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## CANSSI QUEBEC RECRUITMENT SCHOLARSHIP (CQRS) INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

### Overview

The CANSSI Quebec Recruitment Scholarship (CQRS) is a competitive program that aims to attract talented individuals to pursue doctoral studies in statistical sciences at a CANSSI member university within the province of Quebec.

The CQRS provides a recruitment scholarship to supplement the standard funding resources provided by a recipient's supervisor and home university.

Generally, the scholarship provides \$7,000 per year for the first two years of a doctoral program, subject to the conditions and exceptions described in this document.

### Application Ingredients for Candidates

Applications for the CQRS scholarship should be made using the [CQRS Online Application Form](#). You will be asked to provide the following information:

- Information about your current academic status, university, degree program, and address
- Planned starting term for your PhD studies
- Curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages)
- List of 1–3 potential supervisors from the [registered list of CQRS supervisors](#). If you are interested in working with another professor who does not appear on the list, you may contact them to ask them to fill out the [CQRS Supervisor Application Form](#) and include their name in your application as a potential supervisor
- Statement of interest for each selected supervisor (3 x 150 words)

- Statement of your research, industry, and independent study experience (400 words)
- Statement of your research interests (200 words)
- Statement agreeing to fulfill all [CANSSI EDI](#) requirements
- Unofficial transcripts
- Names and contact details of two references who will submit letters of reference on your behalf

### **Post award**

- CQRS scholarship recipients must be admitted as a full-time student in a doctoral program at a CANSSI member university in the province of Quebec under the supervision of a faculty member registered with the CSQR program at the time of the award and must accept admission to the indicated program.
- The supervisor of a CQRS scholarship recipient must confirm eligibility to receive the scholarship after the student has accepted admission and again when the recipient has enrolled in the program.

### **Eligibility and Requirements for Recipients**

Students receiving CQRS scholarships must fulfill all CANSSI requirements and expectations during the period in which the scholarship is received.

- To receive funding, a CQRS scholarship recipient must maintain enrollment as a full-time student in a doctoral program at a CANSSI member university in the province of Quebec under the supervision of a faculty member registered with the CQRS program. Retention of the scholarship after proposed changes to the supervisor, program, and/or institution requires prior approval of CANSSI.
- Receiving the second year of scholarship support requires confirmation that a scholarship recipient has maintained satisfactory academic standing, has abided by the rules and regulations of the doctoral program in which they are enrolled, and has made reasonable progress towards completing their program of study during their first year.

- A scholarship recipient must take part in [CANSSI EDI](#), including participation in at least one CANSSI EDI event or education course per year that the scholarship is received.
- CQRS funding must normally be completed by the end of the second year in the PhD program. Scholarship funding including all deferments must be completed by the end of the fourth year in the PhD program. Unused amounts revert to CANSSI.
- The support of CANSSI and NSERC must be acknowledged in all posters, presentations and publicity material related to activity supported by the scholarship.

## **Financial Operation**

CANSSI handles the financial operation of CQRS.

- The CQRS Scholarship is considered to be a scholarship provided to support the recipient in their PhD studies.
- A scholarship disbursement schedule submitted by the supervisor of a CQRS recipient must be approved by CANSSI prior to the start of the scholarship. Proposed alterations to an approved scholarship disbursement schedule must receive prior approval of CANSSI.
- The CQRS Scholarship must be a supplemental amount above the standard support stated by the supervisor and home department in the supervisor registration at the time of the award of the CQRS Scholarship.
- Upon receipt of verification of eligibility, scholarships are disbursed by direct payment from CANSSI to the home department of the recipient for disbursement to the student. All disbursements must adhere to NSERC requirements.
- CANSSI support is contingent on Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) funding.

## **Deferment of CQRS scholarship in cases of multiple scholarships**

If a CQRS scholarship recipient receives a cumulative amount of scholarship support from all sources exceeding \$10,000 per year above the standard support level

specified by the supervisor, the portion of the CQRS scholarship equal to the excess above \$10,000, up to the maximum of \$7,000, will be deferred to subsequent years.

## **Contacts**

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Questions about CANSSI requirements and requests for assistance and changes should be directed to CANSSI Scientific Program Coordinator Louisa Benhamida ([louisa\\_benhamida@sfu.ca](mailto:louisa_benhamida@sfu.ca)).

Questions about financial matters should be directed to CANSSI Financial Officer Lori Kroeker ([canssi\\_finance@sfu.ca](mailto:canssi_finance@sfu.ca)).