

# HEC MONTRÉAL

## Master's Research Scholarship Programs – 2019-2020

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# Agenda



1. Why should you apply to scholarship contests?
2. Different types of scholarships available at HEC Montréal
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5. Scholarship contests for thesis stream
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  - Evaluation criteria
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  - Evaluation process
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6. Conclusion

# Why Applying for Research Scholarships?

1. Excellent source of income



2. Helps to structure your research project



3. Important recognition - significant addition to curriculum vitae



4. Important asset to apply for future scholarships application or others

# Scholarships Categories



Merit-based  
scholarships



International  
scholarships



Admission  
scholarships



Student research  
scholarships



Athletic  
scholarships



Leadership and  
involvement  
scholarships



Need-based  
bursaries



Entrepreneurship  
scholarships



Encouragement  
bursaries

# Access to Offers

Students > Financing my studies > Scholarships

## SCHOLARSHIPS <http://www.hec.ca/en/students/financing-my-studies/scholarships/index.html>

Various scholarships are available to HEC Montréal students. Find out which ones you could avail of.

 CONSULT THE SCHOLARSHIPS DIRECTORY >



### TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- Admission
- Encouragement
- Entrepreneurship
- Academic excellence
- Covering differential tuition fees
- Mobility
- Leadership
- External organizations
- Research
- Need-based
- Athletics

### NOTICE TO STUDENTS BENEFICIARY OF THE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

It is important to declare all scholarships received (donors / granting agencies and others). A total amount of scholarships exceeding \$ 5 000 will have an impact on your financial aid calculation.

### SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS AND AWARDS

- Workshops and information sessions
- Important dates
- Tools you can use to find and apply for scholarships

### GENEROUS DONORS

The [HEC Montréal Foundation](#) enables the School to award hundreds of scholarships annually, thanks to the generosity of thousands of donors.

The school, various granting agencies and other external sources, also offer several scholarships.

### CONTACT US

#### WALK-IN SERVICE

Monday to Friday

10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## Introduction of the Granting Agencies



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## Provincial agencies

- Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC)
- Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologie (FRQNT)
- Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRQS)

## Federal agencies

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

# Introduction of the Granting Agencies

Federal Granting  
Agencies

Provincial Granting  
Agencies

Other

SSHRC

NSERC

CIHR

FRQSC

FRQNT

FRQS

Mitacs

\$17,500 over 3 terms

\$17,500 over 3 terms,  
renewable once

\$15,000  
per  
internship

Selecting the appropriate Federal Granting Agency: [click here!](#)

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# Introduction of the Granting Agencies

## Specializations

## Granting Agencies

- International Business
- Finance
- User Experience in a Business Context
- Global Supply Chain Management
- Applied Financial Economics



**SSHRC / FRQSC**

- Business Analytics
- Financial Engineering



**NSERC / FRQNT**

- Health Care Improvement Project



**CIHR /FRQS**

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# Introduction of the Granting Agencies

The selection of the competition is based on the research project and the mandate of the granting agency

Choose the committee that will evaluate your application (lists [FRQNT/FRQSC](#))

Check your eligibility for targeted scholarships

If in doubt, check with the granting agency

***Apply!***

30 hours of work for \$ 17,500/year! That's great!

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**Scholarship contests for  
supervised project and  
thesis streams**

