

Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute Institut canadien des sciences statistiques

> Simon Fraser University 8888 University Drive Burnaby BC Canada V5A 1S6

> > canssi.ca | incass.ca

Updated October 27, 2025

# CANSSI QUEBEC RECRUITMENT SCHOLARSHIP (CQRS) INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

### Overview

The CANSSI Quebec Recruitment Scholarship (CQRS) is a competitive program that aims to attract promising individuals to doctoral studies in statistical sciences at a <u>CANSSI member university</u> within the province of Quebec. The CQRS provides a recruitment scholarship of \$7,000 per year for the first two years of a doctoral program.

## **Eligibility and Requirements for CQRS Scholarship Recipients**

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. The second year of support requires maintaining academic status and making reasonable progress towards completing a degree. Other requirements and conditions are described in the full program documentation.

# **Application Process for Students**

- Student candidates are invited to complete the CQRS online application form (see the CQRS web page) by the stated deadline to be eligible for an 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
  as described in the previous section and must accept admission to the
  indicated program.

# **Application Ingredients for Students**

Applications for the CQRS scholarship should be made using the CQRS online application form (see the CQRS web page). You will be asked to provide the following information:

- Your contact information and current academic status
- 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 (see the CQRS web page). 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 (see the CQRS web page) and include their name in your application as a potential supervisor
- Statement of interest for each selected supervisor (3 x 150 words)
- A description of your research, industry, and independent study experience (400 words)
- A description of your research interests (200 words)
- Statement agreeing to fulfill all <u>CANSSI EDI</u> 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 CQRS 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.

# Deferment of CQRS scholarship in cases of multiple scholarships

A CQRS scholarship may be (partially) deferred when a student receives multiple scholarships.

## **Contacts**

The Program Director for the CQRS program is Mélina Mailhot (<a href="melina.mailhot@concordia.ca">melina.mailhot@concordia.ca</a>), Regional Director of CANSSI Quebec and Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Concordia University.

Questions about CANSSI requirements and requests for assistance should be directed to CANSSI Scientific Program Coordinator Louisa Benhamida (louisa benhamida@sfu.ca).

The CANSSI Director is Donald Estep (destep@sfu.ca).