

# HEC MONTRÉAL

## Research Scholarship Programs – Master 2018-2019

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# Agenda

1. Different types of scholarships available at HEC Montréal
2. Why should you apply to scholarship contests?
3. Presentation of the main granting agencies contests
  - Selection of granting agencies and competitions
  - Eligibility rules
  - Evaluation criteria
  - Building up your application
  - Evaluation process
  - Rules for the use of scholarships
4. Other competitions
5. Conclusion

# Scholarships Categories



Athletic  
scholarships



International  
scholarships



Admission  
scholarships



Entrepreneurship  
scholarships



Merit-based  
scholarships



Momentum  
scholarships



Leadership and  
involvement  
scholarships



Need-based  
bursaries



Student research  
scholarships



Encouragement  
bursaries

# Why Applying for Research Scholarships?

1. Excellent source of income
2. Helps to structure your research project
3. Provides a first step in the search for funding  
- an important aspect in research
4. Important recognition - significant addition to curriculum vitae
5. Important asset to apply for future scholarships

# Access to Offers

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## M.Sc.

Formal description, calendars and regulations

Newly Admitted

Program Structure

Registration

Thesis

Supervised project

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Tuition Fees

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Scholarships

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Grades

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From M.Sc. to Ph.D.

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## Scholarships

Every year, HEC Montréal awards more than 6 million in scholarships and other forms of awards to M.Sc. students. What a great way to finance your studies! When combined with other sources of funding, such as from the Government of Quebec (RAAs and TAs), a scholarship program, and research awards, you can fulfill your dream of earning your degree free.

FRQSC /  
FRQNT and  
SSHRC /  
NSERC

FRQSC /  
FRQNT

The following scholarships are open to M.Sc. students at HEC Montréal:

Canadian citizens  
Residents

International students



Refer to the [Scholarship Directory](#) for information on applying and on the scholarships available each term.



View the Scholarship Workshop slideshow [Presentation](#) (In French)



Have a look at the [Scholarship Calendar - Winter 2017](#)

### 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.

[http://www.hec.ca/en/current\\_student/my\\_program/msc/scholarships/index.html](http://www.hec.ca/en/current_student/my_program/msc/scholarships/index.html)

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## Selection of Granting Agencies and Competitions



# Selection of Granting Agencies

## List of the main government agencies

### 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)

Website:

[http://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h\\_FEE7261A.html](http://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_FEE7261A.html)

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# Selection of 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



# Selection of Granting Agencies

## Specializations

## Granting Agencies

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|---|--|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Business</li> <li>• Commerce électronique</li> <li>• Économie appliquée</li> <li>• Économie financière appliquée</li> <li>• Finance</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRH</li> <li>• Développement organisationnelle</li> <li>• Gestions en contexte d'innovations sociales</li> <li>• Management</li> <li>• Stratégie</li> <li>• Comptabilité professionnelle</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contrôle de gestion</li> <li>• Entrepreneuriat - intrapreneuriat - innovation</li> <li>• Logistique internationale</li> <li>• Global Supply Chain Management</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expérience utilisateur</li> <li>• Marketing</li> <li>• Intelligence d'affaires</li> <li>• Analytique d'affaires</li> <li>• Analyse d'affaires - T.I.</li> </ul> |
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**SSHRC /  
FRQSC**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analytique d'affaires</li> <li>• Ingénierie financière</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intelligence d'affaires</li> </ul> |
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**NSERC / FRQNT**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Care Improvement Project</li> </ul> |
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**CIHR /FRQS**

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# Selection of 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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# Selection of Competitions - Provincial Programs

## FRQSC

Master's Research Scholarships (B1)  
 Scholarships for re-entering the Research Community (A2M)  
 Scholarship for internship in a practice environment (BSMP) \$1,500/month (2-6 months)  
 Scholarship for internship outside Québec (BSHQ) \$10,000 max.