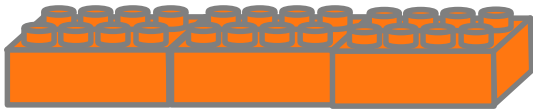


# Overview

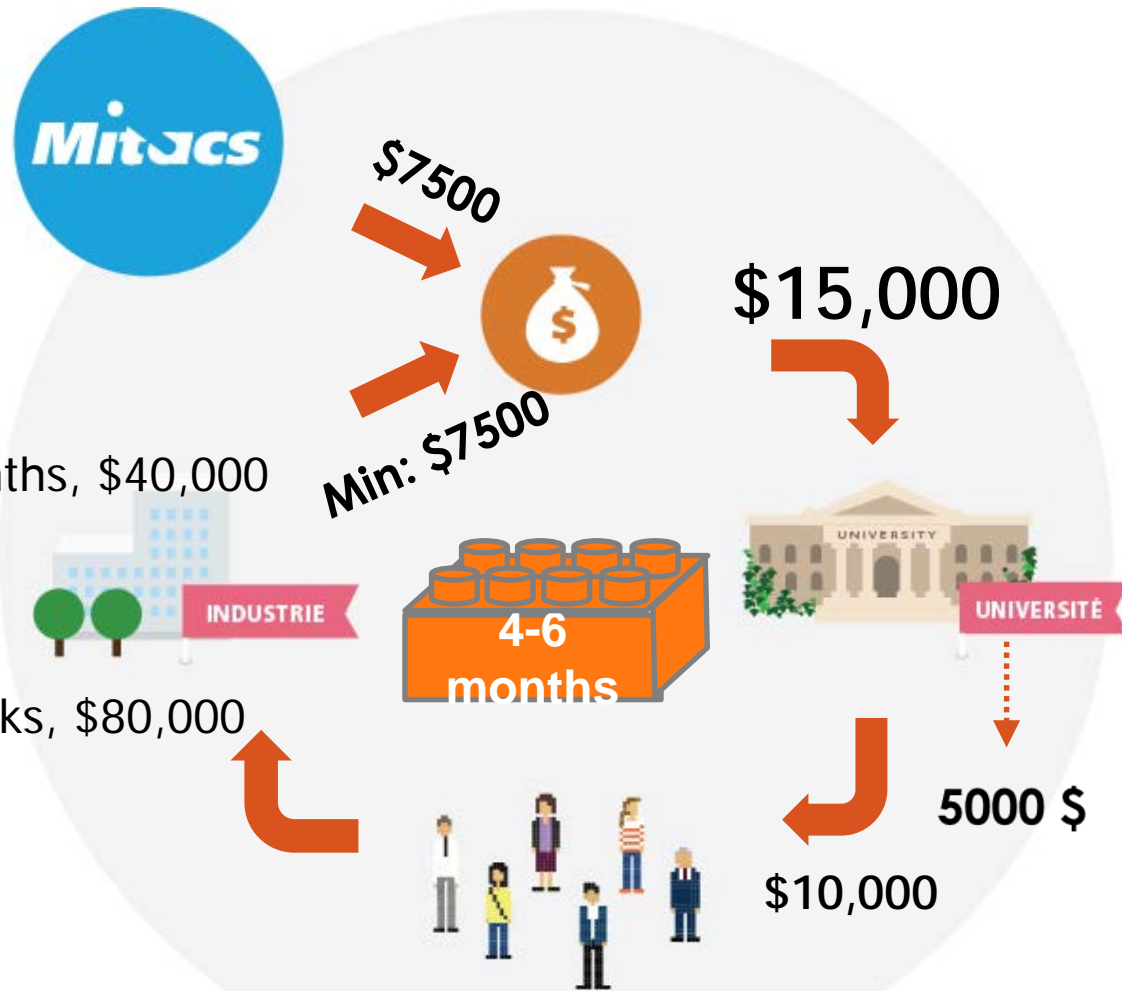
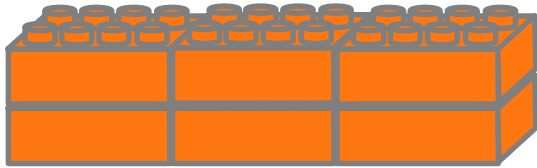
**Mitacs**  
Accelerate

- The student spends about half of his/her time with the partner and the other half with the university
- Grant to the university

Master's programs, up to 18 months, \$40,000



Doctorate and postdoctoral, 6 blocks, \$80,000



# MITACS - Accelerate program

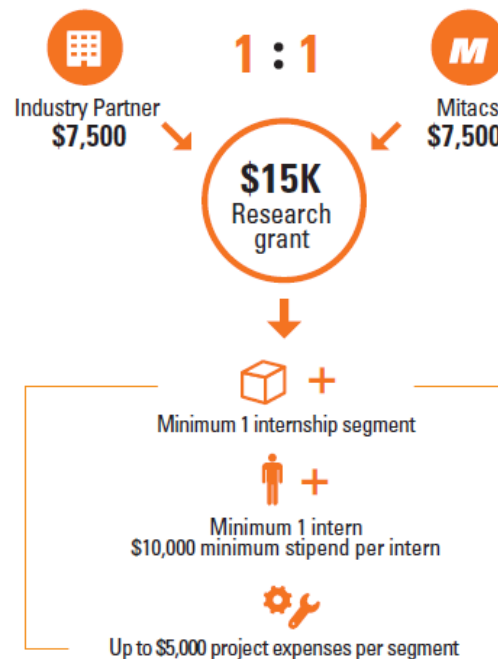
**Jean-Philippe Valois**  
Business Development Director  
[jpvalois@mitacs.ca](mailto:jpvalois@mitacs.ca)

