

Hello all,

We invite applications for the 2018-19 NSERC CGS and PGS Doctoral Competition.

Please refer to the information provided below for further details on this award program and the application process.

Essentially, to be eligible to apply, you 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 you are requesting funding. Please refer to the NSERC website for full eligibility and application information. Application forms are only available via the NSERC website: [On-line System Login](#). Only those applications that clearly meet the eligibility criteria specified by NSERC will be ranked by the Faculty.

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/201/pgs-pdf_eng.asp
http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/BellandPostgrad-BelletSuperieures_eng.asp

Please note that the full application (i.e., hard copy of Form 201 + Transcripts) **must be submitted for departmental evaluation and ranking to Deborah Paes (ES1017A) by Thursday, October 5, 2017**. Late submissions cannot be accommodated. Also, the complete application (Form 201) **must be submitted electronically by Thursday, October 5, 2017**. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that reviewers submit their reports electronically by Thursday, October 5, 2017.

MScF students in Year 1 who are planning to transfer to the PhD program are advised to apply for the NSERC CGS Master's competition, not this Doctoral competition (award notice for NSERC CGS-M Competition to follow soon)

Funded cohort students are reminded that under the Faculty's financial support policy, students are required to apply for all awards for which they are eligible

Please contact me if you have questions.

Thanks,
Deborah



SGS Award Announcement

Re: 2018-2019 NSERC CGS and PGS Doctoral Competition

Award Overview

Student submission deadline:	<u>Thursday, October 5, 2017 (to Deborah Paes ES1017A)</u>
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.

The department is responsible for uploaded student transcripts to the electronic version of the application. For this reason, when completing Form 201, students must specify a departmental designate to whom NSERC will send the request to upload their transcript. When asked to enter information for a University Designate on your Form 201 application, please provide the following information:

Family Name: Paes
Given Name: Deborah
Email address: deborah.paes@utoronto.ca

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, 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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