Preparing to apply for research awards/scholarships:
Information for incoming University of Toronto graduate students

Many graduate students apply for research scholarships and awards in their first few weeks/months in graduate school. The material below will help you familiarize yourself with scholarship-writing opportunities, the awards students usually apply for in our graduate unit, and the supports available through the U of T's School of Graduate Studies.

In the **Department of Public Health Sciences**, PhD students in the funded cohort are required to apply to awards for which they are eligible. Most PHS students apply to CIHR or SSHRC. Please visit the SGS website and the links below for more information and to help determine which agency is most appropriate for you.

Tri-agency funding programs: The federal government runs annual competitions for graduate scholarships through the following three agencies:

> **SSHRC:** The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
> **NSERC:** The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
> **CIHR:** The Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Graduate unit **deadlines to apply for Tri-agency funding are usually in mid-late September (for doctoral scholarships) and on December 1 (for Master's scholarships),** so we are providing the information below to help you learn how to get started early on preparing a scholarship application.

Training in Writing Research Proposals:
The School of Graduate Studies' Graduate Centre for Academic Communication (GCAC) offers free 6-hour courses for U of T graduate students on Writing SSHRC Proposals, Writing NSERC Proposals, and Writing CIHR Proposals. These courses are offered twice a year (May/June and August), and in addition to class time, they include tutorials and chances to submit your draft proposal for written and oral feedback. As an incoming U of T graduate student, you are eligible to register for one of these courses in May/June or in August. Dates for the August courses will be posted on the GCAC website in June. Registration for the May/June online courses listed below is now open. You should register only for the course focused on the award for which you will be applying in Fall, 2025.

Writing SSHRC Proposals	Writing NSERC Proposals	Writing CIHR Proposals
May 26 – Jun 9 inclusive Mondays 2pm – 4pm	Jun 2 – Jun 16 inclusive Mondays 2pm – 4pm	Jun 4 – Jun 18 inclusive Wednesdays 5pm – 7pm

Click here to register: https://folio.utoronto.ca/students/Workflows/Detail/129