



Vanier PhD Scholarship

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Brief Overview of the Vanier CGS Program

- Launched by the government of Canada for world-class doctoral students
- Up to 166 scholarships annually
- \$50,000 per year
 - 3 years
- Three federal granting agencies
 - CIHR (Health research)
 - NSERC (Natural sciences and/or engineering)
 - SSHRC (Social sciences and humanities)

Eligibility Criteria, Application Process and Deadlines



- **Citizenship**
 - Citizens and permanent residents of Canada, and foreign citizens
- **Eligibility**
 - Nominated by only 1 eligible Canadian institution
 - Pursuing/ intend to pursue doctoral degree with sig research component
 - There is max no of completed months for continuing PhD students
 - First-class average
 - Cannot already receive PhD scholarship from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC

Timelines

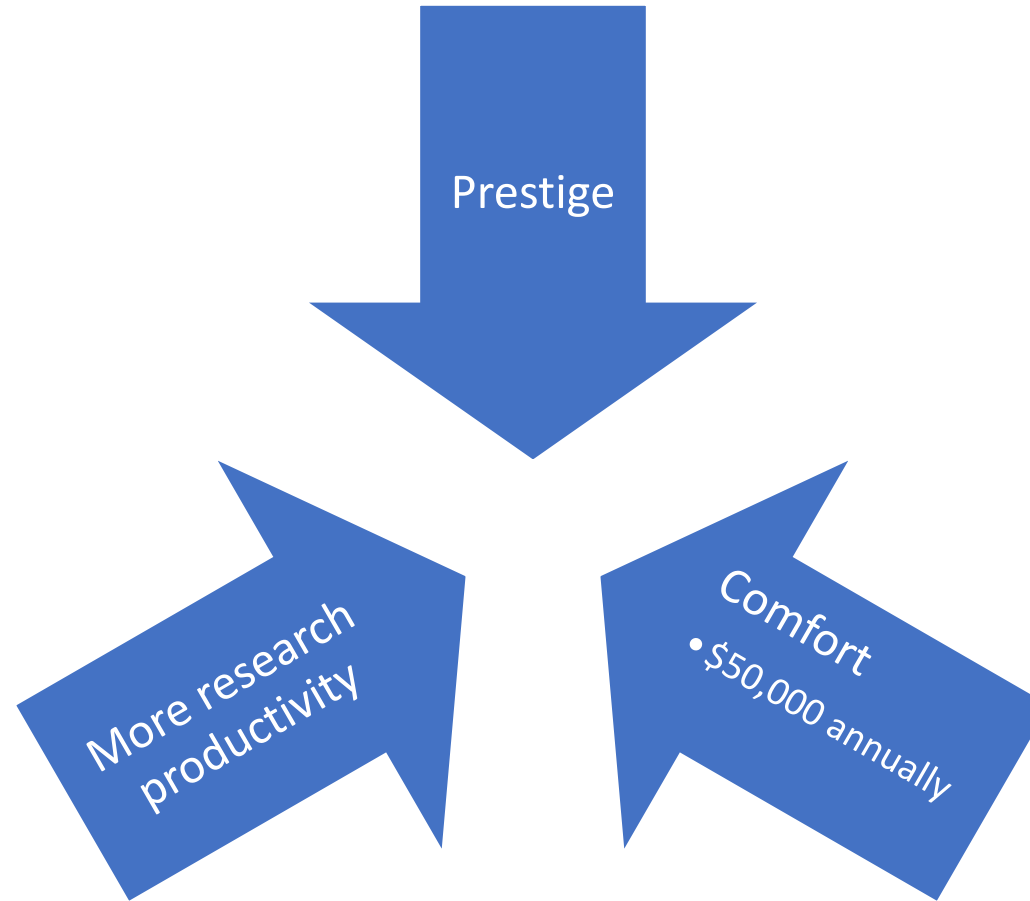
November	Nomination deadline – nominations are received.
November/ December	Nominations are reviewed for eligibility and assigned to reviewers.
December	Evaluation of nominations by reviewers.
January	Selection committees meet to discuss nominations and finalize their recommendations.
March	The tri-agency programs Steering Committee meets to approves the ranked list of nominations recommended by the selection committees.
April	The Vanier CGS candidates are notified of their result in the competition.
May to January	Tenure of the Vanier CGS may begin.



Selection Criteria and Evaluation Process

- Evaluation criteria
 - Academic Excellence
 - Research Potential
 - Leadership
- Application package
 - ResearchNet application form
 - Including two referees
 - Canadian common CV (CCV)
 - research contributions
 - personal leadership statement
 - special circumstances (optional)
 - two leadership letters of reference
 - research proposal
 - project references
 - Transcripts

Benefits and Impact of the Vanier CGS



My Journey: From Application to Awardee

- Two application attempts
 - Successful second application
- Second application
 - Publications
 - Extra scholarships
 - Strong reviewed documents by grant-writing expert, supervisor, and past awardees
 - Strong letter of recommendations
 - More details in the Canadian common CV
 - Prayer

Tips for Successful Applications

- Follow all instructions on the Vanier CGS's website
 - Link on the last slide
- Prepare application documents months before deadline
- Confidence
- Strong letters of recommendation
- Contact past winners
- Multiple external reviews of each component of application package

Reference

- https://vanier.gc.ca/en/nomination_process-processus_de_mise_en_candidature_overview.html



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