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Deborah Russell: Welcome to the doctoral level external funding scholarship presentation.

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Deborah Russell: This presentation will be of interest to those who are applying to a Ph. D. Program for the next academic year, or are in the first 4 years of their Ph. D. Program.

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Deborah Russell: These opportunities are ones that you need to apply for almost a full year in advance.

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Deborah Russell: So you would apply this fall and winter to hold them in the next academic year. If you are currently applying to a Ph. D. Program, you would be applying to these opportunities while also applying for admission.

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Deborah Russell: You do not have to have been already accepted to a program to submit an application for either opportunity.

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Deborah Russell: We will be discussing the external scholarships offered by the province of Ontario and the Federal Government, through the Tri-Agencies.

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Deborah Russell: We will start with identifying the specific awards available in the Tri-Agencies.

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Deborah Russell: There are NSERC, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council; SSHRC Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council; and CIHR, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

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Deborah Russell: From the Federal Government at the Doctoral level, there are the Canada Graduate Scholarships - Doctoral or CGS-D, for short,

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Deborah Russell: and they are available from each of the Tri-Agencies.

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Deborah Russell: From NSERC, there is also the Postgraduate Doctoral Awards, or PGSD. And from the SSHRC, Doctoral Fellowships. For all 3 agencies, they use one application, and consider you for either the CGSD or a PGSD or Doctoral Fellowship as applicable.

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Deborah Russell: These awards are only open to full-time domestic students or applicants.

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Deborah Russell: At the provincial level. The awards are called the Ontario Graduate Scholarships or OGS, for short. The OGS is open to both full time, domestic and international students for applicants.

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Deborah Russell: The Queen Elizabeth the Second Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology, or the QE2-GSST is open to full time domestic students only who are in or applying to specific science research programs. You may here we refer to this as the QE2 scholarship.

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Deborah Russell: The biggest reason to submit an application is the money. The CGSD awards are worth \$35,000 per year for 3 years.

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Deborah Russell: PGSD from

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Deborah Russell: from NSERC are \$21,000 per year for anywhere from one to 3 years. The SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships are \$20,000 per year for one to 4 years.

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Deborah Russell: The number of years depends on how long you have already been in the Ph. D. Program at the time of application.

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Deborah Russell: The OGS or QE2 is \$15,000 per year. These are non-renewable awards, and you must apply each year if you would like to hold one.

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Deborah Russell: An OGS in one year does not guarantee an OGS in next year, as the applicant pool changes each year.

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Deborah Russell: Those who win a CGS award are also eligible to apply for the Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement.

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Deborah Russell: This can be applied for if you wish to go abroad and do research at another institution as part of your project. That supplement is to help pay for travel expenses. There are 2 competitions each year in June and October.

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Deborah Russell: If you are entering or in year one or 2 of your Ph. D. Program, you can also apply to the Vanier CGS competition, which is \$50,000 for up to 3 years. International students are also eligible to apply for this award.

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Deborah Russell: You can apply to both the Vanier and the other CGS D competitions in the same year as long as you apply to the same agency for both.

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Deborah Russell: Laurie does have a maximum quota of applications that can be forwarded to this competition each year. So there is a competition for those spaces.

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Deborah Russell: You may be wondering why you should submit an application. Well, yes, it is a substantial scholarship award. It is also about recognition of your hard work, namely, your academics and other leadership or volunteer activities that got you to where you are today.

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Deborah Russell: It's an investment in you. This money is to help you see through your research project or program.

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Deborah Russell: It gives you experience preparing applications and writing proposals. If you are thinking of an academic or research-based career, you will be looking at future Ph. D. Scholarship programs or grant applications. In the future.

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Deborah Russell: You will need to be able to explain your research to multidiscipline committees in terms they understand. It will also help you refine, review and refine your research objectives, which may also help you when writing your statement of intent when applying for grad schools as well.

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Deborah Russell: And, if you are an eligible Ph. D. Student at Laurier, you are required to apply for these awards annually to maintain your minimum guaranteed funding eligibility.

