

# CRIR Graduate Scholarships Program

**Application deadline: sunday, may 10, 2026, 11:45 p.m.**

Each year, the **CRIR Graduate Scholarships Program** offers a limited number of scholarships to **student members of the CRIR** who are supervised by a regular researcher of the research centre.

The competition is usually launched in the spring, and an email notice is sent to officially announce its opening.

The CRIR Graduate Scholarship Program aims to complement and strengthen the funding options available to students. It provides support when other funding opportunities have already been sought, in order to maximize the chances of securing financial assistance.

**Becoming a CRIR Student Member:** To become a **student member** or to update **your academic status** (e.g. change of academic level from master's to doctoral), please complete now the [online registration form](#).

## 2026 COMPETITION

For the **2026 competition**, research **master's scholarships (\$8,000)** and **research doctoral scholarships (\$15,000)** are available. Each scholarship covers a one-year period, from **September 2026 to April 2027**.

The same supervisor may support multiple applications. However, in order to ensure an equitable distribution of funding across CRIR laboratories, **only one application per level of study will be funded for the same principal supervisor**. This selection will be made after the review of all applications, based on the prioritization rankings established in the Scientific Evaluation Committee's dashboard. Among all applications submitted under the same principal supervisor for a given level of study, the one with the highest overall score will be selected for funding.

We recommend that you review the **online form** and the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** provided at the end of this document before you begin preparing your application. Download the program so that you have all the necessary information from the start.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be **ELIGIBLE** for the program, you must:

- **Be registered in a regular research master's, doctoral research program** in fall 2026;
- **Be a CRIR student member in good standing at CRIR** (for those starting in the fall 2026, please complete the membership registration form [here](#));
- **Be supervised by a researcher with regular member status at the CRIR** (your principal supervisor) who is in good standing;
- **Have achieved a cumulative grade point averages (GPA) greater than 3.5 out of 4.3 or 3.1 out of 4.0, or the equivalent, throughout all of your university studies** (undergraduate and graduate).
  - **Note for students who have completed studies internationally or in another Canadian province:** you must **provide a table illustrating your equivalency proof to demonstrate the cumulative GPA for each level of university study, in another country or other Canadian province where each degree was obtained** (undergraduate and graduate). This table must specify your cumulative grade point average and its corresponding scale (e.g., out of 4.3 or 4.0). - Please note: your table must include the data reference — either the original university or the current Québec university. If you produced the table yourself, you must indicate the source of your data. See full details in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

You **REMAIN ELIGIBLE** for the program if you:

- **Hold one or more scholarships from recognized or unrecognized organizations** (e.g., foundations, institutional scholarships, etc.) **by the FRQ, where the total combined amount (including the CRIR scholarship, if awarded) must not exceed CAD 31,000 for the scholarship year (September 2026 to April 2027) for master's and doctoral students.** Note: Travel scholarships and scholarships awarded by your research supervisor are not included in the total funding calculation. → However, if you hold a scholarship from September 2026 to April 2027 for the level of study for which you are applying, you must provide a

document demonstrating that the funding organization allows scholarships to be held concurrently at the time of application to CRIR.

- You **have already received one (1) CRIR scholarship at your current level of study**. To remain eligible, you must demonstrate that, during the current year, you have submitted applications to at least two other funding competitions for scholarships whose value is equal to or greater than that of the CRIR scholarship, and this since receiving your most recent CRIR scholarship. **A maximum of two CRIR scholarships per level of study is permitted.**

## TO KNOW, BEFORE STARTING

### Have your application reviewed before submitting it to CRIR:

- We recommend that you have your research project and resume by your supervisor (principal director).
- Student support services are also available at universities for the preparation of grant applications: [Université de Montréal](#) (student support, in French), [Université de Montréal](#) (preparation guide, in French), [UQAM](#) (student support, in French), [Université McGill](#) (student support).

