

## Competition announcement: Tri-Agency CGS M and UBC Affiliated Fellowships (MAsc, MSc)

**CGS M INFORMATION SESSION** | Interested applicants are **strongly encouraged to attend on Thursday, October 26 from 2:00 to 3:00.** [REGISTER HERE<sup>1</sup>](#).

**COMPETITION SUMMARY INFORMATION** | review G+PS details and Tri-Council policies linked (student responsibility)

Tri-Agency CGS M (NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR)	UBC Affiliated Fellowships
<p><b>Application Deadline: 5:00 pm PST, 1 December 2023</b></p> <p>Citizenship: Canadian; Permanent Resident Value: \$17,500</p> <p>The objective of the Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (CGS M) Program is to help develop research skills and assist in the training of highly qualified personnel by supporting students who demonstrate a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and early graduate studies. The CGS M Program provides financial support to high-calibre scholars who are engaged in eligible master's or, in some cases, doctoral programs in Canada.</p>	<p><b>Application Deadline: 5:00 pm PST, 1 December 2023</b></p> <p>Citizenship: <b>International</b>; Permanent Resident; Canadian Value: Up to \$16,000</p> <p>The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies offers approximately 50 Affiliated Fellowships each year to meritorious students for full-time study and/or research leading to a graduate degree. Awards are made on the basis of academic excellence, with applications open to current and prospective full-time UBC graduate students regardless of citizenship or visa status.</p>
<p><b>INTRODUCED IN 2022   continuing in 2023</b></p> <p><b>Indigenous Scholars Awards and Supplements Pilot Initiative (NSERC and SSHRC)</b></p> <p>consists of a one-year, non-renewable supplement valued at \$5,000 for all meritorious* Indigenous CGS M applicants and a one-year, non-renewable award valued at \$17,500 for offered or alternate candidates, subject to the limit of available funding.</p> <p><i>*Meritorious applications include all applications that have received the status "Offered" or "Alternate" in the Research Portal (see <a href="#">selection process for the CGS M program</a> for more information)</i></p> <p>If you self-identify as Indigenous in your CGS M application, you are eligible to apply for this initiative. Note: CIHR is not participating in this initiative. For more information, see the Tri-Agency's pilot initiative <a href="#">webpage<sup>2</sup></a>.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.grad.ubc.ca/about-us/events/23412-applying-scholarships-your-masters-program?utm\\_source=Cyberimpact&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=GradUpdate-16-Oct-2023](https://www.grad.ubc.ca/about-us/events/23412-applying-scholarships-your-masters-program?utm_source=Cyberimpact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GradUpdate-16-Oct-2023)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/indigenous\\_scholars\\_pilot\\_initiative-initiative\\_pilote\\_universitaires\\_autochtones-eng.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/indigenous_scholars_pilot_initiative-initiative_pilote_universitaires_autochtones-eng.aspx)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION** | review G+PS details and Tri-Council policies linked (student responsibility)

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<p><b>Eligibility</b> Please check eligibility before completing an application. There may be UBC specific guidelines, please refer to both resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">CGSM website</a><sup>3</sup></li> <li>• <a href="#">G+PS website</a><sup>4</sup></li> </ul> <p>* Prospective students applying to CGS M must contact <a href="mailto:forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca">forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca</a> before the deadline if they have not yet submitted a Forestry MASc or MSc application.</p> <p><b>**Reminder – CGS M applicants are eligible for Affiliated Fellowships (submit checklist only – full application not required).</b> See instructions under UBC Affiliated Fellowships.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b> Please check eligibility before completing an application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">G+PS website</a><sup>5</sup></li> </ul> <p><b>** Canadian Citizens and permanent residents are required to apply for CGS M if they are eligible. CGS M applicants do not need to submit a separate Affiliated Fellowship application. Rather, they should submit a completed <a href="#">checklist of criteria-based Affiliated Fellowships</a><sup>6</sup> to <a href="mailto:forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca">forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca</a> after submitting their CGS M application to the portal.</b></p>
<p><b>Application Instructions:</b> Carefully review the CGS M application instructions to ensure you have <b>enough time</b> to submit all required documents – including references - by 5:00 pm PST, 1 December 2023.</p> <p>There may be UBC specific guidelines, please refer to both resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">CGSM Instructions</a><sup>7</sup></li> <li>• <a href="#">UBC/G+PS Instructions</a><sup>8</sup></li> </ul> <p>* <b>References:</b> You will not be able to submit your application until reference assessments have been completed and linked to your application. It is your responsibility to ensure your referees submit their assessments early enough to allow you to submit your complete application in the Research Portal before the December 1 deadline.</p>	<p><b>Application Instructions:</b> Affiliated Fellowship applicants must submit their applications – including references - by 5:00 pm PST, 1 December 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please submit the <b>application package</b> to <a href="mailto:forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca">forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca</a></li> <li>• For <b>reference forms</b>, have your referees send the signed reference forms to <a href="mailto:forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca">forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca</a></li> </ul> <p>For more details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">G+PS website</a><sup>9</sup></li> </ul> <p>* Applications must be fully completed by this date, including all supporting documentation including 2 references. Late submissions will not be accepted.</p>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM\\_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM_eng.asp)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/canada-graduate-scholarships-masters-cgs-m-program>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/affiliated-fellowships-masters-program>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/forms/list-criteria-based-affiliated-fellowships>