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Deborah Russell: You can only apply to one of the Tri-Agencies you should know the mandate of each agency, and where your research falls. For most students it's easy to decipher, however, in disciplines such as psychology, kinesiology, social work, etc., there can be gray areas between SSHRC, CIHR or CIHR and NSERC.

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Deborah Russell: If you are unsure. Referring to the Government of Canada, selecting the appropriate Federal granting agency website is a good resource to use.

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Deborah Russell: You can apply to the OGS and or the QE2 and a Tri-Agency for funding. If you are successful in both, you will have to choose which one to accept. Usually applicants choose to hold the Tri-Agency award, as they are worth more money than an OGS or QE2 Award

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Deborah Russell: You can only receive up to 4 years total funding from the Tri-Councils.

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Deborah Russell: Depending on whether you received funding during your master's program from a Tri-Council Agency, you would only be eligible to hold 2 to 3 years of funding from a Tri-Council Agency at the doctoral level.

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Deborah Russell: Eligible, returning award recipients may elect to start their award in the spring term or the fall term.

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Deborah Russell: Combined, there is a maximum of 6 years of federal and provincial funding at the graduate level.

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Deborah Russell: As I noted earlier, applications submitted this fall are for the next academic year, but you can start them as early as May. And again, you do not need to have been admitted to a program to apply for these. If you are applying to the Ph. D. Program, and you are eligible. We strongly encourage you to submit these applications as well.

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Deborah Russell: The top 10 things you should know. Number one is to verify your eligibility. Different eligibility criteria can be citizenship or status in Canada, Academic standing, how many terms you've been in the program, the lifetime maximum mentioned earlier and ensuring your research falls into the proper agency.

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Deborah Russell: Each scholarship competition can have different rules. Be sure you reviewed them and are eligible.

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Deborah Russell: For the Federal competitions, eligibility,

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Deborah Russell: You must be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada. With the exception of the Vanier scholarship.

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Deborah Russell: Applying to pursue your first Ph. D. Program or equivalent, pursuing doctoral studies appropriate to the funding agency mandate,

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Deborah Russell: not have already received a scholarship or fellowship from a Tri-council agency to undertake Ph. D. or combined MA/Ph. D. Studies,

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Deborah Russell: and within terms of study limits for CGSD, which varies by agency for specific awards

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Deborah Russell: Time in the program or term of study limits by agency. CIHR and NSERC are the most restrictive in that you are typically out of time to apply by the end of your second year.

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Deborah Russell: SSHRC allows applications up to and including year 4 of your Ph. D. Studies.

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Deborah Russell: The OGS is open to all Ph. D. Programs. It is also open to both domestic and international students. The QE2 is open only to domestic students in chemistry, biology, or math disciplines

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Deborah Russell: For Ph. D. Students, students in year 4 can apply to hold it in year 5 of their program. But their department will need to make a case for that consideration.

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Deborah Russell: Only grades that are available up to August 31st will be considered. For the Tri-Agency competitions that are due in October. This is a non-issue.

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Deborah Russell: For OGS, even if you are submitting the application in January, and your transcript shows fall grades, they will not be used in the calculation of the GPA. So there is no harm in submitting your application early or prior to the holiday break in December.

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Deborah Russell: The Tri-Agencies have tried to harmonize the CGS D programs.

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Deborah Russell: What does harmonization mean? It means one common landing page for the CGS doctoral program. However, they still have separate online application systems for each agency.

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Deborah Russell: Applicants still complete one application for the agency under which their research aligns.

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Deborah Russell: One common national deadline for the Tri-Agency Doctoral award application for applicants. Applicants who are or were registered

at an institution in the year of application, apply through their institutions quota.

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Deborah Russell: Applicants must submit completed applications which include transcripts, reference letters, etc. By Laurier's internal deadline, which is typically October tenth each year.

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Deborah Russell: Institutions must submit successful applications to each agency. In late November annually.

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Deborah Russell: WLU receives quotas for each competition. Typically they have been CIHR 3, NSERC 6, and SSHRC 22. However, they are subject to change and are released each fall.

