)**

The attachment has a limit of two pages and must adhere to the following:

 a maximum of one page can be used for the outline of proposed research;

and

 a maximum of one page can be used for bibliography/citations.



#### How to Apply: Step 5

**Transcripts (attachments)** 

- Only <u>Official</u> Transcripts will be accepted
- Transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate studies must be scanned and uploaded by the applicant into the appropriate section of the application
- You must upload an in progress OCAD U transcript



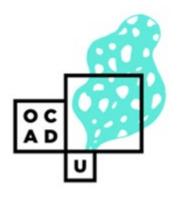
How to Apply: Step 6

## Complete and attach your Canadian Common CV (CCV)

How to Complete the Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's Version

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/CCV\_CGSM-CVC\_BESCM\_eng.asp

Start early this process can take a lot of time!



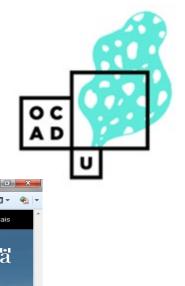
#### **Objectives of the CCV are to:**

- Lighten the load on the research community when applying for funding, or for reporting purposes (CV data entered once, can be used to suit requirements of multiple agencies)
- Facilitate the collection of a common data set required by agencies; and
- Create a public repository which showcases
   Canadian researcher expertise

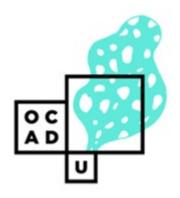


#### **CCV Steps**

- Go to <u>https://ccv-cvc.ca</u>
- Register with the CCV
- Select the funding organization (SSHRC)
- Fill in the requested information
- Validate the information
- Add your CCV to your SSHRC Application



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#### How to Apply: Step 7

## Manage Invitations for your Reference Assessments (attachments)

- In the Manage Invitations section of the Application you will be asked to add your referees information.
- Referees will be emailed instructions on how to upload their assessments.
- Reference letters must be submitted before you can complete your submission.



#### How to Apply: Step 8

#### **Verify Presentation Standards**

- All documents uploaded as attachments must be in Portable Document Format (PDF)
- Transcripts must be scanned correctly and uploaded in the appropriate section of the application
- Presentation standards can be found here:

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/CGS\_M-BESC\_M\_eng.asp



### How to Apply: Step 9

#### Submit your application

- You will not be able to submit your application until all previous steps are complete (including references!)
- You must read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of Applying that appear in a popup window during the submission process.



CGS-M Help

For Technical Portal questions:

- NSERC <u>schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca</u>
- SSHRC fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca



## **Evaluation Criteria**

#### Academic excellence - 50%

As demonstrated by past academic results, transcripts, awards and distinctions.

- Academic record (first class average)
- Scholarships and awards held
- Duration of previous studies
- Type of program and courses pursued
- Course load
- Relative standing (if available)

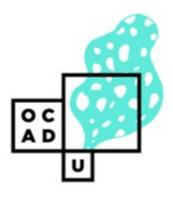


#### **Evaluation Criteria**

#### **Research potential - 30%**

As demonstrated by the applicant's research history, his/her interest in discovery, the proposed research, its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field, and any anticipated outcomes.

- Quality and originality of contributions to research and development
- Relevance of work experience and academic training to field of proposed research



#### **Evaluation Criteria**

#### Research potential (contd.)

- Significance, feasibility, and merit of proposed research
- Judgment and ability to think critically
- Ability to apply skills and knowledge
- Initiative and autonomy
- Research experience and achievements relative to expectations of someone with the candidate's academic experience



### **Evaluation Criteria**

#### Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills 20%

As demonstrated by the applicant's past professional and relevant extracurricular interactions and collaborations.

- Work experience
- Leadership experience
- Project management including organizing conferences and meetings
- The ability or potential to communicate theoretical, technical and/or scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats
- Involvement in academic life
- Volunteerism/community outreach



- Final decisions are made by the Graduate Scholarship and Awards Committee.
- Results are announced via the NSERC Research Portal no earlier than April 1st, 2020.





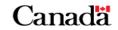
## Canada Graduate Scholarships Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements Program (MSFSS)



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Conseil de recherches en sciences naturelles et en génie du Canada

Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada



Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

Canadian Institutes of Health Research



#### Objective

- Supports high-calibre graduate students in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional research experiences at research institutions outside of Canada;
- Available to current CGS-M Award Holders Only
- <u>http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-</u> <u>Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSForeignStudy-</u> <u>BESCEtudeEtranger\_eng.asp</u>



#### Value and Tenure

- Up to \$6,000 for travel, living and other nonresearch related costs
- 3 to 6 months
- Non-renewable



#### **Eligibility to Apply**

- You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada and be registered at a Canadian institution at the time of application;
- Applicant has accepted or holds a CGS-M Scholarship;
- Applicant's proposed trip abroad is planned no earlier than the competition deadline date; and
- Not hold or not have held any other CGS-MSFSS during the course of your graduate studies.

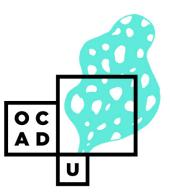
#### **Eligibility to Hold the Award:**

- Hold an active CGS at the time your research study period abroad starts;
- Be registered full-time in a graduate research studies program at a Canadian institution for the duration of your research study period abroad;
- Take up the award within one year of receiving the notice of award for the CGS-MSFSS; and
- Return to complete your degree at your Canadian institution.



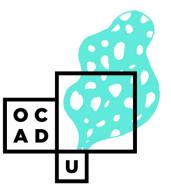
#### **Key Dates**

- Submit application and all required documents to the Office of Graduate Studies by the internal application deadline for consideration.
- Deadlines are normally in May and September of each year.
- Deadlines for applications will be announced in the Spring of 2020.
- Results are announced in August and December of each year.



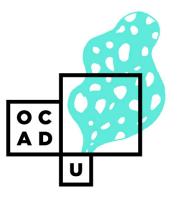
# A Good Application Demonstrates:

- Strong communication skills;
- Strong academic record;
- Excellent potential to conduct advanced scholarly research.



## **Reminders:**

- Read program description and application instructions carefully;
- Start your application and order transcripts early;
- Respect page limits;
- Use plain language;
- Show your applications to someone to receive feedback;
- Let referees know the deadline(s) well in advance.



### Get Help at Your Institution From:

- Your referees
- Faculty members
- Your peers
- Past award recipients
- Your Graduate Program Director
- The Office of Graduate Studies



## **Questions?**

Anne Ahrens-Embleton Graduate Studies Officer <u>aahrensembleton@ocadu.ca</u> ext 4369