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Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators, Students

From: Award Services, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS)

Re: **Canada Graduate Scholarships - Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements (CGS-MSFSS)**
Amendment to April 16, 2025 memo (June 2025 competition)

The CGS-MSFSS Program supports high-calibre graduate students in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional research experiences at research institutions abroad. Supplements of up to \$6,000 are available to active CGS (master's or doctoral) or eligible Vanier CGS holders to help offset the costs of undertaking research studies outside Canada for a defined period abroad (minimum of 2 months to maximum of 6 months).

The 2025-2026 CGS-MSFSS competition will be the final launch of the program in its current format. The supplement will be rebranded and redesigned as a supplement for the Canada Research Training Awards Suite (CRTAS) and will be open for applications in 2026. Refer to the [Launch of the new Harmonized Tri-agency Scholarship and Fellowship programs](#) for more information.

This is a direct application, whereby students apply directly to GPS. Departments are no longer required to submit nominations to GPS. Departments will be notified of students successfully forwarded to the national competition, and of any winners.

Competition	GPS Application Deadline	Agency Deadline
June 2025:	May 16, 2025 Deadline for students to submit applications to GPS by email	June 10, 2025 U of A deadline to submit recommended applicants to the Tri-agencies
October 2025:	September 15, 2025 Deadline for students to submit applications to GPS by email	October 10, 2025 U of A deadline to submit recommended applicants to the Tri-agencies

Application and Submission Process

Students are to review the information provided on [GPS's website](#) and the [CGS-MSFSS website](#) regarding program overview, eligibility criteria, and application instructions.

Each agency (CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC) has its own application form and instructions, and care should be taken to ensure that the appropriate form is used. Eligible applicants must complete the appropriate web-based

application form online; a printed copy of the form, and all other required documentation is to be submitted, as one combined PDF) to GPS via email (grad.awards@ualberta.ca).

Applicants should contact the respective granting agency in advance if they are unsure about the eligibility of a particular host supervisor or host institution.

GPS & Tri-agency Review

GPS's Graduate Scholarship Committee (GSC) will review all eligible applications, and recommended applications will be forwarded to the appropriate agency (CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC) by the agency deadline. The agencies will review the U of A's recommended applications for eligibility and completeness. The agencies will notify students and GPS of the results within two months following receipt of applications. The CGS-MSFSS will be paid directly to GPS, which will administer the funds on behalf of the agencies.

We wish students and departments success in the CGS-MSFSS competition!

Sincerely,

Award Services