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Deborah Russell: If you can use the QR code which is pictured here to look for specific deadline dates for each competition.

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Deborah Russell: Number 2 thing you need to follow is the deadlines. As we mentioned CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC are completed online. Applications must be submitted by early October, typically October tenth via the funding agency's online application portal.

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Deborah Russell: For the OGS and QE2, the deadline is January 31st annually.

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Deborah Russell: Allow time for all components to be completed, including your references, which we'll talk about a little later.

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Deborah Russell: The application cite election criteria. You'll want to know what you're being judged on during the competition.

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Deborah Russell: For the Tri-Agency awards. It's a 50 50 split between research ability and potential and your relative experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia.

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Deborah Russell: For the OGS and QE2, it's 40% for your academic excellence and past accomplishments. Transcripts, academic background, previous awards and distinctions, departmental ranking, duration of previous studies, etc., and 60% on your research ability or potential and future potential,

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Deborah Russell: publications, presentations, other research contributions, academic training, relevant work experience, including co-op, letters of appraisal, research, proposal, feasibility, merit and significance and communication skills.

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Deborah Russell: As we mentioned before, the agency mandates are very important. You must apply to the Tri-Agency that best fits the research work you plan to undertake.

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Deborah Russell: Appeals to a Tri-Council Agencies are not allowed where a project is determined to be not under the Council's mandate. If you are unsure, use the QR Code for more information, you can always reach out to the Tri-Agencies for determination of where your subject matter falls.

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Deborah Russell: The most common issue with agency mandates does fall under health research, depending on the lens you are doing your research through it could be CIHR, or if it's more socially focused, health research, it could fall under SSHRC.

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Deborah Russell: So the 4 main themes are biomedical research, clinical research, health systems and services and population and public health or social, cultural, environmental and ethical dimensions of health.

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Deborah Russell: If you feel your project falls under these, then you can apply to CIHR, otherwise they may fall under NSERC or SSHRC as applicable.

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Deborah Russell: Number 5 is submitting a complete application package,

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Deborah Russell: which typically includes the application form itself, your official transcripts, references, or they're called sometimes different reporters,

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Deborah Russell: and research proposal. And any other required components as outlined on the websites. Again, you submit one application to either SSHRC, NSERC or CIHR. And some Tri-Agency competitions also require a common CV.

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Deborah Russell: which you would fill out online.

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Deborah Russell: So number 6 is references.

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Deborah Russell: Ask early. Choose wisely, and provide your referee with the following, a copy of your research proposal, your academic achievements, or a copy of your transcript and

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Deborah Russell: guidelines for the reference. What the format is, the deadline and where to submit, and the competition review criteria. So they know what you're being judged on.

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Deborah Russell: These are very important because most students are comparable in academic standing. So you need to figure out what sets you apart. Your reference letters and your research proposal are the 2 main items.

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Deborah Russell: It is your responsibility to ensure your referees submit by the deadlines. Referees should be able to speak to your accomplishments and potential, comment on qualities and give examples, dependability, timeliness, research, potential.

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Deborah Russell: If applying to more than one competition, ask them for them all at the same time.

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Deborah Russell: If a referee cannot say they cannot provide you with a strong reference, permit them to say no, and move on to someone who can give you a strong reference.

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Deborah Russell: The reference should expand on the research potential and communication and leadership skills that you possess choose referees that know you well enough to assess your potential and be able to provide specific examples of your behavior with respect to each characteristic on the sponsor assessment form.

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Deborah Russell: Emails will be sent from the Tri-Agency's online application portals or Laurie's OGS application system to the referees you have entered on your online scholarship application.

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Deborah Russell: You will be able to see if your referees have responded as the task will be marked as complete in most online application systems.

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Deborah Russell: For some competitions, your referees must complete their assessments. At least 24 to 48 hours before the deadline. If you see that your reference has not responded, please contact them.

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Deborah Russell: Note for the CIHR doctoral competition; you will need your supervisor's CCV attached to your application as well.

