Complete Early

- Check eligibility and Instructions to Applicants at: http://www.vanier.gc.ca
- Register for Canadian Common CV (CCV): https://ccv-cvc.ca
  Under CV, select Funding, then Vanier-Banting and Vanier-Banting Academic from the dropdowns.
- Create a ResearchNet account: https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca
  Under Identify Participants select SFU as your nominating university – this will prompt SFU’s deadline to show to you and to your referees.
- Order official transcripts and send to GPS (address below) - we will scan and add them to your application.
- Decide who your two referees and two leadership letter writers are and contact these 4 individuals early. You may want to provide them with the Vanier criteria and examples of your accomplishments.
  - 2 Referee Assessments - should be academic and should not be a proposed supervisor, unless they are currently supervising you or have supervised you in the past.
  - 2 Leadership Reference Letters - should ideally be written by referees who know you in a non-academic capacity and can write about your demonstrated and potential leadership abilities (eg. business contacts/supervisors, sports coaches/ mentors, directors of science associations/charitable organizations).

Remaining Tasks to Complete

- Complete all text sections of the ResearchNet ‘Tasks’
- Once your CCV is completed, enter your CCV Confirmation # under Identify Participants in ResearchNet
- Invite your referees and give them a deadline under Identify Referees
- Upload your 2 leadership letters under Identify Participants
  Note that a second ‘Leadership Reference Letter’ upload only appears after you upload the first letter.
- Complete and upload your Research Proposal (max 2 pages + 5 pages for project references)
- Complete and upload your Personal Leadership Statement (max 2 pages)
- Complete and upload your Research Contributions (max 1 page)
- If applicable, complete the Special Circumstances (max 1 page)
- Ensure documents follow the Presentation Standards for Attached Documents found here:

Advice from previous applicants

“Budget LOTS of time – more than you think you’ll need. The CV process is comically, brutally, painstakingly annoying.” - Kyle Artelle, NSERC Vanier Winner

"Don’t think your lack of publications rules you uncompetitive - we often have incredible research leadership examples that we underestimate"

"Give your transcripts directly to Grad Studies early - they scan them and return them to you!"

"Give your letter writers an early deadline - especially if they procrastinate! You CANNOT submit your application until your referees have submitted their assessment."

Send official transcripts to

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
Maggie Benston Student Services Centre
1100 Simon Fraser University
ATTN: Rachel Dawson (Vanier)
8888 University Drive
Burnaby, BC, V5A 1S6

Contact the Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies Awards Team

dgsaward@sfu.ca | 778-782-8499

"Ask Us" Scholarship drop in Sessions

Maggie Benston Centre, Room #1500

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