SGS Award Announcement

To: Graduate Deans; Graduate Chairs/Directors; Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators
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Date: August 28, 2017
Re: 2018-2019 NSERC CGS and PGS Doctoral Competition

Graduate unit instructions and quota information will be sent separately in mid-September.

Award Overview

Student submission deadline: Date set by graduate unit
Graduate Unit deadline to SGS: October 13, 2017
Value/Duration:
PGS D - $21,000 per year for 2 or 3 years
CGS D - $35,000 per year for 2 or 3 years
Level of Study: Doctoral
Required Legal Status: Domestic (Canadian citizen or permanent resident)
Results: March 31, 2018, directly from NSERC via e-mail

Purpose

Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral (CGS D) and NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral (PGS D) provide financial support to high calibre scholars who are engaged in a doctoral program within the natural sciences or engineering. This support allows these students to focus on their studies and to seek out the best research mentors in their chosen fields.

Eligibility to Apply

In order to be eligible, applicants must:

- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- hold, or expect to hold (at the time the award is taken up), a degree in science or engineering from a university whose standing is recognized by NSERC (if the applicant has a degree in a field other than science or engineering, NSERC may accept the application at its discretion);
- intend to pursue, in the following year, full-time graduate studies and research at the doctoral level in an eligible program (see Eligibility Criteria) in one of the areas of the natural sciences and engineering supported by NSERC;
- have obtained a first-class average (a grade of "A-".) in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent); and
- must have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, between zero and 24 months (between four and 36 months if admitted to the doctoral program directly from your bachelor’s program) of studies (full-time equivalent) in the doctoral program for which funding is requested.
Applicants are expected to review the full eligibility requirements as outlined on the NSERC website.

Eligible candidates may apply to both the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship program and agency-specific (CIHR, NSERC, or SSHRC) doctoral-level scholarship/fellowships programs in the same academic year. However, eligible candidates must submit Vanier and agency-specific applications to the same federal granting agency, and must meet all eligibility criteria in order to be considered. For more information, please refer to the Vanier website.

Application Process

Students can access the application through NSERC’s On-line System Login. Students should refer to the PGS application instructions on NSERC’s website for detailed guidelines on how to complete Form 201 and the other application components. Students may submit an application to only one federal tri-council agency (NSERC, SSHRC or CIHR) in each competition year.

Registered University of Toronto students must submit their application through their current or proposed graduate program at the University of Toronto. Applicants are to contact the unit’s graduate administrator directly regarding submission process.

Completed applications include the following:

1. Form 201
2. Outline of proposed research
3. Contributions and statements
4. Justification for Eligibility of Proposed Research
5. All up-to-date official academic transcripts (undergraduate and graduate)**
6. Reports on the Applicant (two required)
7. Appendices if appropriate

**The inclusion and completeness of each applicant’s transcripts is essential for NSERC to determine eligibility/confirm current registration, and is an integral part of the evaluation material reviewed by the selection committees. As such, students must order and provide transcripts for programs of study in the fall session of the year of application (i.e. Fall 2017) even when no grades are available. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that transcripts are complete and legible once uploaded, even if a university official (graduate administrator) is responsible for uploading the transcripts.

NSERC has clarified its section of the guidelines for Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency to help applicants better identify the appropriate agency when applying for funding. Applicants with questions on subject matter eligibility or those whose subject matter touches upon health in any capacity, should contact NSERC, with a one page summary of their research proposal in advance of submitting an application to seek clarification or a ruling. A new document, Addendum to the guidelines for the eligibility of applications related to health, with additional information and specific examples relating to subject matter eligibility, is now available.

Contacts & Resources

Online Tutorials for Students Available!

NSERC’s online tutorials for applicants are once again available on their website. Tutorials may be viewed by students as they prepare their applications and can be found on NSERC’s website at NSERC PGS / CGS application tutorial

Full details are available at: NSERC Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral Program and Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral Program

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