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Scholarships

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The Government of Canada launched the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS) program to strengthen Canada's ability to attract and retain the world's top-tier doctoral students. Vanier scholars demonstrate leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in the social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health by offering them a significant financial award to assist them while they study. Scholarship recipients will receive \$50,000 each year for up to three years. A total of 166 scholarships will be awarded in 2009. Once at full capacity, the program will support up to 500 new students annually.

Students must be nominated by a recognized Canadian university. Vanier CGSs will be awarded after a competitive process that includes a two-stage peer review. All nominees will be evaluated by a peer-review committee from one of the three federal research granting agencies, which will select 70 nominations for the disciplines covered by that agency. These 70 nominations (for a total of 210) will be forwarded to the arm's-length inter-agency selection board, which will make the final recommendation. The board will recommend approximately 55 Vanier CGS recipients to the president of each of the respective agencies (for a total of 166). The board will also oversee the program-delivery process and results to ensure the program achieves its objectives.

The Vanier CGS program is part of the Government of Canada's science and technology strategy announced in 2007. The program aims to promote the development and application of leading-edge knowledge, support the development of a world-class workforce, and position Canada as a magnet for the world's top graduate students.

Canada's three research granting agencies—the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research—will provide the guidance, support and tools needed to administer and promote the program.

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