<http://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs>

## Accelerate Standard

### Scalable in 4 month internship segments

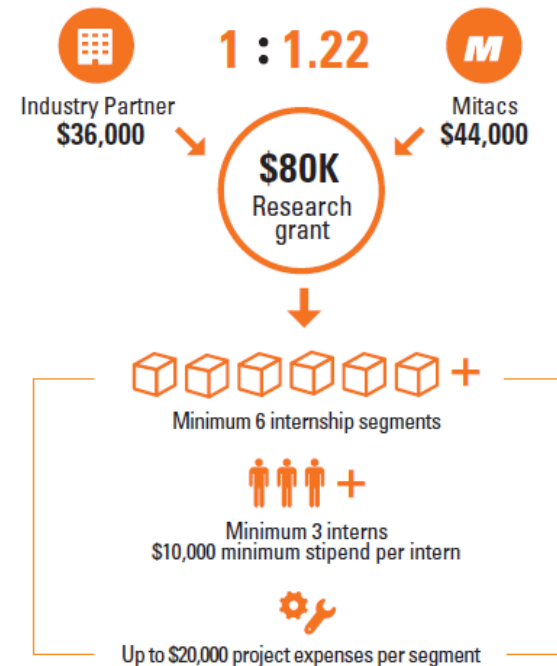
- ✓ Projects can range from a single four-month internship segment to multiple segments combined together to accommodate longer projects
- ✓ Cost-shared with Mitacs matching 1:1 the industry partner contribution



## Accelerate Clusters

### Option for projects with broader scope

- ✓ Intended for longer, multidisciplinary projects involving multiple interns, universities and industry partners
- ✓ Minimum 3 interns and 6 four-month internship segments
- ✓ Cost-shared model with improved leveraging of 1:1.22



# MITACS – International mobility

- Facilitate the networking of researchers, undergraduate students and graduate students
- Two main options:
  - Accelerate International (16-24 weeks, apply any time, \$15 000)
  - Globalink Research Award (3-6 months, project in a university, \$6 000)
- Partner countries: Germany, India, Australia, Brazil, China, Korea, Tunisia, Mexico...



# FRQ complementary programs

- FRQSC – Scholarship for internship in a practice environment (BSMP)
  - \$1 500 / month (2 to 6 months)
  - Deadline: around mid-October and mid-April
- FRQSC – Scholarship for internship outside Québec (BSHQ)
  - Must be granted by FRQ
  - Up to \$10 000
  - Deadline: around mid-October and mid-April
- Relève étoiles Award
  - To recognize the research excellence of a student who has published
  - One award per month, per Agencie (\$1 000)
  - Deadline: to come up

## FRQ complementary programs, *afterpart*

- FRQNT - Bourses pour la francophonie canadienne
  - For students from a other province (*thesis stream*)
  - \$17 500\$, for a max. of 6 terms
  - Deadline: to come up
- Bourse Frontenac
  - One-term stay at a French university (CC and PR)
  - \$6 000
  - Deadline: Spring 2019



# About some other interesting scholarships

## **SUMMER:**

- Arbour Foundation scholarships
- Hydro-Québec Merit-based Scholarships

## **FALL:**

- IVADO (to come)
- François-Albert Angers Scholarship (*research related to the field of cooperatives*)
- International Mobility and Short-stay Outside Quebec Scholarship
- Research Scholarships for Foreign Students (*thesis stream only*)
- Trottier Institute scholarship (*project in the field of energy*)

## **WINTER:**

- Financière Sun Life Scholarship
- Research Scholarships for Foreign Students (*thesis stream only*)
- International Mobility and Short-stay Outside Quebec Scholarship
- Scholarships from Research Centers and Chairs

