

MEMO **Re:** **2018-19 Vanier CGS Competition – For Students**
Date: July 6, 2018
From: Rachel Dawson, Associate Director, Training & Awards

2018-19 Vanier (Fall 2018) Competition Timeline/Dates

Aug 23: Student Workshop in Library Thesis Room, 2:00-3:00
Sep 13: Student Deadline in ResearchNet (aka Institutional Internal Deadline)
Oct 26: Students will know their status (being nominated or not)
Oct 31: National Deadline (Graduate Studies submits nominations online)

The Vanier CGS Program (www.vanier.gc.ca)

The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS) program is designed to support world-class doctoral students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in the social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health-related fields. The award is valued at \$50,000 per year for up to three years. Before you apply, read the following to ensure you are eligible and competitive:

Are you eligible? Check out the Vanier [eligibility criteria](#).

Canadian and international students are eligible to be nominated for a Vanier CGS. Students who held/are currently holding Tri-Agency scholarship funding for their doctoral program are not eligible.

Are you competitive? Check out the Vanier [selection criteria](#).

SFU has a very limited quota and will only nominate applicants who are highly competitive for this award. Nominees will be evaluated and selected based on the following three criteria, which will be weighted equally by the selection committees:

Academic Excellence: indicated by grades, duration/difficulty of study, awards held.

Research Potential: indicated by contributions so far, level of research ability/expertise, interest in discovery, the proposed research and it's potential contribution to the field.

Leadership: high level of goal achievement and integrity, involvement in personal achievement, volunteerism/community outreach, civic engagement.

How to apply

SFU's internal deadline is September 13th, 2018

Applicants must be nominated by the Canadian university where they will pursue doctoral studies; the Vanier CGS is non-transferable. Ensure you allocate enough time prepare the following tasks:

- Read eligibility and selection criteria. Questions? adta@sfu.ca
- Create ResearchNet application: www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca
- Create Vanier-Banting Academic CV: www.ccv-cvc.ca
- Have official transcripts ordered and sent to Rachel Dawson (see below)
- Contact 2 people who can provide Referee Assessment Letters
- Contact 2 people who can provide Leadership Reference Letters
- Draft your Research Proposal (max 2 pages + 5 for references/bibliography/citations)
- Draft your Personal Leadership Statement (max 2 pages)
- Draft your Research Contributions page (max 1 page)
- Draft your Special Circumstances, if applicable (max 1 page)
- Ensure your documents follow the [Presentation Standards](#).

Important IF's...

If your proposed research involves or impacts Indigenous communities:

You must include the following text, in bold, at the beginning of your lay abstract **“This research involves Indigenous Peoples.”** We will ensure there is a member of the committee has the expertise to appropriately and effectively review your application.

If you are proposing the same institution where you completed your previous degree(s):

You **must** provide a strong justification for this exceptional circumstance under Special Circumstances. The more similar the proposed research environment is to that of the previous degree environment, the stronger the required justification.

If you are not sure which agency your research falls under (CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC):

For interdisciplinary fields of research or disciplines that span the mandates of two or more granting agencies, consult with the appropriate agencies **in writing** before submitting your nomination. If your research is judged to be outside of a granting agency's mandate after the competition deadline, it will be withdrawn from the national competition. Vanier does not accept appeals based on subject matter eligibility. Guidelines related to mandates are available on the following on gov.bc.ca

If you attended CEGEP:

If your transcripts include credits earned at a college or CEGEP (college of general and professional education) that have been transferred for credit, please include the college or CEGEP transcript **only if** the grade earned does not appear on the university transcript.

Submission Deadline (Applicants)

All official post-secondary transcripts should be submitted, in sealed envelopes, to the Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies Office:

Simon Fraser University
Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (MBC 1100)
ATTN: Rachel Dawson (Vanier)
8888 University Drive
Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6

Please direct any inquiries relating to the Vanier program to:
Rachel Dawson, dgsawards@sfu.ca or 778-782-8499