

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Julie Conrad, Manager, Vanier-Banting Programs and CIHR Awards

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SUBJECT: Tri-Agency Research Training Award Holder's Guide

Please distribute to all parties at your institution who would benefit from this information.

This memo is to inform you that the Tri-Agencies (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC) have harmonized their post-award policies (where possible) for research training programs and have incorporated these policies into a harmonized Tri-Agency Research Training Award Holder's Guide. These policy changes will be effective as of September 1, 2016 and the guide will be posted to NSERC's website in September 2016.

This guide applies to Tri-Agency directly funded training award holders. It contains all the forms that training award¹ holders and their institutions need to facilitate post-award activities allowed by the Tri-agencies. The harmonized post-award policies cover topics such as the deferral and interruptions of awards including aspects related to parental and medical leave, and other sources of income while holding an award. They provide a common approach in the application of post-award policies for award holders, increasing the flexibility of the leave arrangements, reducing the administrative burden on institutions and award holders, and creating a universal guide for Tri-Agency directly funded training awards.

These changes will be discussed at the 2016 Tri-Agency Regional Information Meetings scheduled for the end of August at: Mount Allison University (August 24), Université du Québec à Montréal (August 25), McMaster University (August 24) and University of Victoria (August 30).

The agencies are committed to working together with institutions and other stakeholders in the research community to ensure a seamless transition to these new policies. We will be pleased to respond to any questions or clarifications needed as a result of the harmonization of these policies.

¹ "Award" refers to a directly held award (held in the award holder's name) from CIHR, NSERC, or SSHRC at the master's, doctoral, postdoctoral level, or equivalent.

Please contact your program representative if you have any questions.

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Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships	vanier@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
NSERC (including NSERC CGS-M)	schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca
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