**At any time:** MSc Academic Project Scholarship

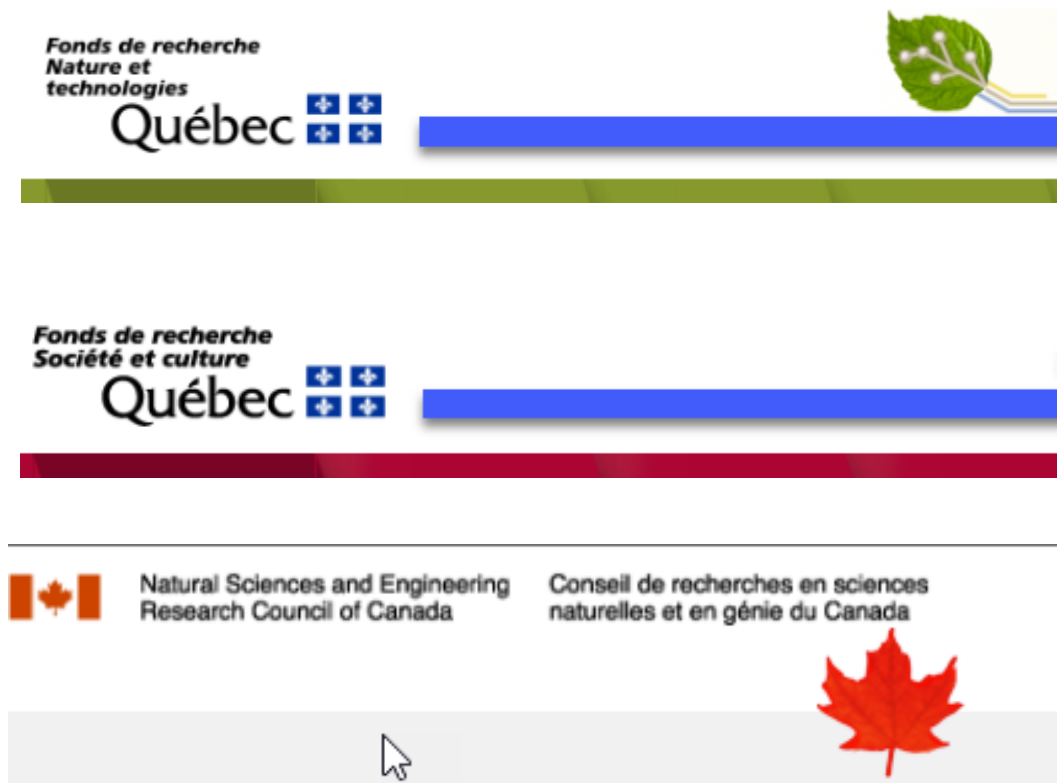
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## Scholarship contests for thesis stream



# Scholarship contests for thesis stream

## Access to the main scholarship contests



# Selection of Competitions - Provincial Programs

| FRQSC  | FRQNT   |
|--|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Master's Research Scholarships (B1)</li> <li>2. Scholarships for re-entering the Research Community (A2M)</li> <li>3. Scholarship for internship in a practice environment (BSMP)</li> <li>4. Scholarship for internship outside Québec</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Master's Research Scholarships (B1X)</li> <li>2. Scholarships for re-entering the Research Community (A2X)</li> <li>3. Thematic scholarships (transport (A4X) / energy (A7X))</li> <li>4. Frontenac Scholarship</li> <li>5. Bourse pour la francophonie canadienne</li> </ol> |
| <p>B1, A2M, A4X, A7X and francophonie : \$17,500 renewable once, max. 6 terms<br/> BSMP \$1,500/month (2-6 months) / Frontenac 6 000\$<br/> BSHQ max. \$10,000 (2-6 months) / IIP \$15,000 for fellows only</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Social Sciences</b><br/> <b>Qualitative research</b></p>   | <p><b>Natural sciences and engineering /</b><br/> <b>Quantitative</b></p>   |
| <p><b>To come up</b><br/> <b>Fall 2018</b></p>   | <p><b>To come up</b><br/> <b>Fall 2018</b></p>  |

