The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship Program (www.vanier.gc.ca)
The program is designed to attract and retain world-class doctoral students who demonstrate leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in the social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health sciences. The Vanier CGS is valued at $50,000 per annum for up to a maximum of three years. The Vanier competition is open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada and international students. Candidates must be nominated by the Canadian university where they will pursue doctoral studies; the Vanier CGS is non-transferable.

- Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada and foreign citizens
- Pursuing first doctoral degree
- Completed less than 20 months of doctoral studies by May 1, 2016
- Achieved a first class average (3.67 at SFU) in each of the last two years of full-time study or equivalent
- Not have already received a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC

Nominees will be evaluated and selected based on the following three criteria, which will be weighted equally (1/3\textsuperscript{rd} each) by the selection committees:
- Academic excellence as demonstrated by past academic results and by transcripts, awards and distinctions. The candidates research history and the impact of their activities in their area of expertise to date are important indicators of their potential as research leaders of tomorrow. The sphere of influence of candidates along the continuum of expanding impact (research program-Canadian institution-research community-international research community-society at large
- Research potential as demonstrated by the candidate’s research history, his/her interest in discovery, the proposed research and its potential contribution to the
advancement of knowledge in the field, and the potential benefit to Canadians and any anticipated outcomes

- **Leadership potential and demonstrated ability**: can be assessed with the following personal skills: goal achievement, self-management, integrity, social skills and could include the following:
  - Personal achievement
  - Involvement in academic life
  - Volunteering/community outreach
  - Civic engagement
  - Other

**Mobility**

To help students benefit from diverse experiences and research environments, institutions are encouraged to support the mobility of all nominees to pursue their doctoral studies in institutions different than those where they completed a previous degree. Nominees who choose a nomination institution which is the same as the institution where they completed their previous degree(s) **must** provide a strong justification for this exceptional circumstance which be assessed as part of the selection committee review process under Special Circumstances. The more similar the proposed research environment is to that of the previous degree environment, the stronger the required justification.

**For Action (by Applicants)**

Domestic students who are applying for a Vanier CGS award are also expected to apply for an agency-specific (CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC) doctoral scholarship during the annual competitions this Fall. Unfortunately, international applicants are ineligible to apply for these agency-specific scholarships.

Each candidate must:

- review the program description, eligibility criteria and full instructions for completing a Vanier CGS Doctoral application are provided on the Vanier website: [http://www.vanier.gc.ca/](http://www.vanier.gc.ca/).
- complete an application form via ResearchNet: [www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca](http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca)
- create and complete a Canadian Common CV: [www.ccv-cvc.ca](http://www.ccv-cvc.ca)

For interdisciplinary fields of research or disciplines that span the mandates of two or more granting agencies, please consult with the appropriate agencies before submitting their nominations. **If in doubt, please consult Deena Coburn at dgsward@sfu.ca.** If an applicant is judged to be outside of a granting agency’s mandate after the competition deadline, it will be withdrawn from the national competition. Unfortunately, any nominations withdrawn in this manner still count as part of our quota; no late substitutions are permitted.

Submission Deadline (Applicants)
By September 17, eligible candidates must submit their application, including the leadership reference letter, via ResearchNet. All official post-secondary transcripts should be submitted, in sealed envelopes, to the Graduate Studies Office:

Simon Fraser University
Graduate Studies Office (MBC 1100)
ATTN: Deena Coburn (Vanier)
8888 University Drive
Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6

Note: All international MYF recipients are required to apply for a Vanier to retain their MYF.

Institutional Quota

Below are the number of Vanier applications SFU can nominate to each agency:

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Please direct any inquiries relating to the Vanier program to: Deena Coburn: dgsaward@sfu.ca or 778-782-6830