### Consult the application form and evaluation grid:

- We strongly recommended that you review the **2026 application form** and **2026 Evaluation Grid before and after preparing your application**. You will find the links to access it at the end of the document.

### Instructions for naming your documents:

- Last name, First name, Level of study, Document type (e.g. project, transcript, resume)

### Incomplete file:

- Incomplete applications will be withdrawn from the competition before being reviewed by the evaluation committee.

### Announcement of results:

- The evaluation committee's decision will be notified to applicants by email approximately 16 weeks after the closing date of the competition.

### Are you entering a direct-entry or fast-track doctoral program?

To be eligible for a CRIR scholarship, **a person admitted to a doctoral program directly after completing a bachelor's degree, or a person who has fast-tracked into a doctoral program** without submitting a master's thesis, **must first submit an application to the CRIR administrative office**. This step allows us to confirm the scholarship level for which the person may apply, if eligible. Please allow up to five business days to receive a response.

Please send your request to [administration.crir@ssss.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:administration.crir@ssss.gouv.qc.ca), clearly indicating the following information in your email (and copying your supervisor):

- First and last name
- Name of your university
- Name of your doctoral program
- Type of previous training (research master's thesis, clinical training, etc.)
- Start date of your direct-entry or fast-track doctoral program

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

This FAQ presents **general information** on eligibility for the CRIR Graduate Scholarships Program, as well as **specific information for students who have studied internationally or elsewhere in Canada**.

If you can't find the answer to your question, please contact: [administration.crir@ssss.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:administration.crir@ssss.gouv.qc.ca) **and copy your principal director in the same email**.

To facilitate understanding of this Frequently Asked Questions document, please note that the letter **Q** corresponds to the **question** and the letter **A** corresponds to the **answer**.

### General information:

**Q1: Am I eligible for the CRIR Graduate Scholarships Program if my principal supervisor is not a CRIR member, but I am co-supervised by a researcher who holds regular member status at the CRIR?**

**A1:** **No.** You are not eligible.

**Q2: I am still waiting for the results of another scholarship application, and I will not receive the decision before the CRIR program deadline (May 10, 2026). Can I still submit my application?**

**A2: Yes.** You may submit your application. If your application is selected for a CRIR scholarship and, in the meantime, you receive a scholarship from another organization, you must inform us. You will then be required to choose which scholarship you wish to accept, according to the selection criteria of each organization.

**Q3: I finish in December 2026, can I apply?**

**A3: Yes.** You are eligible if you are enrolled in a regular research master's or research doctoral program at the CRIR in Fall 2026. The scholarship amount will then be determined on a **pro-rated basis according to the remaining duration of your studies.**

**Q4: Which grants are included in the accumulation of grants?**

**A4:** All scholarships from organizations **not recognized by the FRQ** (for example: foundations, institutional scholarships, etc.), including the CRIR scholarship if awarded, are taken into account in the total scholarship calculation.

**Q5: What do you mean by “demonstrate through a written document that the organization allows the accumulation of scholarships” when submitting the application to CRIR?**

**A5:** You must provide written confirmation from the organization, such as a letter, an email, or a page from its website, stating that the accumulation of scholarships is permitted.

**Q6: How can I know whether my cumulative GPA corresponds to the correct scale indicated in the CRIR Graduate Scholarship Program (3.5 out of 4.3 or 3.1 out of 4.0)?**

**A6:** The denominators for CRIR-affiliated universities are:

- **3.5 out of 4.3 :** Université de Montréal (UdeM), Concordia University, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), École de Technologie Supérieure (ETS), Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR) and Université de Sherbrooke (UdeS).
- **3.1 out of 4.0:** McGill University (McGill).

**Q7: If I have already received a CRIR scholarship at my current level of study, why must I demonstrate that, during the current year, I have submitted applications to at least two other funding competitions for scholarships whose value is equal to or greater than that of the CRIR scholarship, since receiving my most recent CRIR scholarship?**

**A7:** You must demonstrate that you have attempted to obtain other major sources of funding (with an amount equal to or greater than that of the CRIR scholarship for each competition). The CRIR scholarship program is considered a last-resort option, meaning that it is available only after other funding options have been explored.