# Selection of competitions - Federal programs

| SSHRC   | NSERC   |
|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Canada Graduate Scholarships - Master's Program (CGS M)</li><li>2. Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements Program</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Canada Graduate Scholarships - Master's Program (CGS M)</li><li>2. Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements Program</li></ol> |
| 9 x \$17 500 \$ for one year<br>Supplements max. \$6 000  | 2 x \$17 500 \$ for one year<br>Supplements max. \$6 000  |
| <b>Social Sciences and Humanities<br/>Qualitative Research</b>  | <b>Natural Sciences and Engineering<br/>Quantitative Research</b>   |
| <b>December 1<sup>st</sup> (8:00 p.m.)</b>  | <b>December 1<sup>st</sup> (8:00 p.m.)</b>  |

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## Eligibility Rules



# Eligibility Period

**When should I make my application?**

1. In the last year of your BBA
2. In the first year of your MSc



# Eligibility Rules



- You are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident on the closing date of the federal competitions.
- You have lived consecutively for 6 months or more in QC on the closing date of the competitions for provincial competitions (CC, PR and EI).
- You will do a research master program (thesis stream).
- Not already possessing a master's grant. *(Exception: the FRQSC allows students with an SSHRC scholarship to apply.)*
- You have excellent grades...



# Eligibility Rules



## Minimum requirements

### FRQNT

Minimum GPA BBA grades  
is 3.55/4.3 or 3.55/4  
or equivalent

### FRQSC

Minimum GPA BBA grades  
is  
A-  
3.7/4.3 or 3,7/4 or equivalent

### NSERC

Average "first class" for each  
of the last two years of study  
(minimum 3.7/4.3 or 3.5/4)

### SSHRC

Average "first class" for each  
of the last two years of study  
(minimum 3.7/4.3 or 3.5/4)

NB: Equivalence tables available on the FRQSC and FRQNT websites

# Eligibility Rules (extra)

## Some specific eligibility rules

### **FRQNT**

- Must have lived in Québec for at least six consecutive months before the competition closing date
- Have completed a maximum of 5 terms or less (full-time) on May 1, 2019

### **FRQSC**

- Must have lived in Québec for at least six consecutive months before the competition closing date
- Have completed a maximum of 5 terms or less (full-time) on May 1, 2019

### **NSERC**

- Not have previously held a CGS M
- Have completed up to 12 months full-time on December 31, 2018

### **SSHRC**

- Not have previously held a CGS M
- Have completed up to 12 months full-time on December 31, 2018

# Eligibility Rules (extra)

## Scholarships for re-entering the Research community (A2M)

- have completed a 1st or 2nd cycle
- not having obtained credits for 5 years at the closing date of the competition

## Thematic scholarships from FRQNT

- Transport (A4X)
- Energy (A7X)
- Have a research project that fits into the strategic orientations associated with the chosen program



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## Evaluation Criteria



# Evaluation Criteria - FRQSC

## EXPERTISE

**60 points**

**Quality of academic record and recognition**

**40 points**

Academic standing (30 points)

Scholarships, awards and distinctions (10 points)

**Relevant experience (in an academic or non-academic setting)**

**20 points**

**Letters of recommendation**

## RESEARCH PROJECT

**40 points**

**Originality of the proposed research problem in relation to current knowledge**

**20 points**

**Relevance of the theoretical and methodological approach**

**20 points**

**Bibliography**

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# Evaluation criteria - FRQNT

## Excellence of university records

60 points

- Cumulative average obtained
- Progression of studies
- Duration of studies
- Prizes and distinctions

## Aptitude for research and relevant research experience, where applicable

30 points

- Reason for the application and research interests
- Candidate's experience and achievements

## Social implication, leadership and communication skills

10 points

- Leadership skills
- Organization of conferences, meetings
- Nominations
- Volunteering, mentoring
- Experience as a supervisor
- Project management
- Committee chairmanship
- Ability to clearly and logically communicate scientific concepts
- General presentation of the application

