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Deborah Russell: Welcome to the master's level external funding, scholarship presentation. This presentation will be of interest to those of you who are applying to a master's program for the next academic year or starting year one of a two year master's program this year.

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Deborah Russell: These scholarship opportunities are ones that you need to apply for almost a full year in advance. So you would apply this fall to hold them in your second year, or, if you are currently thinking of applying to a master's program, you would apply to these opportunities while also applying for admission.

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Deborah Russell: You do not have to be accepted to a program of study to apply.

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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 by identifying the specific awards available. From the Federal Government at the master's level. These are the Canada graduate scholarship masters, or CGSM. For short.

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Deborah Russell: The Tri-Agencies are the NSERC. Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, known as SSHRC

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Deborah Russell: and the Canadian Institute of Health Research, known as CIHR.

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

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Deborah Russell: At the provincial level the awards are called the Ontario Graduate scholarships or OGS.

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Deborah Russell: The OGS is open to both full time, domestic or international and international students or applicants.

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Deborah Russell: The Queen Elizabeth II Graduate scholarship in Science 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 me refer to this as the QE2 scholarship.

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Deborah Russell: Why submit an application? Might be wondering why. While 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 where you are to day.

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

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Deborah Russell: It gives you experience in preparing applications and writing proposals. If you are thinking of an academic or research based career. Looking at future PhD Scholarship programs or grant applications in the future, you need to be able to explain your research to multi discipline committees in terms understandable by all.

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Deborah Russell: Finally, it will also help you review and fine tune your research objectives, which may also help you when writing your statement of intent, when applying to grad schools as well.

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Deborah Russell: If you are eligible, you can apply for both the QE2 or OGS and the CGS M competitions. But you can only hold one of the 2 awards each year.

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Deborah Russell: Also note that there is a maximum of 6 years combined between the provincial and Tri-Agency awards at the graduate level.

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Deborah Russell: For example, you may hold a CGS Master's award in year one or year 2 of a master's program and be eligible to apply for 4 years of CGS. Doctoral, funding for a Ph. D. Program.

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Deborah Russell: Or you can hold CGS funding once at the master's, but you can only hold CGS Funding once at the master's level.

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Deborah Russell: Or if you are in a two year master's program and hold an OGS award in both years, or an OGS in one year and a CGS M in the other, you will have 4 years remaining for Ph. D. Level studies between the OGS and the Canada graduate scholarship doctoral programs.

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Deborah Russell: As I noted earlier, applications submitted this fall are for the next academic year. But you can start these awards as early as May as long as you are a registered student in the spring term.

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Deborah Russell: And again, you do not need to have been admitted to a program to apply to these. If you are applying to a master's program and you are eligible, we strongly encourage you to submit these applications as well.

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Deborah Russell: Why apply? Well, the money is the good reason. The CGS M scholarship is currently worth \$17,500.

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Deborah Russell: If you are successful in winning a CGSM. You can also apply to the Michael Smith's Foreign study supplement. If you wish to go abroad and do research at another institution as part of your project.

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Deborah Russell: 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: The CGSM awards are open to domestic students only.

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Deborah Russell: This must be your first graduate level degree, and have not completed more than 12 months of study in the Masters program as of the start date of the award. We are looking for an A- or 80% gpa in each

of the last 2 years of full time study, but will consider extenuating circumstances if you are below the 80%. In one of the 2 years.

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Deborah Russell: Applicants to the CGSM Program must be enrolled in or have applied for full time admission to an eligible graduate program at the master's or doctoral level at a Canadian institution with a CGS M allocation.

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Deborah Russell: Laurier does have an allocation.

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Deborah Russell: An eligible graduate program must have a significant research component, a significant research component is considered to be original, autonomous research that leads to the completion of a thesis, major research project, dissertation, scholarly publication, performance,

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Deborah Russell: recital or exhibit that is merit or expert reviewed at the institutional level as a requirement for completion of the program.

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Deborah Russell: Master's programs that are based only on coursework are not eligible since they are, do not include a significant research component.

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Deborah Russell: The deadline for the CGS M Application is December first at 8 PM. Eastern time. This date is the same each year. You will apply once, and can name up to 3 schools that you would like to be considered for this award at.

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Deborah Russell: each school you name will receive your application. Transcripts must be official. If you have to, you will have to order hard copies and scan them to upload them. or if you are ordering electronic transcripts

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Deborah Russell: you can have them sent to me at drussell@wlu.ca, and I will send you a copy to upload those documents. If your institution will not release E-transcripts to you, or hard copies to you, which they should.

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Deborah Russell: Transcripts must show your fall registration if you are registered, even if there are no grades noted. So if you are starting a master's program this year, you must have a Laurier transcript uploaded that shows fall registration.

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Deborah Russell: All decisions go out on April first, through the research portal.

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Deborah Russell: Our quotas are typically in this range. CIHR, we have one award and NSERC 4, and SSHRC is usually the low twenties, but are subject to change each year

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Deborah Russell: For the CGS M. The selection criteria is 50%. Based on academic excellence, which takes into account grades and other awards and distinctions.

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Deborah Russell: 30% of your research, potential

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Deborah Russell: and experience, reference letters, etc. And 20% is based on your personal characteristics and interpersonal skills which is judged based on your volunteer work, extracurriculars. And again, reference letters.