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/CGS\\_M-BESC\\_M\\_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/CGS_M-BESC_M_eng.asp)

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/canada-graduate-scholarships-masters-cgs-m-program>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/affiliated-fellowships-masters-program>

**OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS:**

**Application Pre-Checks:**

The CGS M deadline is strict and UBC has no administrative authority or means to extend the deadline for applicants. Once submitted, your application materials cannot be revised. We therefore strongly encourage you to prepare your application well in advance.

**Transcripts:** Carefully read [the transcript requirement instructions](#)<sup>10</sup> (section 5). The CGS M + Affiliated competition requires official transcripts - unofficial transcripts are not accepted for non-UBC institutions. All students intending to apply must notify the Forestry Grad Program **in advance** ([forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca](mailto:forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca)), so we can confirm if your required transcripts are on file. Please confirm your intention to apply to [forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca](mailto:forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca) **by 5 pm PST November 10**. Transcripts are the applicant’s responsibility and we do not guarantee that all necessary documents will be on file, or accommodation of last-minute requests. For current registered students, our office will generate a UBC Academic History (accepted as official transcript by G+PS and Tri-Council).

**Application:** If you wish to do a pre-check of formal components only (e.g., font, page limit, formatting, study start/end date) of your application, please email your .pdf application to [forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca](mailto:forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca) **by 5 pm PST November 17**. This can be done before you submit the application through the portal. You will need to extract your application by clicking on *Export application and attachments to PDF*; the submit button won’t appear until this step has been completed. Send us the extracted application (CCV and reference assessments won’t be included) by November 17. We will **not** accommodate any pre-check requests after this date. This is a courtesy only (we do not provide advice on proposal / research content). It is the students’ responsibility to ensure all competition guidelines have been adhered to (regardless if pre-checks have been done). Please review your application carefully prior to final submission.

**REMINDER - Affiliated Fellowship Checklist for CGS M Applicants:** All CGSM applicants will be considered for unrestricted criteria-based UBC Affiliated Fellowships. CGS M applicants must submit the checklist of criteria-based Affiliated Fellowships directly to [forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca](mailto:forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca) before the deadline.

**TIPS:**

DEADLINE	Applications cannot be submitted/revised/edited after the deadline. Late applications will be ruled ineligible.
REFERENCE Turnaround Time	Please be mindful of your referee’s time and busy schedule, request your reference early. For CGSM applicants kindly include the instruction link. <a href="#">CGSM Reference Instructions</a> <sup>11</sup>
OFFICIAL Transcripts + Transcript Keys	A reminder that CGSM and Affiliated applications require official transcripts ( <b>all</b> previous post-secondary studies regardless if conferred degree, transfer credit institutions). Transcript must include grading key / guide (found on back of transcript). Please review <a href="#">link 10</a> below (Section 5).

**Questions | Forestry Graduate Program Contact:** [forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca](mailto:forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca)

<sup>10</sup> [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/CGS\\_M-BESC\\_M\\_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/CGS_M-BESC_M_eng.asp)

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