**TOTAL**

**100 points**

# Evaluation Criteria - CGS M (SSHRC / NSERC)

| Criteria   | Description  | Weight |
|--|--|--------|
| <b>Academic Excellence</b>                               | <p>Indicators of Academic Excellence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic record (first-class average)</li> <li>Scholarships and awards held</li> <li>Duration of previous studies</li> <li>Type of program and courses pursued</li> <li>Course load</li> <li>Relative standing (if available)</li> </ul>  | 50%    |
| <b>Research Potential</b>                                | <p>Indicators of Research Potential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality and originality of contributions to research and development</li> <li>Relevance of work experience and academic training to field of proposed research</li> <li>Significance, feasibility and merit of proposed research</li> <li>Judgment and ability to think critically</li> <li>Ability to apply skills and knowledge</li> <li>Initiative and autonomy</li> <li>Research experience and achievements relative to expectations of someone with the candidate's academic experience</li> </ul> | 30%    |
| <b>Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills</b> | <p>Indicators of Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work experience</li> <li>Leadership experience</li> <li>Project management including organizing conferences and meetings</li> <li>Ability or potential to communicate theoretical, technical and/or scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats</li> <li>Involvement in academic life</li> <li>Volunteerism/community outreach</li> </ul>   | 20%    |

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## Building up Your Application





# Building up Your Application

1. Choose the right agencies: ([science.gc.ca](http://science.gc.ca))
2. Prepare your application:
  1. **Research project** (2 pages FRQSC / 1 page SSHRC - NSERC)
  2. **Justification of your choice of the research environment** (approximately ½ to 1 page)
  3. Letters of recommendation (2) (NOT for the FRQNT)
  4. Official transcripts + grading system
  5. **Canadian common CV**
3. Online form:
  - [FRQnet](#) for FRQS/FRQNT applications
  - [Research Portal](#) for SSHRC and NSERC
4. Submit at the latest:
  - FRQNT: **October 2018 at 4 p.m.**
  - FRQSC: **October 2018 at 4 p.m.**
  - SSHRC and NSERC: **December 1, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.**



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# Research Project



**Target: To demonstrate your research potential**

- FRQSC: proposal (1 page) + contributions (1 page) + bibliography (1 page) + experiences and achievements (3 pages)
- FRQNT: experiences and achievements (3 pages) + justification of the application (1 page)
- SSHRC and NSERC: project (1 page) + bibliography (1 page)




- It's not need to be the final project
- Your teachers should help you ([specialization academic advisors](#))
- Examples of research projects available at P3 Library reserve and on the [scholarships webpage](#), section "Tools".

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# Recommendation letters

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| How many? | <b>2 per competition (except for the FRQNT)</b>                        |
| Who?      | <b>Career professors WHO KNOW YOU</b>                                  |
| How?      | <b>Electronic form</b>   |
| Why?      | <b>Demonstrate your potential for research and academic excellence</b> |

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- Approach your respondents quickly
  - Explain the purpose of the letter of recommendation
  - Follow up closely
  - Be available to help them submit their letter
  - Give them the evaluation criteria, give them your C.V. and a summary of your project

# 10 Winning Recommendations\*

1. BEFORE starting to write your application, read ALL the documentation concerning the selected program (web description, evaluation criteria, application form, tutorials, etc.).
2. Start preparing your application AS SOON AS the forms become available online.
3. Make sure you have the cooperation of your supervisor all along the various stages of your preparation - have her/him to read your application.
4. Use the space allotted cleverly in order to make the reading easy for evaluators and jury members, pay special attention to the text structure and clarity, the quality of language and make sure you follow all guidelines neatly).
5. List clearly all awards, grants and distinctions earned during your previous degrees back to your bachelor's **HEC MONTRÉAL** degree.

# 10 Winning Recommendations\*

6. List in clear order all the information relative to your publications and their status (conference papers, posters, refereed, non-refereed, accepted, in press, published, place of publication, etc.)
7. Describe clearly and concisely your participation in research projects and training stages.
8. Present an original, clear and concise research project with well-balanced sections (problematic and hypothesis, objectives, methodologies and relevant analysis, contribution to the advancement of knowledge) and explain the acronyms you are using.
9. Provide an explanation of the notation system in case your previous training was done outside of Canada.
10. Say very clearly and explicitly any relevant information to the eligibility and evaluation of the application (illness, parental leave, part-time studies, and work, etc.)

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## Evaluation Process



# Evaluation Process



**October**  
Deadline  
FRQSC /  
FRQNT

**October to  
December**  
Validation of  
the eligibility

**December  
to March**  
evaluation

**April**  
Scholarship  
offers

**May 1<sup>st</sup>, Sept.  
1<sup>st</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup>,**  
Activation in the  
chosen institution

**December**  
Deadline  
SSHRC /  
NSERC

**December to  
March**  
Selection by  
institutions

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Scholarship  
offers by the  
institutions

**May 1<sup>st</sup>, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>,  
January 1<sup>st</sup>,**  
Activation in the  
chosen institution



Do not forget to apply for an admission in a master's program !!