## FRQNT

Master's Research Scholarships (B1X)  
 Scholarships for re-entering the Research Community (A2X)  
 Thematic scholarships (transport (A4X) / energy (A7X))  
 International internship program (IIP)

B1, A2M, A4X et A7X : \$17,500 renewable once, max. 6 terms  
 BSMP \$1,500/month (2-6 months)  
 BSHQ max. \$10,000 (2-6 months) / IIP \$15,000 for fellows only

## Social Sciences

## Natural sciences and engineering

## Qualitative Research

## Quantitative Research

October 11, 2017 B1 et A2M  
 November 15, 2017 BSMP and BSHQ

October 4, 2017  
 March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 (IIP)

# Selection of competitions - Federal programs

## CRSH

## CRSNG

Canada Graduate Scholarships - Master's Program (CGS M)  
Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements Program

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Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements Program

10 x \$17 500 \$ for one year  
Supplements max. \$6 000

2 x \$17 500 \$ for one year  
Supplements max. \$6 000

**Social Sciences and Humanities**

**Natural Sciences and Engineering**

**Qualitative Research**

**Quantitative Research**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> (8:00 p.m.)**

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# HEC MONTRÉAL

## 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, 2018

### **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, 2018

### **NSERC**

- Not have previously held a CGS M
- Have completed up to 12 months full-time on December 31, 2017

### **SSHRC**

- Not have previously held a CGS M
- Have completed up to 12 months full-time on December 31, 2017

# 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**

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**Quality of academic record and recognition** 40 points

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Academic standing (30 points)

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Scholarships, awards and distinctions (10 points)

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**Relevant experience (in an academic or non-academic setting)** 20 points

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**Letters of recommendation**

## **RESEARCH PROJECT** **40 points**

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**Originality of the proposed research problem in relation to current knowledge** 20 points

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**Relevance of the theoretical and methodological approach** 20 points

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**Bibliography**

# 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: SSHRC and FRQSC OR NSERC and FRQNT ([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 4, 2017 at 4 p.m.**
  - FRQSC: **October 11, 2017 at 4 p.m.**
  - SSHRC and NSERC: **December 1, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.**





# Research Project



**Target: To demonstrate your research potential**


- FRQSC: project (1 to 2 pages) + 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)



- Is not the final draft
- Your teachers can help you ([specialization academic advisors](#))
- Examples of research projects available at P3 Library reserve and [webpage of the MSc](#)

# 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 degree.
6. List in clear order all the information relative to your publications and their status (conference papers, posters, refereed, **HEC MONTRÉAL** non-refereed, accepted, in press, published, place of publication, etc.)

# 10 Winning Recommendations\*

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.)

\* **Pierrette Gaudreau, conseillère scientifique du FRSQ, 2014 presentation**

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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 \$	Term #4 \$	Term #5 \$	Term #6 \$	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	Term #1 \$	Term #2 \$	Term #3 \$	Term #4 \$	Term #5 \$	Term #6 \$



# 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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## Other Competitions



# MITACS - Accelerate program

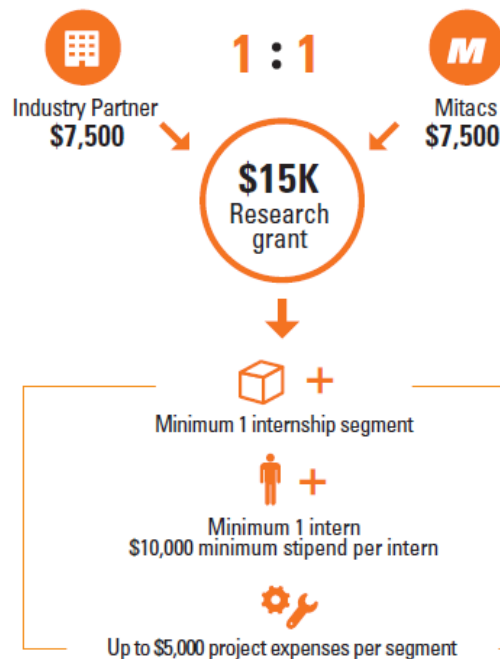
**Pierre Des Lierres**  
Business Development Director  
[pdeslierres@mitacs.ca](mailto:pdeslierres@mitacs.ca)

