NSERC
Competition Information for APPLICANTS

Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)

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Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS)
2019-2020
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Applicant Eligibility Requirements

• As of application deadline date: 15 October

• Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada

• Hold, or expect to hold (at the time you take up the award), a degree in science or engineering;

• Will be registered, in the following year, in full-time graduate studies and research, in an eligible degree program (see NSERC Eligibility Criteria http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/Eligibility-Admissibilite_eng.asp), either in the natural sciences or engineering at McGill,
Applicant Eligibility Requirements (continued)

• Academic Excellence
  o Graduate Record to date
  o Complete Undergraduate Record
  o Please allow the expert in your Academic Unit to calculate and verify your CGPAs
http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program

• Must not have previously held an NSERC PGS/CGS-D nor Industrial Innovation Scholarship (Doctoral)

• Never have received a Vanier CGS, nor CGS-D from either CIHR or SSHRC.
Applicant Eligibility Requirements (continued)

• NSERC will consider all studies counted towards the graduate degree for which funding is requested, whether completed at the degree-granting institution or not.

• If you registered in a master’s degree, and subsequently transferred to a doctoral degree, the months in the doctoral degree will be calculated starting from the first academic session in which you were officially registered in your Ph.D. program.

* Two sessions of part-time study = one session of full-time study.
Collection of self-identification data

• Equity, diversity and inclusivity (EDI) strengthen research communities and the quality, social relevance and impact of research. Self-identification data provides information on the diversity of the population applying for and receiving agency funds. This data is important for monitoring the fairness of our programs and informing future measures to increase equity, diversity and inclusion among all those involved in the research enterprise.

• Self-identification data are not seen or used by NSERC’s selection committee members or by the applicant’s references. Institutions are permitted to recommend an unlimited number of self-identified Indigenous applicants to the PGS D Program above their application quota. In order to be considered for this, Indigenous applicants must provide consent within the application form to share this information with their institutions and NSERC.

• To be considered for programs targeted at women, such as the NSERC and L’Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Supplement and the Alice Wilson Award, applicants must self-identify in the application form.
Applicant Eligibility to Hold Award

You will be eligible for only a two-year PGS/CGS-D, if:

• you have completed more than the full-time equivalent of 12 months of your doctoral program (24 months if you were admitted to the doctoral program directly from your bachelor’s program) as of December 31 of this year.

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To hold these awards, you must:

• Must have completed, as of December 31 year of he application, between zero and 24 months of full-time studies (or equivalent*) in the doctoral program for which they are requesting funding; or

• If in direct entry program, must have completed, at December 31 of year of application, between four and 36 months of full-time studies (or equivalent*) in the doctoral program for which they are requesting funding

Note: CGS D/PGS D support will not extend beyond the 52nd month of your doctoral program (64th month if you were admitted to the doctoral program directly from your bachelor’s program).
Program and Research Eligibility

Both program of study and proposed research must be in an eligible field that NSERC supports and your supervisor’s research program is in a field that NSERC supports.

Program of Study

• Should you intend on pursuing a joint graduate program which includes a professional degree, you will not be eligible for support from NSERC.

• For example, NSERC does not support joint programs with an MD component (e.g., MD/PhD). Contact CIHR for more information about funding opportunities for these programs of study.
Program and Research Eligibility

Proposed research

• To be eligible for NSERC support, you must be conducting research and be enrolled in a program of study in one of the fields that NSERC supports (program of study not applicable to PDF applicants).

• If you receive an award from NSERC but then change your field of study or research to a field that NSERC does not support, you will no longer be eligible. As a result, NSERC will cancel the award.

• Your research must be part of an overall research program in a field that NSERC supports. For awards held at universities, your research must be supervised by a faculty member whose own research program is in a field that NSERC supports.
Program and Research Eligibility

Proposed research (cont’d.)

• NSERC supports research whose major challenges lie in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE), other than the health sciences.

