VANIER SCHOLARSHIPS
NSERC, SSHRC & CIHR

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GPS Fellowships Officer, External Awards
Vanier Scholarship

• Value $50,000 per year;
• Duration: for 3 years
VANIER SCHOLARSHIP

• By Invitation only (Applications submitted by candidates directly to granting agencies, will not be considered)

• Student may inform the department that she/he wishes to be nominated for Vanier Scholarship

• Student completes online application at www.vanier.gc.ca (ResearchNet) by September 26, 2011
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Eligibility Requirements for Nomination:

• High academic throughout all university studies. At McGill GPA of min. 3.70/4.00 (3.50 Law) for each of the last 2 yrs. of full-time studies.

• Potential to the advancement of knowledge and innovation (critical thinking, originality)

• Leaderships skills - four areas where to highlight leadership skills: Student application, letters of reference, Leadership Letter and university nomination letter (document describing leadership skills is posted on GPS webpage)
Eligibility Criteria for Nomination

• Award must be held at nominating university (transfer not allowed)
• have completed between zero(0) and twenty(20) months of doctoral studies (unless not completed Master’s, then 12 months extended eligibility window)
• be seeking financial support to pursue your first doctoral degree (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD);
• cannot have already received a scholarship or fellowship from SSHRC, NSERC or CIHR to undertake or complete a doctoral degree or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD
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Submits printed hardcopy (one) of application along with supporting documents to nominating department:

- Referee letters (2) submitted electronically by referees which will form part of your online application. **Hardcopy must be sent to department to attach to printed application.**

- Leadership Letter must be attached

- Official transcripts (all university level transcripts)

- Department to include nomination letter
Quota for fall 2011

- Canadian universities each have a limit to the number of nominations they may submit to the Vanier Scholarship competition. In the fall 2011 competition, McGill expects to submit the following number of nominations to the national competition:
  - CIHR 37
  - NSERC 13
  - SSHRC 10
VANIER – Dept Quota

The main principal governing the nomination of a Vanier CGS Candidate is putting forward applicants truly believed to be among the **55 top doctoral students Canada-wide**.

Departments with a **doctoral enrolment** may submit:

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**NOTE**: additional applications from truly exceptional students may be permitted with justification and approval from the associate Dean of GPS.
INFORMATION FOR CGS VANIER SCHOLARSHIP

GPS website:  
http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/fellowships/applying/vanier/

Vanier website:  
http://www.vanier.gc.ca/

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