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

## Accelerate Standard

### Scalable in 4 month internship segments

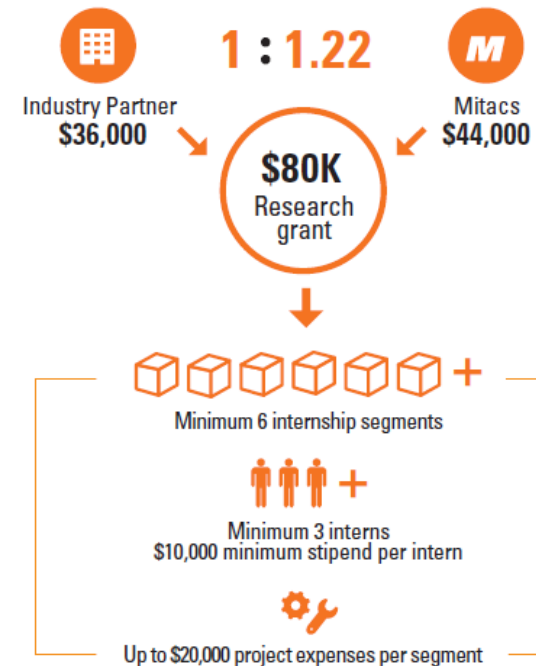
- ✓ Projects can range from a single four-month internship segment to multiple segments combined together to accommodate longer projects
- ✓ Cost-shared with Mitacs matching 1:1 the industry partner contribution



## Accelerate Clusters

### Option for projects with broader scope

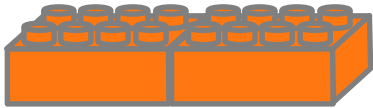
- ✓ Intended for longer, multidisciplinary projects involving multiple interns, universities and industry partners
- ✓ Minimum 3 interns and 6 four-month internship segments
- ✓ Cost-shared model with improved leveraging of 1:1.22



