


# WELCOME

Graduate Studies Funding  
Workshop  
2013



# Funding Your Graduate Program

- Internal funding
- Provincial Funding
- Federal Funding
- OSAP and other sources



# Internal Funding

- Nipissing University Graduate Scholarships (NUGS)
- Nipissing University Research Fellowships (NURF)
- Graduate Assistantships (TA/RA)



# Provincial Funding

## Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

- Value: \$15,000.00 for 3 terms (or \$5000.00 per term with a min of 2 terms)
- Applications acquired by intended institution
- Deadline: January 15 2013 (Nipissing)



# Federal Funding

## NEW! Harmonized Canada Graduate Scholarship Masters (CGS-M)

- Value: \$17,500 for 12 months
- Single online application on Research Portal
- Deadline will vary by institution



# CGS-M Applicant Eligibility

- Canadian Citizen or permanent resident
- Enrolled or intend to apply for admissions to an **eligible graduate program**
- Have completed between 0 and 12 months of full-time graduate studies as of December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Have a “first class” average in the last 2 years of study
- Not have previously held a CGS-M



# CGS-M Program Eligibility

Must have significant research component:

*“A significant research component is considered to be original, autonomous research that leads to the completion of a thesis, major research paper, performance, recital and or exhibit that this merit or expert reviewed at the institutional level as a requirement for completion of the program”*



# CGS M Deadlines

- Application Deadline: December 1<sup>st</sup> 2013
- Results Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013
- Acceptance & Declines to offers: 3 weeks after offer is made



# Critical Steps in Scholarship Applications

- Transcripts
- Reference letters
- Research Proposals

# Transcripts

- OGS applications
  - New students, transcripts included in admission application.
  - Current graduate students will be required to provide transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
- CGSM
  - Required to upload all post secondary transcripts to their Research Portal application



# Reference Letters

- Contact potential referees ahead of time
- Ask if they have the time and ability to provide you with a positive reference letter
- Provide them with all the information they will need



# Research Proposals

- Objectives
  - What are you going to do?
- Methodology
  - How are you going to research your objectives?
- Contributions
  - Why is the research worth pursuing? What are the benefits to Canada?



# OSAP and Private Funds

- Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is issued based on financial need.
  - OSAP is a joint venture of both the federal and provincial government. OSAP provides financial assistance for educational costs and basic living expenses.
  - How to Apply: Application Online
- Private funds may be secured through employment, family donations etc.



# Reference Links

## Nipissing University School of Graduate Studies:

- Funding information and deadlines
- Events
- Deadlines



# Reference Links

## Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)

- [Nipissing University's OGS award information](#)
- [Application for new students](#) applying to Nipissing
- [Application for current students](#)



# Reference Links

## Harmonized CGS M

- [Research Portal](#)
- [Canadian Common CV](#)
- [Detailed Instructions](#)



# Reference Links

- [OSAP](#)