Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

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 already completed a PhD and applying for funding for their second PhD
- Applicants who have completed more than 41 months of doctoral studies as of December 31\textsuperscript{st}. If you are a master’s/PhD transfer you need to include ALL months.
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, 1 page)
  - 2 Letters of Appraisal in sealed envelopes (max 1 page each)
  - Transcripts: must be official and must include a current SFU transcript, even if there are no grades (used to check registration)
SSHRC Doctoral: What happens next?

- You submit all your documentation to your department (in paper) with transcripts and letters of appraisal in sealed envelopes.
- 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 2018.
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 ‘Institutional’

- 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.
SSHRC Doctoral: Evaluation Criteria

How will your application be evaluated?

We tell our committees to 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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