Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships Program Doctoral Scholarships, and SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships

CGS Doctoral Scholarships: $35,000/year
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships: $20,000/year

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Agenda

- Eligibility Mistakes
- Application Process
- Common Mistakes
- Evaluation Criteria
- Tips & Tricks for Bibliography & Citation
SSHRC Doctoral: Eligibility Mistakes

Biggest mistakes we see related to eligibility are:

- Applicants who are not Canadian citizens or do not have proof of permanent residency

- Applicants who have completed more than 40 months of doctoral studies as of December 31\textsuperscript{st}.
  - If you are a master’s/PhD transfer you need to include ALL months.
  - Not eligible if you started a PhD or Master’s/PhD transfer program during or before August 2015.
  - Part-time studies and/or leaves may change the eligibility window.
SSHRC Doctoral: Application Process

- **Application Form**
  
  Must be completed, verified, printed and signed on page 3

- **Attachments include:**
  
  Program of Study (max 2 pages)
  Bibliography and Citations (max 5 pages)
  Research Contributions (max 1 page)
  Allowable Inclusions (if applicable, max 1 page)
  Letter confirming PT study or Leaves (if applicable, max 1 page)
  Transcripts: must be official and must include a current SFU transcript, even if there are no grades (used to check registration)
  2 Letters of Appraisal in sealed envelopes (max 1 page each)
SSHRC Doctoral Application

A good application demonstrates:

- a strong academic record
- excellent potential to conduct advanced scholarly research
- strong communication skills
- the ability to successfully complete the graduate program in a timely manner
SSHRC Doctoral: What happens next?

- Submit all your documentation to your department (in paper, no staples) with transcripts and letters of appraisal in sealed envelopes by November 1, 2018.
- Departments adjudicate and rank all applications received.
- Departments forward rankings and applications to Graduate Studies.
- Graduate Studies organizes committees to select top applications.
- Graduate Studies forwards all required documentation to SSHRC.
- Graduate Studies will notify applicants in January with SFU’s decision (going forward to SSHRC or not).
- SSHRC announces the outcome of their competition in Spring 2019.
SSHRC Doctoral: Common Mistakes

- Unprofessional email address
- Not including your current degree in Academic Background
- In Credentials – if you have held a USRA, list it as an VPR USRA and the source is ‘University’
- Under Program Information, miscalculations in number of months of doctoral studies completed as of Dec 31 of this year.
- Incorrect entry of Referee’s names (Family name vs Given Name)
- General: Spelling errors, sloppy writing, timid/indecisive language. Not enough writing on objectives and methodology.
Committees evaluate applicants solely on academic merit, measured by:

- past academic results, as demonstrated by transcripts, awards and distinctions;
- the program of study and its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge;
- relevant professional and academic experience, including research training, as demonstrated by conference presentations and scholarly publications;
- two written evaluations from referees; and
- the departmental appraisal (for those registered at Canadian universities).
TIPS/TRICKS – Bibliography & Citations

The best way to organize these pages is to divide your content in two categories (you don’t need these exact headers):

**Works Consulted** and **Works Cited**

**Works Consulted** is anything you are going to use in future, have used for background reading and/or is a top work in your field and **Works Cited** is anything you referenced directly in your application.
CGMS: Inside the Systems

SSHRC online system
Good Luck!

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