

UPEI History Department
Post-graduate & Scholarship Application Workshop

What program is a good fit for you?

- Pick the person, not just the school
 - Get advice from others in the field (faculty, professionals)
- start early: requires a lot of online research
- be organized: keep files with info and deadlines
- application deadlines are often in January, scholarship applications earlier
- apply to more than one school
- Write to potential advisors (email is fine)
 - are they interested?
 - are they available?
- Ask about funding opportunities in that program (sometimes there are earlier deadlines)
- language requirements?
- format of program (e.g., MA by thesis or course work? International opportunities? Online coursework?)
- Are entrance exams required? (LSAT? GRE?)
- LSAT/ GRE website:
http://www.oxfordseminars.ca/LSAT/lSAT_information.php
- What will your experience be like outside of the classroom: other factor to consider (locations, opportunities for travel, living expenses)

Funding

- UPEI Student Services
<http://www.upei.ca/studentlife/scholarships-and-awards>

See “External Awards”: <http://www.upei.ca/studentlife/externalawards>
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC):
Canada Graduate Scholarships Program Master’s Scholarships
http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM_eng.asp
(Will take you to NSERC page but this is where you access information for the SSHRC-
CGS Masters Scholarships)
Deadline: 1 December, 2015
Value: \$17,500 for 12 months
Info session: 23 Oct, MacDougall Hall, #329 2:00-3:00pm (contact:
cgallant@upei.ca)
- Ontario Graduate Scholarships (value: \$5000 per semester) **Deadline varies by school: check with the Office of Graduate Studies at the Universities to which you are applying**

Sample Application info from U of Ottawa:
<http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=4419>
- Scholarships Canada
<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>
- List of Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards Administered by Universities
Canada
<https://juno.aucc.ca/wes/hes.aspx?pg=834&oth=&lg=1>
- Canadian and International Scholarship Programs

<http://www.scholarships-bourses.gc.ca/scholarships-bourses/can/opportunities-opportunites.aspx?view=d>
 - Also check with individual universities: scholarships targeting international students
- H-net: <http://www.h-net.org/>
See for discussion networks (e.g. H-grad) & Announcements>Funding

Application Portfolio

(Or how to keep your referees happy and get effective references)

Give your referees plenty of notice: request letters at least 3 weeks in advance of deadlines

- ✓ remember to fill in applicant (student) information on any forms
- ✓ reference letter info (see attached table)
 - ▶ addresses where letter/form is to be sent
 - ▶ degree/program
 - ▶ info on degree (department website?)
 - ▶ DEADLINE
 - ▶ form of reference : Online? Paper? Direct to program? To you?
 - is there a form, or a letter required as well?
- ✓ copy of degree audit: highlight courses taken with your referee (remember the absent-minded professor!)
- ✓ informal copy of transcript (with course titles)
- ✓ your *academic* c.v. (Stress academic achievements & activities & *relevant* job/volunteer experience.) Good for info on relevant extra-curricular activities, awards won, etc.
- ✓ copy of the proposal you are planning to send to grad school or other program: get feedback on drafts of proposal: this will likely need some revision
- ✓ samples of writing (if required)

Put it all in a bright folder so it won't get lost in a paper-filled desk!

About a week before the deadline you might want to send a polite reminder email to your referees, thanking them for their support.

Letters of Reference Needed

University	Program	Deadline	Format
	Degree		online or paper?
	Department address: postal & email		Directly to university <i>or</i>
	Dept website (optional)		to student (sealed)