

**Memorandum**

Date: June 22, 2023  
To: Deans, Associate Deans, Graduate Coordinators  
From: Emilie Kossick, Manager - Graduate Scholarships and Awards

**RE: 2023-2024 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships for Doctoral Students (Tri-Council)**

**Value: \$50,000 per year for three years; PLUS an bonus from FGSR of a one time, lump sum payment of \$7,000 at the beginning of your award start date.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** To promote and incentivize our best and brightest students to apply for a Vanier, FGSR will be providing our TOP 10 ranked candidates with a \$500 Scholarly Award.

***\*\*We strongly encourage you to please contact your top students and encourage them to apply. Please provide them with this document to guide them and please encourage them to attend our Student Session\*\****

**About the Vanier:** The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS) program is designed to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by offering them a significant financial award to assist them during their studies at Canadian universities. Vanier Scholars demonstrate leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in the social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health-related fields.

**\*Canadian and International students are eligible to be nominated for a Vanier Scholarship.**

**Websites:** Full information for this competition is posted here:

**Vanier:** <http://www.vanier.gc.ca/en/home-accueil.html> and on

**ResearchNet:** (where student applications must be completed):

<https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/LoginServlet>

**FGSR's Vanier website with University of Regina's Internal Deadline noted:**

<https://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/current-students/scholarships/index.html?id=378>

**Deadlines & Important Dates:**

- **Wednesday, July 12 at 2:00pm** - *How to Apply Student Session*, via Zoom, please visit our [events calendar](#) to register.
- **NOON on Thursday, August 17– Student application deadline to their ACADEMIC UNIT.** Students must email a copy of their full online application and submit it to their Academic Unit. Please ensure you contact your unit well ahead of time to find the correct person to email your application to, to ensure you are not late and therefore deemed ineligible. Then, faculties will make the decision as to which students to nominate to FGSR.
- **NOON on Thursday, August 31 – Deadline for nominations to FGSR.** Units, you can only submit ONE nomination per Academic Unit/Department for your top student, sent electronically to [grad.funding@uregina.ca](mailto:grad.funding@uregina.ca). The **Nomination Letter must be a PDF** document to [grad.funding@uregina.ca](mailto:grad.funding@uregina.ca). To be fair to all students, late applications cannot be accepted.

- **Wednesday, October 18** - The deadline for institutions to submit a list identifying Indigenous applicants above and beyond the institutions quota
- **Wednesday, November 1**– Deadline for University of Regina to submit the quota chosen by the Selection Committee, to Vanier in Ottawa

**Allocations:** All Canadian institutions are provided a yearly quota within the existing three year quota allotment. Any unused annual quotas will not be carried forward for future years. Floating quotas can be used in any of the three fiscal years: [https://vanier.gc.ca/en/appendix\\_b\\_cgs\\_2021\\_22\\_to\\_2023\\_24.html](https://vanier.gc.ca/en/appendix_b_cgs_2021_22_to_2023_24.html)

**For 2023-2024, the University of Regina has the following quotas available:**

CIHR – 0 (no quota this year); BUT eligible Indigenous students CAN be nominated over and above quota

NSERC – 1

SSHRC – 1

**Indigenous applicants:** Institutions may recommend applicants from self-identified Indigenous applicants to the Vanier CGS completion **above and beyond their institutional quota**. Indigenous students *must provide consent* to Vanier. Full information can be found here [https://vanier.gc.ca/en/news-nouv\\_2023-24.html](https://vanier.gc.ca/en/news-nouv_2023-24.html)