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Deborah Russell: We are often asked, who should I get to be my references? One should be from your Ph. D. Thesis supervisor. 2. If you have a master's degree, the others should be from your master's supervisor,

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Deborah Russell: or any other person that can speak to your academic background. The key is to ask individuals who provide you with a strong reference for appraisal.

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Deborah Russell: So both competitions require that references are submitted by the deadline date for the application to be deemed complete.

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Deborah Russell: For CGS and PGS D competitions, you invite your referee, sponsor or reporter as part of the application process. A link is sent to them right after you save the information, however, you cannot fully submit your application unless the 2 assessments have been submitted.

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Deborah Russell: For the OGS competition, it's a little different. Links are only sent to the referees after you have submitted the rest of the application.

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Deborah Russell: We recommend finalizing your application by January 15, to give your references time to fill out the assessment between then and the January 31st deadline.

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Deborah Russell: References received in February will not be accepted,

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Deborah Russell: and the application will be deemed incomplete. Please ensure, be sure to inform your referees of the deadlines, and give them enough time to submit their assessments.

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Deborah Russell: Next thing number 7, utilize your available resources.

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Deborah Russell: SSHRC has a resource center on their website. And NSREC has a playlist of training videos and frequent Q&A on their website.

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Deborah Russell: CIHR has a training center link.

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Deborah Russell: Departments, use your department, including your advisor and current award holders. If you know someone who's holding an award feel free to pick their brain and get their advice.

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Deborah Russell: You can use the Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral studies if you have any questions you could certainly reach out to me. My email will address will be at the end. And of course the Laurier's writing center.

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Deborah Russell: Number 8 is to order your transcripts early. So for NSERC, CIHR and SSHRC CGS D applications, applicants upload your official transcripts as an attachment to their online application and must keep originals on file.

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Deborah Russell: For those who are current WLU students. You must request to have an official electronic transcript emailed to me, drussell@wlu.ca by October 1st.

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Deborah Russell: Once it is received, I will email an electronic PDF copy of your official transcripts to you so that you can upload your to your application.

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Deborah Russell: For the OGS and QE2 competitions, copies of official and or web accessed unofficial transcripts, such as those you can download from LORIS are allowed to be uploaded to the online application.

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Deborah Russell: Note for all competitions. Your transcript must show your fall term registration if applicable.

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Deborah Russell: If you require a certified copy of your Foreign Transcript, because you cannot receive another original,

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Deborah Russell: please make a request to fgps@wlu.ca prior to October 1st. You would have submitted transcripts as part of your admission application, and we should be able to provide those to you.

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Deborah Russell: Transcripts must include registration for the fall term of application for all scholarship applications,

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Deborah Russell: as I mentioned before.

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Deborah Russell: Number 9, your research proposal. the biggest thing to know is to follow any formatting instructions, page limits, fonts, margins, etc.

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Deborah Russell: Language in the research proposal should be plain and clear. Do not use any technical languages or jargon, as your application will be evaluated by a multidisciplinary committee.

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Deborah Russell: Ask someone to read and comment on your program of study or research proposal. Anyone should be able to understand it.

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Deborah Russell: The research proposal is really where you sell yourself.

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Deborah Russell: Address the big issues. What issue does the research address? Why does it matter? What do we know? And how are we going to do it? Does it add to the real world application?

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Deborah Russell: Why are you the best candidate to get the to do this research? Explain why you want to pursue graduate studies.

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Deborah Russell: Identify the University or program you would like to undertake. Especially if you're applying to hold the award in another school.

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Deborah Russell: You would still apply through Laurier for the CGS competitions, but you can take it elsewhere. The OGS you cannot. OGS is for Laurier only.

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Deborah Russell: Note how your program meets one of the 3 components. Thesis, stats, course, research methods, etc.

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Deborah Russell: Your research proposal should be an area not yet explored, or at least one that will build on existing knowledge.

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Deborah Russell: So again, the proposal is not a personal statement. It's to address the big issues. What? What issue does the research address? Why does it matter? What do we know? Explaining why you want to be pursue graduate studies, as I mentioned in the previous slide? You want to limit it for the OGS to 700 words, including citations within the proposal. A full bibliography

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Deborah Russell: reference list is not required for the OGS. There's no CCV or resume included in this application. Ask your referees to include any special circumstances, publications, and progress, or other important successes on your behalf in their assessment or appraisal letter.