• Research primarily in the NSE that advances NSE knowledge is eligible for NSERC support, even if it may have potential future applications in human health—such as diagnosis or treatment.

• Proposals that include the use of methodologies, tools, techniques and knowledge from the NSE are not automatically considered eligible.

• Additionally, research involving clinical trials or research related to human health or nutrition that focuses on collecting data to support regulatory requirements or marketing needs is not eligible.

• In cases where the proposed research is deemed to fall within the mandate of either CIHR or SSHRC, NSERC will not accept the application.
Program and Research Eligibility

Is your proposed research related to health?

• If your proposed research is related to health, consult the following:
  • This link will take you to another Web site Guidelines for the Eligibility of Applications Related to Health for guidance on the eligibility of research in health according to respective agency mandates.

Is your proposed research in psychology?

• The field of psychology is supported by the three granting agencies. Consult the following:
  • This link will take you to another Web site Guidelines for the Eligibility of Applications Related to Health for guidance on the eligibility of research in health according to respective agency mandates.
Is your proposed research in **anthropology**?

- Within the field of anthropology, NSERC considers applications that relate to: non-human primate biology and behaviour; and palaeoanthropology (pre-Homo sapiens sapiens).
- If your research relates to prehistory (Homo sapiens sapiens) or human population biology (contemporary populations), consult with SSHRC or NSERC prior to any applicable deadline in order to determine within which agency mandate your research lies.

Is your proposed research **interdisciplinary**?

- If you are seeking support for interdisciplinary research that bridges the areas covered by more than one of the three agencies (NSERC, CIHR and SSHRC) and are not certain about the eligibility of your proposed research, consult with one of the granting agencies well before any applicable deadlines.
PGS/CGS-D: Application Policies

• Applicant can only submit one* application per year to either SSHRC, NSERC or CIHR

• Applying to multiple funding agencies will most likely result in a cancelled application

• If unsure which agency to apply to, contact agencies with research proposal before applying and review the eligibility pages on the NSERC web page

*The only time multiple applications are permitted is if applicant has been nominated by Academic Unit to submit a NSERC Vanier CGS application.
Application Policies (cont’d.)

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(If none of the preceding options apply to you, only then may you consider the following.)

| You are not currently registered at a university; or are registered, but not in a degree program; and have completed all of the requirements for a degree program prior to January 1 of this year. | Directly to NSERC |

**NOTE**: Incorrectly submitted applications will be ineligible for consideration. Verify with your Academic Unit where to submit your application.
Required Documents – Attachments

• Two references (Reports on the Applicant)
• All university level transcripts (with key and certified translation)
• Outline of Proposed Research
• Justification for Eligibility of Proposed Research (Attachment – One Page Maximum)
  • Complete this section if your research is in a discipline that falls under the mandate of more than one federal granting agency (e.g., psychology, management studies, geography, physical education, bio-medical engineering, health sciences, bioinformatics, biostatistics, etc.).
• Contributions/Statements
Reference Letters / Reports on Applicant

• Two reference reports are required:
  o One must be from a person very familiar with your research and abilities. i.e. current or previous academic research advisor, industrial supervisor
  o The second letter from someone sufficiently familiar with your research and abilities, and able to provide meaningful commentary.

Note: Reference letters cannot be completed by a proposed supervisor unless they’ve supervised you previously

• Functionality
  o **Delete**: Allows you to delete a report.
  o **Resend**: Allows you to send a reminder to your references.
  o **Unlock**: Allows you to unlock the report once it has been completed so changes can be made by the reference. Unlocking the reports does not allow you to view the report. Once unlocked, you must select the Resend function to resubmit the invitation to the reference. Inform your reference that the report has been unlocked to allow them to make the required modifications and resubmit the report.
Reference Letters (cont’d.): Tips

