Tri-Council Information - Doctoral

Overview: The Canada Graduate Scholarships—Doctoral (CGS D) program is a federal program of scholarships awarded through national competitions by the granting agencies: the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). The program aims to promote continued excellence in Canadian research by rewarding and retaining high-calibre doctoral students at Canadian institutions. By providing support for a high-quality research training experience to awardees, the CGS D program strives to foster impacts within and beyond the research environment.

Which Tri-Council to apply to?
NSERC applicants whose subject matter has a link, overlap, or future application to health (in particular drug discovery, disease diagnosis, treatment/prevention, development of medical devices, collaboration with pharmaceutical companies, disease population, therapy or health systems), should email NSERC with a one page summary of their research proposal well in advance of submitting an application to seek clarification or a ruling. NSERC typically responds to these types of inquiries within 3-4 business days.
Applicants working in research areas where boundaries overlap or are interdisciplinary are strongly advised to write a compelling justification in their application as to why they believe their proposal is appropriate for support by the agency to which the application is being submitted.
NSERC applicants are encouraged to consult the Addendum to the guidelines for the eligibility of applications related to health, which has additional information and specific examples relating to subject matter eligibility.
* Go to final page of this document to see Flowchart

Where to apply:
Applicants must access the online application through the respective granting agency's portal:
CIHR CGS D: ResearchNet; see CIHR instructions.
NSERC CGS D: NSERC Online System; see NSERC instructions.
SSHRC CGS D: SSHRC Online System; see SSHRC instructions.

Internal Deadlines:
CIHR: October 16, 2023
NSERC: October 16, 2023
SSHRC: October 9, 2023

Helpful Resources:
- Workshop (See here)
- Teaching Commons
- Academic Support Zone - Tutoring and Writing Support
- Videos and Tutorials

Who to Contact:
Students and Professors can reach out Allison Whately-Doucet (funding.grad@lakeheadu.ca) For more information, visit the Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral Program Website
CIHR contact center: support@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
NSERC: schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca
SSHRC: fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

For Professors/References:
-Tips on Writing Reference Letter
-Video of Instruction on how to complete the Reference Assessment Form

Other Helpful links:
Guidebook For New Principal Investigators - CIHR (cihr-irsc.gc.ca)
Scholarships and Fellowships - Chapter 2 - Making your application stand out - YouTube
Tips and myths to consider when preparing your SSHRC application — University Affairs
Writing a Winning Grant Proposal: Five Tips for Success (grantwriterteam.com)
Grants and funding from the Government of Canada - Canada.ca How
to Write a Successful Grant Proposal | AJE
The Art of Grantsmanship.pdf (hfsp.org) by Jack Kraicer A
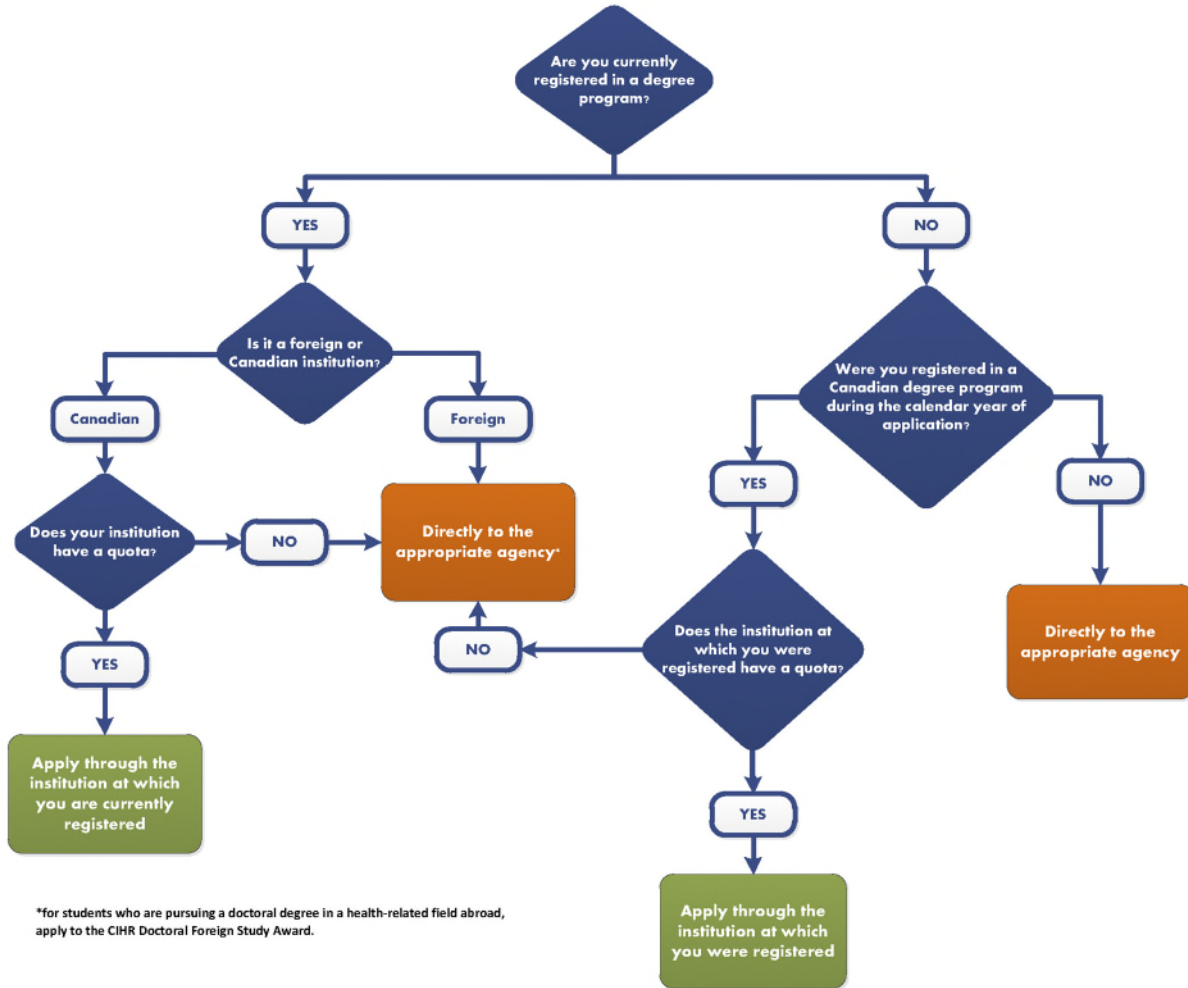Guide for Proposal Writing
Research funding: 10 tips for writing a successful application | Universities | The Guardian Ten
Ways to Write a Better Grant | The Scientist Magazine® (the-scientist.com)
Ten Simple Rules for Getting Grants | PLOS Computational Biology
Microsoft PowerPoint - 5 Key Statements for a Grant Proposal - Jocalyn Clark [Compatibility Mode] (grandchallenges.ca)