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## Rules for the Use of Scholarships





# Activation of Scholarships

| Summer 2018 | Fall 2018 | Winter 2019 | Summer 2019 | Fall 2019 | Winter 2020 |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| SSHRC       | SSHRC     | SSHRC       |             |           |             |
|             | SSHRC     | SSHRC       | SSHRC       |           |             |
|             |           | SSHRC       | SSHRC       | SSHRC     |             |

| Fall 2017          | Winter 2018 | Summer 2018   | Fall 2018     | Winter 2019   | Summer 2019   | Fall 2019     | Winter 2020   | Summer 2020   |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| First registration | NA          | Term #3<br>\$ | Term #4<br>\$ | Term #5<br>\$ | Term #6<br>\$ | NA            | NA            | NA            |
| NA                 | NA          | NA            | Term #1<br>\$ | Term #2<br>\$ | Term #3<br>\$ | Term #4<br>\$ | Term #5<br>\$ | Term #6<br>\$ |

# Concurrent Funding



- It's possible to get a scholarship from a private organization + a scholarship from a university
- FRQSC/FRQNT: Cumulation prohibited with a scholarship from another Québec organization; partial cumulation permitted with a scholarship from a federal agency
- SSHRC/NSERC: Cumulation prohibited with a scholarship from another federal agency; partial cumulation permitted with a scholarship from a Québec organization

| Fall 2017 | Winter 2018 | Summer 2018 | Fall 2018 | Winter 2019 | Summer 2019 |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| #1        | #2          | #3          | #4        | #5          | #6          |
| NA        | NA          | SSHRC       | SSHRC     | SSHRC       | FRQSC       |

# Rules for the Use of Scholarships



|       | International student or from another province (+ 6 months QC) | Canadian citizen domiciled in QC | Permanent resident domiciled in QC |
|-------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FRQSC | Québec Universities  | Canadian University or Abroad    | Canadian University or Abroad      |
| FRQNT | Québec Universities  | Canadian University or Abroad    | Canadian University or Abroad      |
| SSHRC | NA   | Only at the university accepted  |                                    |
| NSERC | NA   | Only at the university accepted  |                                    |

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**Conclusion...**



# Support to Complete your Application

## Services and tools offered by HEC Montréal



- 1. Information Sessions**  
(Granting Agencies, NSERC-Poly, Student Services)
- 2. Workshop: *Successful scholarship application secrets***  
(September 11 in French / September 14 in English)
- 3. HEC Montréal Scholarship Directory**
- 4. Application Guide / CV Guide** available on the [Scholarships webpage, section “Tools”](#)
- 5. Collection P3** (available at the front desk of the library and on the Scholarships webpage)
- 6. Proofreading by your professor**, colleagues, friends, etc.
- 7. Pairing with a tutor** for one proofreading if necessary **HEC MONTRÉAL**
- 8. Various issues:** contact the scholarship analyst

# Useful Web Links

SSHRC-NSERC :

- [Instructions for Completing an Application](#)
- [Instruction for Completing a Canadian Common CV](#)
- [Resource Videos](#) (CRSNGTube)
- [Programme BESC M](#)

FRQSC :

- [Instructions and Guides](#)
- [Video Tutorials - Creation of an Account](#)
- [Programs](#)

FRQNT:

- [Instructions and Guides](#)
- [Video Tutorials - Creation of an Account](#)
- [Programs](#)


# Conclusion

## ***What to do now?***

- Determine to which organizations you want to apply
- Consult the websites of these organizations, discuss your research with your teachers, consult applications that have already been granted, prepare your research topic and bibliography
- Find your respondents

***Any questions?*** Contact the granting agencies

or me:  [analyste.bourses@hec.ca](mailto:analyste.bourses@hec.ca)

 514 340-1296

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# Success rate ...

- Chances of winning the Lotto 6/49 =  $1/13,983,816$

0%



- Opportunities to earn SSHRC scholarships at HEC Montréal =  $1/3$  to  $1/2$

50%



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**THANK YOU  
AND GOOD  
LUCK!**