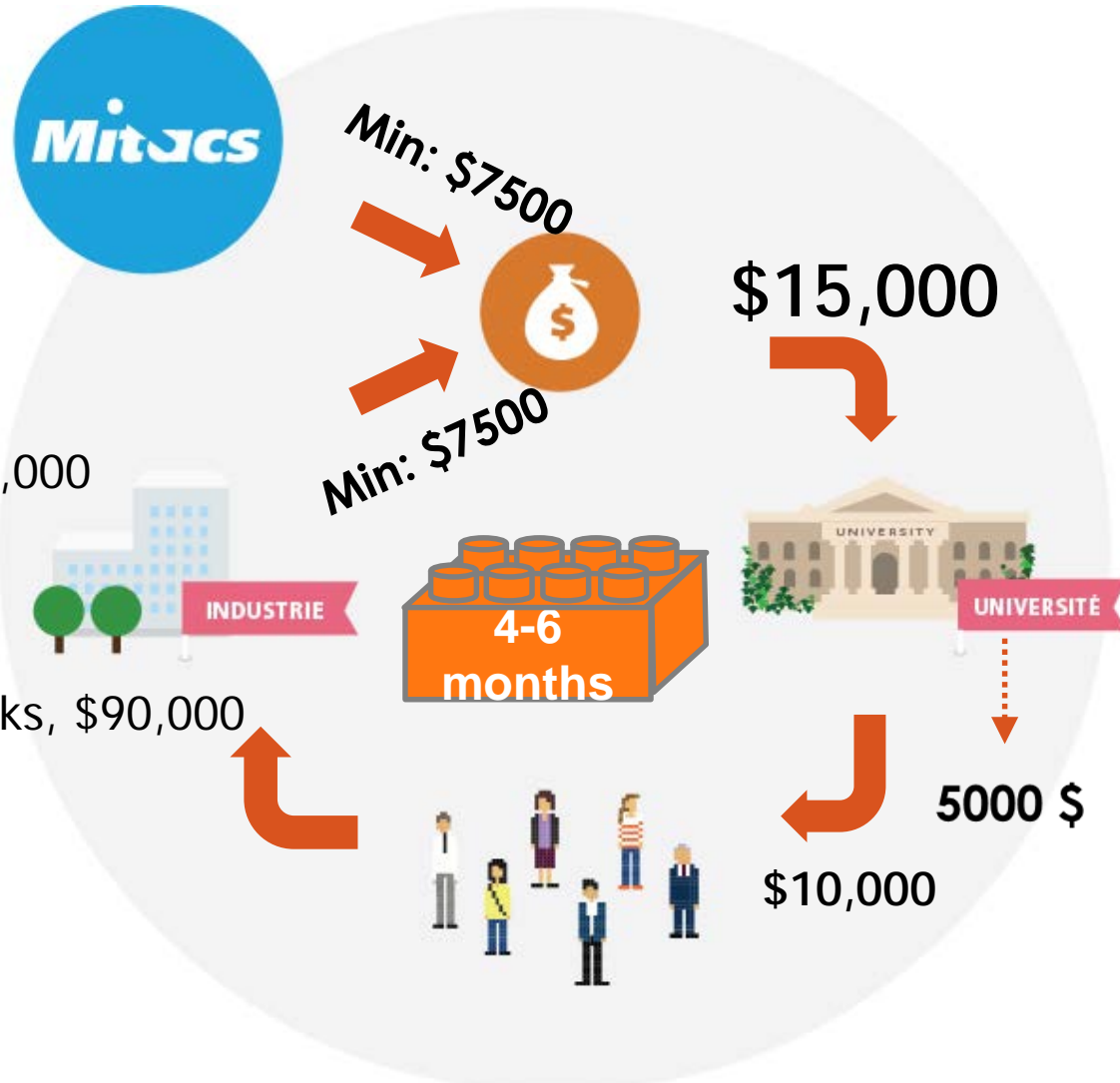
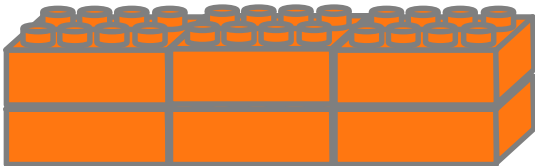
# Overview

- 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, 2 blocks, \$30,000



Doctorate and postdoctoral, 6 blocks, \$90,000



# About the Scholarship Directory

## **FALL:**

- IVADO (to come)
- Scholarships from Research Centers and Chairs
- François-Albert Angers Scholarship
- MSc Academic Project Scholarship
- Research Scholarships for Foreign Students
- Mitacs Accelerate
- Mitacs Globalink

## **WINTER:**

- Bourse Financière Sun Life
- Bourses de recherche pour étudiants étrangers
- Scholarships from Research Centers and Chairs
- Mitacs Accelerate
- Mitacs Globalink

# HEC MONTRÉAL

**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 13 in French / September 15 in English)
- 3. HEC Montréal Scholarship Directory**
- 4. Application Guide / CV Guide** available on the Master's Program webpage, Scholarships section
- 5. Collection P3** (available at the front desk of the library and on the MSc webpage)
- 6. Proofreading by your professor**, colleagues, friends
- 7. Pairing with a tutor** for one proofreading if necessary **HEC MONTRÉAL**
- 8. Various issues:** 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 submitted (library), 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

# 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%



**THANK YOU  
AND GOOD  
LUCK!**