Where should I submit my application?

Are you currently registered in a degree program?

YES → **Is it a foreign or Canadian institution?**

- **Canadian** → **Does your institution have a quota?**
  - **NO** → **Directly to the appropriate agency***
  - **YES** → **Apply through the institution at which you are currently registered**
- **Foreign** → **Directly to the appropriate agency***

NO → **Were you registered in a Canadian degree program during the calendar year of application?**

- **YES** → **Does the institution at which you were registered have a quota?**
  - **NO** → **Directly to the appropriate agency***
  - **YES** → **Apply through the institution at which you were registered**
- **NO** → **Directly to the appropriate agency**

*for students who are pursuing a doctoral degree in a health-related field abroad, apply to the CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Award.

Text Description

Title: **" Where should I submit my application?"**

Top of chart begins Q: "**Are you currently registered in a degree program?**"

If "**No**" to currently registered in a degree program, then Q: "**Were you registered in a Canadian degree program during the calendar year of application?**"

If "**No**", then "**Apply directly to the appropriate agency**"

If "**Yes**", then Q: "**Does the institution at which you were registered have a quota?**"

If "**Yes**" to institution has a quota, then "**Apply through the institution at which you were registered**"

If "**No**" to institution has a quota, then "**Apply directly to the appropriate agency**"

If "**Yes**" to currently registered in a degree program, then Q: "**Is it a foreign or Canadian institution?**"

If "**Foreign**", then "**Apply directly to the appropriate agency**". Note for students who are pursuing a doctoral degree in a health-related field abroad, please apply to the CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Award.

If "**Canadian**", then Q: "**Does your institution have a quota?**"

If "**Yes**" to institution has a quota, then "**Apply through the institution at which you are currently registered**"

If "**No**" to institution has a quota, then "**Apply directly to the appropriate agency**"

Table Description

The above text is also represented here:

Applicant's status at time of application	Where to submit application
Currently registered **in a degree program** at a Canadian institution with a quota. **Note**: This includes applicants on an approved leave of absence from a Canadian institution with a quota.	The Canadian institution at which the applicant is currently registered.
Currently registered concurrently at a Canadian institution with a quota **and** at a foreign post-secondary institution (e.g., in a cotutelle).	The Canadian institution at which the applicant is currently registered.
Not currently registered in a degree program but **was registered at any other time during the calendar year of application** in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a quota.	The Canadian institution at which the applicant was registered in a degree program.
Currently registered at an institution (Canadian or foreign) without a quota for the selected agency.	Directly to the appropriate agency.
Not registered at any time during the calendar year of application in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a quota for the selected agency.	Directly to the appropriate agency.