**Q8: I need to demonstrate a link between my research project and CRIR's strategic orientations. Where can I find these orientations?**

**A8:** The six CRIR strategic orientations are available on the CRIR website, [under the section "CRIR Strategic Orientations"](#).

**Q9: I submitted my application online. How can I make sure that the CRIR has received my form?**

**A9:** Once your form has been completed, you will automatically receive a copy of it by email. If you do not receive this email, please restart the process (also check your "junk mail" folder) - **Recommendation:** Submit your form at least **60 minutes before the deadline**, as a high volume of submissions may overload the system.

## **Students who have completed studies internationally or in another Canadian province**

**Q10: Scholarships received in my country are indicated in my resume. Do I also need to list the value of this scholarship in Canadian dollars (CAD)?**

**A10: Yes.** Your resume must list all scholarships received in your country, including their equivalent value in Canadian dollars (CAD). List the amounts received and the periods of coverage for each scholarship and award received (period = month and year from the start to the end of coverage).

**Q11: I am unable to submit all of my transcripts because some academic programs did not issue transcripts. How can I remain eligible, and what should I do?**

**A11:** To ensure an equitable evaluation of the cumulative grade point average for all students, if you do not have certain transcripts—for example, in the case of a French doctorate—or if you completed internships or exchange programs whose results do not appear on your official transcripts, **you must submit a letter of explanation outlining the situation.**

**Q12: Why is it mandatory to submit a table illustrating proof of equivalency to demonstrate the cumulative GPA for each level of university study, in another country or other Canadian province where each degree was obtained (undergraduate and graduate), specifying the cumulative GPA and the grading scale denominator (e.g., out of 4.3 or 4.0)?**

**A12: This table is required to confirm your eligibility for the competition.** It allows the evaluation committee to clearly understand your academic background, verify its progression, and compare your grades with the grading scales used in Québec.

**Q13: How can I obtain a table illustrating proof of equivalency to demonstrate the cumulative GPA for each level of university study, in another country or other Canadian province where each degree was obtained (undergraduate and graduate) specifying the cumulative GPA and the grading scale denominator (e.g., out of 4.3 or 4.0)?**

**In order of priority, here are three ways to obtain and submit your proof of equivalencies** – *Note: Your table must indicate the reference for the data (home university or current Quebec university). If you prepare the table yourself, you must also indicate the data source.*

**A13.1: Home institution:** The university where you obtained your degree(s) normally holds this information and can provide your proof of equivalencies in table format. → **Contact the institution as soon as possible.**

**A13.2: Your current Québec university:** Some Québec universities where you are currently pursuing your studies may be able to prepare your proof of equivalencies in a clear and concise table. → **Check with your university.**

**A13.3: Prepare your own equivalency table:** You may create your own equivalency table using the tool provided by Université de Montréal (UdeM).

- Consult the [International Equivalencies](#) webpage of Université de Montréal (UdeM), which allows students to validate their grade point averages or international grades using the grading scales applied in Québec (e.g., 3.5 out of 4.3 or 3.1 out of 4.0).
- This page is accessible to all student members of the CRIR through the following link: <https://esp.umontreal.ca/diplomes-requis-et-seuils-dadmission/>
- Once on the UdeM website, select the continent and then the country. In most cases, the tool displays grade equivalencies.

NOTE: To see examples of **tables illustrating proof of equivalence (PDF format)**, [click on this link](#).

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## 2026 APPLICATION FORM

- Complete the online application form by clicking on the following link: [2026 Application Form](#).

## 2026 EVALUATION GRID

- View the evaluation grid by clicking on the following link: [2026 Evaluation Grid CRIR Graduate Scholarships – Word \(docx\)](#).

**Best of luck to everyone!**

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