Funding for Graduate Studies at McGill: SSHRC Doctoral Awards

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Academic Unit Information

2017-2018 Competition
Presentation Overview

- Updates from SSHRC
- Overview of Doctoral Funding Opportunity
- Subject Matter Eligibility
- Updates/Changes
- Important Dates
- Contact information
- Q & A
Harmonization of Funding Opportunities

The selection process will remain unchanged for the upcoming competition cycle. The Harmonization of the Doctoral Funding Opportunities has been push to Fall 2018;

What has been harmonized for the Doctoral Funding Opportunities

- Paid Parental Leave (PPL)
- Award Holder’s Guide (As of September 1, 2016)
Overview: Award Values and Durations

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<th>SSHRC Doctoral</th>
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<td>Value &amp; Duration:</td>
<td>$20,000/yr (up to 4 years)</td>
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Doctoral Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident by application deadline
- Applying for support for first PhD or equivalent
- The following table shows the periods of support for applicants at different stages of doctoral (or equivalent) study.

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<td>0 - 4 months</td>
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Doctoral Applicant Eligibility Requirements (continued)

- Have achieved first-class average (as defined by host university) in each of last two years of full-time study (or equivalent, if in part-time terms)
  - At McGill, first-class = 3.30 GPA in each of the last two years of full time studies
  - Includes graduate record to date (Master’s & Doctoral combined) + last year of undergraduate studies

- Have not already received an award at the doctoral level from SSHRC, NSERC or CIHR

- *Note: Departments may recommend an application with slightly lower GPA, but must explain compelling circumstances in Departmental Appraisal.

- Applicants in qualifying year of study are not eligible to receive scholarship support
Doctoral Program Eligibility: Health-Related Applications

- For research in health and psychology, consult with CIHR and SSHRC before submitting.

  Subject Matter Eligibility: Inform student to check with granting agency if unsure.

  CIHR deadline October 4, 2016

- Research that is eligible for funding under the mandate of CIHR is **not eligible** for consideration at SSHRC.

  This includes research that is primarily intended to improve and/or increase knowledge of health, health care and health-care systems in Canada or internationally.

- Applicants working in research areas where boundaries overlap are advised to state clearly in all applications for funding why they believe their proposals are appropriate for support by the agency to which they are submitting their application.
Doctoral Application Policies (continued)

Fast-track or Direct-entry to PhD program

- Applicants may be eligible to apply for a CGS Master's Scholarship if he or she has completed less than 12 months of graduate-level study by December 31 of the year of application.

- Applicants who have, or will have, completed more than 12 months graduate-level study by December 31 of the year of application, may only apply to the Doctoral Awards funding opportunity.

- Official letter from department confirming authorized part-time studies and/or leave of absence (if applicable).
Doctoral Supporting Documents

- Applicants request reference letters from 2 referees ASAP, to be delivered in sealed envelopes to the department.

- Applicants order transcripts ASAP, to be delivered in sealed envelopes to the department:
  - Orders McGill transcripts through Minerva (must have no holds)
  - McGill transcripts are required, even if no grades show
  - Orders non-McGill transcripts from Canadian and US universities
    - Including transfer credits for all academic levels
  - Requests overseas transcripts through McGill department

Make sure to mark the following on the transcript:
  - “True copy of document in McGill University file: Department of _________” (include signature)

- If applying directly to SSHRC, orders supporting documents early and orders them for pick-up in a sealed envelope.
Academic Unit “Recommended” Quotas

- All departments may recommend a maximum of 10% of their graduate enrollment.
What to submit to GPS

- Academic Unit forwards original “recommended” files and original of “non-recommended” files to GPS
- A scan of the full application as indicated below to be sent via email to gradcomp.gps@mcgill.ca
  - In this order:
    - 1 GPS Department checklist
    - Original:
      - Completed student application package
      - Original transcripts (all University Level) with keys
      - Official translation of any foreign language transcript
      - Country Code Grade conversion sheet
      - 2 letters from referees
      - Department appraisal
Deadlines

Applicant to department

- Doctoral: As determined by Academic Unit

Unit to GPS

- Doctoral: November 2, 2016
## Results Announcements

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Departmental Resources

http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/staff/fellowships/
• Information on competition including deadlines
• Checklist for competition
• Presentation slides
• Link to current version of GPA calculation sheet
• Link to Foreign Grade Conversion Guides for GPA calculations

GPS Contact Information: graduatefunding.gps@mcgill.ca