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Deborah Russell: So while you can apply to multiple schools, you can only apply to one of the Tri-Agencies. So the key is, to be sure, you are submitting your application to the correct funding agency.

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Deborah Russell: Appeals are not allowed where a project is determined not to be under the Council's mandate. You can use the QR code for more program resources and visit the Canada Government of Canada, selecting an appropriate Federal granting agency webpage.

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Deborah Russell: So why submit an OGS or QE2 application?

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Deborah Russell: For the OGS and QE2, the award is \$15,000 per year, and is not renewable. There is no guarantee because you won 1 in one year that you will win one again the next year, as the applicant pool will change from year to year.

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Deborah Russell: OGS is open to some professional master's programs and all research intensive master's programs. It is also open to both domestic and international students.

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Deborah Russell: The QE2, however, is only open to domestic students in chemistry, biology, or math disciplines.

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Deborah Russell: Again, for the grades we are looking for that. A minus or 80% average in each the last 2 years. But we will consider extenuating circumstances Only grades that are available up to August 31st will be considered. So, even if you are submitting the application in January, and your transcript shows fall grades. They will not be used in the GPA calculation, so there is no harm in submitting your application early or prior to the holiday break in December.

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Deborah Russell: Each university has their own OGS, application system, and deadlines. So if you are applying to multiple schools you'll want to check with each school directly. As to their OGS application and deadline dates.

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Deborah Russell: The OGS and QE2 competitions for Laurier will open honor about October first, and will close at midnight eastern time on January 31st annually. Your application must be complete by midnight, January 31st, including all references.

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Deborah Russell: You must submit your full application before your referees can submit their letter of appraisal, so aim to give them at least a week or 2 to complete that and ensure they know the deadline.

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Deborah Russell: It is your responsibility to ensure everything is complete. We will not accept references or applications completed after January 31st. Unofficial or web view transcripts such as those you can download from Loris are allowed in the OGS competition, and again, must show your fall registration. If you are currently enrolled in a program.

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Deborah Russell: Results are released in early April.

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Deborah Russell: Quotas are announced typically in September. Laurier has typically had 60 OGS and 2 QE2 awards to give out each year.

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Deborah Russell: OGS are scored a little differently. They are 60%. Based on academic and past accomplishments, and 40% on research ability and future potential

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Deborah Russell: Academics are based on GPA, background, awards and distinctions earned.

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Deborah Russell: Your potential is based on publications and presentations, other research contributions, research, training, work experience, reference letters, research, proposal or statement of interest as well as your motivation, creativity and communication skills.

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Deborah Russell: A complete package, the common CV is required for the CGS M. But most applications require an application form and transcripts. Again, official transcripts for the CGSM. Unofficial or official for the OGS. Make sure you order those early.

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Deborah Russell: Laurier transcripts must be submitted, even if no grades, as they must show registration in a program

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Deborah Russell: if you are enrolled in a program this fall at Laurier.

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Deborah Russell: References, choose wisely and ask early make sure that the reference can give you a strong reference. and if someone says No, you can ask them politely why they might not be able to give you a reference. But if they say they cannot give you a strong reference, move on to someone else.

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Deborah Russell: A research proposal makes sure it's clear, concise, and realistic. Take advantage of the writing center that offers scholarship writing

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Deborah Russell: workshops for these types of proposals. Both applications will require 2 references. Again, CGSM requires the common CV.

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Deborah Russell: The OGS requires a research statement or program of study statement.

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Deborah Russell: If your program does not involve a thesis or MRP. Outline your research training component of the degree. The OGS and QE2 application does not require a CV. But ask your references to speak to any past or current accomplishments, works in progress or special circumstances in their assessment letter.

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

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Deborah Russell: As I noted for the Ogs competition. The links are sent to the referees after you have submitted the rest of the application. We recommend finalizing your application by January fifteenth, to give your referees 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: For the CGS M Competition. You invite your referees as part of the application process, and can set a date for them to submit their reference. A link is sent to them right after you save the information, however, you cannot fully submit your application on December first, unless your 2 referees have submitted their assessments. So it's up to you to follow up with your references in both cases, and ensure they are submitted on time.

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Deborah Russell: Be sure to inform your referees of the deadlines, and give them enough time to submit their assessments.

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Deborah Russell: Other scholarships and awards for students who are here at Laurier. You can fill out the general student profile that opens in each year in August. It's currently

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Deborah Russell: open now the deadline to apply is early October, and you can scan here for the current deadlines.

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Deborah Russell: And there's other scholarships, such as Ontario woman's health scholar award the autism scholar award the William Lyon Mackenzie King, Memorial Scholarship. and other external awards that are available on our web page.

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Deborah Russell: If you have further questions you can feel free to reach out to us faculty of graduate postdoctoral studies at fgps@wlu.ca. If you have specific OGS questions, you can email ogs@wlu.ca. You can email me, Deborah Russell. I'm the Financial Aid and Awards officer for graduate studies. Please note, I do not handle OSAP.

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Deborah Russell: OSAP is through the Financial Aid and Awards office. So financialaid@wlu.ca but any other graduate level scholar scholarships I can usually answer questions about and be sure to again to look after those scholarship writing workshops through offer through writing services. And you can reach them through studentsuccess@wlu.ca.

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Deborah Russell: thank you for listening to this video and have a great day.