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Deborah Russell: For the CGS D, selection committees do consider your level of study during evaluation. Indicate your proficiency with any language or special skills you require for your research.

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Deborah Russell: Ensure your list of publications, provides bibliographic information. They should be able to find your publication if you say it's been published. Do not include research contributions which have not been accepted for publication. Your reference letters can mention works in progress.

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Deborah Russell: and Number 10, evaluation and results.

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Deborah Russell: So for the CIHR NSERC and SSHRC competitions, the top applications are forwarded to a national competition based on the quota and allocations I mentioned earlier. Per funding agency, you will be notified whether your application was selected to be forwarded to the national competition by the end of November. The national results are released in late April.

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Deborah Russell: For the OGS and QE2-GSST competitions here at Laurier, applications are selected to be funded by institutional selection committees by research area and results are likely released by FGPS in early April.

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Deborah Russell: So because we have a quota for the CGS D you are applying through Laurier if you are a current student, or were registered at Laurier during any time during this calendar year.

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Deborah Russell: For the OGS. If you are applying for admission, but you're applying to several different schools you would have to apply for the OGS here at Laurier, and separately apply for the OGS at other schools as well.

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Deborah Russell: But the CGS D would be one competition, regardless of where you wish to hold it.

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Deborah Russell: So the OGS competition here at Laurier, OGS applications are completed online. It opens in early October. The quota for this year's competition has not yet been released. It's always released in the fall. Applications are due January 31st and results are released in early April.

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Deborah Russell: Referees are only emailed once your application is submitted online. So, as again, I said, give them at least a couple weeks to submit that application and let them know that there's a hard deadline of midnight on January 31st.

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Deborah Russell: And official or web access transcripts uploaded by the applicant are fine for that competition.

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Deborah Russell: So each department that you, where you want to hold your award, reviews the applications. Then they go forward to institutional committees, and the results are communicated via email from FGPS in early April.

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Deborah Russell: For CIHR, SSHRC and NSERC doctoral competitions. Again, our internal deadline is October tenth, for all three. Quotas are announced annually. Typically, we have 3, 6, and 22, as I mentioned earlier.

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Deborah Russell: Top applications are forward to the national competition based on quota and allocations by late November. And again, you're notified in late April.

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Deborah Russell: So again, your applications for the triagencies are reviewed by your departments. First, then, go to institutional committees, and those successful applications are forwarded to the national competition by late November

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Deborah Russell: Final Tips.

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Deborah Russell: Don't let a silly mistake cost you a chance at funding. Make sure you spell Wilfrid Laurier University correctly, Wilfrid, with 2 I's and no E's.

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Deborah Russell: Ensure you have the correct dates for your education, because it will impact the month of study calculation.

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Deborah Russell: If you aren't sure what a question means, or how to answer it, ask.

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Deborah Russell: And, each academic year is 4 months, regardless of whether you are actually in the classroom or not, so fall term is September to December, which is 4 months. Winter is April to May, which is 4 months, and spring is May oh sorry.

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Deborah Russell: Winter is January to April. 4 months, and spring is May to August

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Deborah Russell: And complete your applications on time by the deadlines.

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Deborah Russell: So here's the contact information. You can reach out to our general inbox fgps@wlu.ca, if you have OGS questions it's ogs@wlu.ca, myself Deborah Russell, the Financial Aid and Awards officer for the Graduate Level studies. Note that I do not handle OSAP so please

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Deborah Russell: direct any OSAP questions to Service Laurier, but you can reach me at drussell@wlu.ca, and of course the writing center puts on scholarship, writing workshops. Their email is studentsuccess@wlu.ca.



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Deborah Russell: And I'm just going to leave at the end here links to competition sites and the QR codes. You just have to use your phone to scan those those websites. And there's more information there for you to peruse.

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Deborah Russell: Thank you very much for watching this video and have a great day.