Description
The CIHR Doctoral Research Award consists of two programs administered through a single application:

- **Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Awards (CGS-D):** Provides special recognition and support to students pursuing a doctoral degree in a health-related field in Canada. Canada Graduate Scholarship recipients may be considered for the honour of having their scholarship named a “Canada Graduate Scholarship to Honour Nelson Mandela”. To be considered for this honour, you must complete the Canada Graduate Scholarship to Honour Nelson Mandela Identification Form.
- **Doctoral Foreign Study Award (DFSA):** Provides special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a doctoral degree in a health-related field abroad.

Value:
- Trainee stipend: $30,000 per annum
- Research allowance: $5,000 per annum

Funding Opportunities in Specific Research Areas-Fall 2016 Priority Announcement
- Doctoral Research Award applications are also eligible for funds in specific research areas that are not funded through either the CGS-D or the DFSA.
- The CIHR Research Priority Areas include: Aboriginal Research Methodologies, Drug Safety and Effectiveness, Refugee Training Awards, and Research in First Nations, Métis and/or Inuit Health.
- For additional information on the Fall 2016 Priority Announcement, please go to the following link: [https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?progCd=10703&language=E&fol Agency=CIHR&view=browseArchive&browseArc=true&org=CIHR](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?progCd=10703&language=E&fol Agency=CIHR&view=browseArchive&browseArc=true&org=CIHR)

Eligibility: The Nominated Principal Applicant must be a trainee, with an identified primary supervisor. Only students engaged in a full-time doctoral program that has a significant research component (occupying 75% of the students’ time) are eligible to apply. As of the application deadline, all candidates must have completed a minimum of 12 months of graduate study at the Master’s or Doctoral level. The program is open to applicants who are Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada at time of application.
If the candidate... | ... then the maximum amount of time the candidate can be registered as a full-time student in a doctoral program, as of the application deadline, is the following:
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holds a Master's degree | 22 months
has completed 12 months or more in a Master's degree program prior to transferring to or starting a doctoral program | 22 months
has completed less than 12 months in a Master's degree program prior to transferring to or starting a doctoral program | 30 months
has transferred directly from a Bachelor's degree to a doctoral program (with no time in a Master's program) | 34 months

For complete eligibility information, please refer to the following link:

**General Application Process**
- Applications must be prepared, finalized and submitted by applicants using ResearchNet. **NOTE:** If you do not already have a ResearchNet account, you will need to [register](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/UserAdminServlet) to have one prior to starting an online application.
- Any information that exceeds the character limits, or is not required, will be removed from the application prior to peer review.
- Applicants must preview all **components of their application** to ensure its completeness.
- For complete application instructions, please refer to the following links:
  #1 [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38887.html](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38887.html)
Key Dates:
**McMaster internal ResearchNet deadline:**
*Friday, September 23, 2016, 12:00 p.m.*
Applications are prepared and submitted by students in ResearchNet by the internal deadline set by McMaster. **You will not be able to submit your application to ResearchNet until all the required tasks are completed, including the letters from your sponsors.**

We encourage you to work closely with your supervisor and department on your application. The application you submit to ResearchNet on September 23, 2016 will be the final version that will be sent to CIHR if approved by McMaster.

Sponsor Assessments
It is important to note that it is the applicant’s sole responsibility to follow up with his/her sponsors to ensure the assessments are submitted online by the sponsors no later than **Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 12:00 p.m.**

Internal Document Submission
**Graduate Studies Approval Form** *(This form replaces the HRS Checklist)*
The applicant is required to complete and submit the Graduate Studies Approval Form to graduatescholarships@mcmaster.ca anytime on **Friday, September 23, 2016.**
You will find the Approval Form as a PDF attachment to this same e-mail.

Final Submission Date
McMaster will review the Graduate Studies Approval Form and submit approved applications to CIHR on behalf of the applicants by the ResearchNet competition deadline of **Tuesday, October 4, 2016**

Clarification of Signature Pages
- Please complete and upload page 1, “The Routing Slip”.
- Please upload the “Supervisor(s) Signatures” page completed by your supervisor(s). Please ensure your supervisor(s) includes his/her name, signature and date of signature.
- Please upload a blank version of the “Signature of Institution Paid” page. You are not required to get signatures for this page.

Other Awards
The CIHR Doctoral Research Award applications are also eligible for additional McMaster awards such as the Ontario Graduate Scholarship. No additional application is necessary.
**CIHR Webinar**

CIHR will be offering information sessions to students and university staff about CIHR award programs as well as recent improvements made to these. Information will also be provided on relevant CIHR policies, tips for applicants, and guidelines on how to submit an application. These sessions will be interactive and there will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

The sessions will allow all participants to be connected and discussions will be supported with a view of a PowerPoint presentation. Participants must have access to a computer with internet connection to access the session and view the PowerPoint presentation. Questions may be directed to CIHR via the webinar chat function.

If you are interested in participating in one of these sessions, please follow the instructions below to register to one of the three sessions that will be offered. Interested participants may also register via our CIHR Website at the following address: [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/45096.html](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/45096.html)

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