**Transcripts (VERY IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ IN FULL):**

- Please order **ALL** of your **undergrad and graduate official transcripts today** and **include your up** to date University of Regina transcripts, even if this is your *first semester*. Your transcripts must show your current Fall registration. This includes any Transfer Credit also. Please order today, as this process takes time. **Ensure you have all transcripts sent electronically to grad.funding@uregina.ca as we must have them BEFORE the deadline in order for you to be considered. Late transcripts cannot be accepted so please plan ahead.**
- If you have **International transcripts** at this university, **please formally request your international transcripts TWO weeks in advance by filling out the Request for Transcripts other than University of Regina form**. The form can be found on our **FGSR FORMS** page, under Student Request Forms: <https://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/forms.html>  
**Please email the transcript request to [Graduate.Studies@uregina.ca](mailto:Graduate.Studies@uregina.ca). Late requests (less than 2 weeks) cannot be granted so please plan ahead.**  
\*Please use [Grad.Funding@uregina.ca](mailto:Grad.Funding@uregina.ca) as the email address for any Vanier correspondence. **Please be clear in subject line and include your full name and ID.\***

**Nomination Letters – To be completed/signed by the Department Head (or designate) nominating the candidate:**

The rationale for choosing the candidate should be **emphasized** in the letter. This is the primary purpose of the nomination letter. The nomination letter must be completed and signed by the Department Head nominating the candidate (equivalent or designate) and **must be on the institutions letterhead**. If signed by someone other than the Department Head, it should be clearly indicated in the letter that the signee has authority to nominate candidates to the Vanier CGS program.

Please submit your nomination letter (as per the **attached guidelines and no more than 2 pages**) by the deadline date noted above. Submission by the deadline date will provide additional information for the University of Regina Vanier Selection Committee. To be fair to all students, late letters will deem the candidate ineligible.

**FULL information for Nomination letters found here:**

[https://vanier.gc.ca/en/information\\_for\\_institutions-information\\_pour\\_etablissements.html](https://vanier.gc.ca/en/information_for_institutions-information_pour_etablissements.html)

**A complete Vanier CGS nomination package includes:**

- [A ResearchNet application form](#) (includes two letters of reference, each with three sections)
- [A CCV](#) (limited entries; please see [Completing the Common CV \(CCV\)](#) for complete information)
- [Research Contributions](#) (maximum one page)
- [A Personal Leadership Statement](#) (maximum 2 pages for English applications, maximum 2.5 pages for French Application)
- [Special Circumstances](#) (max 0.5 page, optional)
- [Two Leadership letters of reference](#) (maximum 2 pages)
- [A Research Proposal](#) (maximum 2 pages for English applicants, 2.5 pages for French applicants)
- [Project References](#) (maximum 5 pages)
- Transcripts (***each and every post-secondary transcript*** you have received ***must*** be included)

**Highlighting Leadership in a Vanier CGS Nomination in the Personal Leadership Statement:**

**Please note:** Leadership potential is a ***very important element*** of the Nomination Package. Leadership can take many forms. Be sure to outline not just your accomplishments, but how those accomplishments required you to leverage your leadership skills to achieve your goals. When outlining leadership in volunteerism, excellence in sports or the arts, employment in Leadership position and other areas, be sure you outline how you have gone above and beyond the expected norms in order to overcome obstacles, foster others, spearhead change or otherwise demonstrate leadership. This document should present to the committee a clear statement of what challenges and opportunities have shaped your doctoral research. Before crafting your Personal Leadership Statement, please review the instructions for the selection committee on evaluating this criterion:

[http://vanier.gc.ca/en/selection\\_committee\\_guide-comite\\_selection\\_lignes.html#b0](http://vanier.gc.ca/en/selection_committee_guide-comite_selection_lignes.html#b0)

**Student Application Process:** [https://vanier.gc.ca/en/nomination\\_process-processus\\_de\\_mise\\_en\\_candidature.html](https://vanier.gc.ca/en/nomination_process-processus_de_mise_en_candidature.html)

**ResearchNet application portal:** All student applications, letters of reference, etc. must be completed through ResearchNet: <https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/>

If you have further specific questions for Vanier, please contact them directly at: [vanier@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:vanier@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

For more information on administration of the Vanier CGS, please refer to [Holding a Vanier CGS](#).