• Ask potential referees of their willingness to support your application comfortably in advance of deadlines
• Confirm: Even though they will upload the reports electronically, they will be required to save the letter/form as a PDF and email it as an attachment to Academic Unit. The referee email MUST be sent from an official institutional address.
• If this is not possible, provide your referees with pre-addressed envelopes marked TIME SENSITIVE, with the required date clearly indicated
• Send a copy of the selection criteria
• Send a copy of your application or cv (even if not 100% complete)
• Give your referee the following link so they may familiarize themselves with the program and criteria
  
Transcripts

Transcripts submitted to your Academic Unit to complete an application must:

• Be original (delivered internally or in sealed envelopes)

• Represent all degree programs listed under “Academic Background” (undergraduate and graduate studies) section of application

• International transcripts not in French or English must be accompanied by an OFFICIAL translation including the transcript key. (some overseas transcripts may be taken from U-Apply – see your unit)

Note: Your Academic Unit will upload your transcripts directly to the “Transcripts – University” page of your application
Transcripts (cont’d.): Tips

• McGill transcripts ordered on Minerva can be:
  • Sent to McGill Academic Units via internal mail
  • Picked up in person (in sealed envelopes)
  • E-transcript via email
• Transcripts must be uploaded by Academic Unit before you can submit your online application;
  • Contact your Graduate Program Coordinator to obtain name and email address of person responsible for uploading transcripts.

You must verify the status of your application, on the NSERC website to confirm that your transcripts have been uploaded.
## Deadlines

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<td>As determined by Academic Unit</td>
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<td>Academic Units submit recommendation list to GPS</td>
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<td>Students not applying through a university file application directly to NSERC</td>
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Application Adjudication Process

• Academic Units evaluate and select applications to be recommended to GPS;

• Applications recommended to GPS will undergo an evaluation by committees made up of McGill faculty members; each committee will select the applications that are to be forwarded to NSERC

• McGill submits applications recommended by committees electronically to NSERC.
## Evaluation Criteria

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<td><strong>Academic Excellence (PGS D 30%)</strong></td>
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<td>Critical thinking, application of knowledge, judgment, originality, initiative, autonomy, enthusiasm for research</td>
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### Selection Criteria and Indicators for PGS D and PDF (FORM 201) cont’d.

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<td>Professional and extra curricular interactions and collaborations with supervisors, colleagues, and peers (e.g. teaching, mentoring, supervising, project managing, chairing committees, organizing conferences/meetings, elected positions and industrial work experience)</td>
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NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship Doctoral Alexander Graham Bell Doctoral (PGSD / CGSD) Programs Application Walk-through
NSERC offers scholarships and fellowships for every stage of study, from undergraduate to postdoctoral.

The Program Guide for Students and Fellows and the Award Holder’s Guide contain information that will be needed by applicants for and holders of NSERC awards. These guides supersede all previous versions and take effect on September 1, 2013. NSERC may, without notice, alter the programs or the terms and conditions of the awards. Any major changes will be announced immediately on this Web site and the effective date will be the date indicated at the bottom of the relevant Web page.
Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral and NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral

Overview

Value
- CGS D: $35,000 a year for two or three years
- PGS D: $21,000 a year for two or three years

Application Deadline
- Through a Canadian university: Set by university
- Directly to NSERC: October 15

How to Apply
- See below

Application Form
- Form 201 – Application for a Postgraduate Scholarship-Doctoral or Postdoctoral Fellowship
- To create or access an application, select On-line System Login. To view forms and instructions, select PDF Forms and Instructions.

Notes:
1. For reasons of brevity, the Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship-Doctoral will be referred to as “CGS D” in this document, and the NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship-Doctoral will be referred to as “PGS D”.
2. If you are interested in a CGS D, apply for a PGS D. There is no separate application form or process for the CGS D Program. The highest-ranked PGS D applicants will automatically be considered by NSERC for a CGS D.
3. Applications must be received at NSERC by the deadline date.

What kind of support do these scholarships provide?

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 in the natural sciences or engineering. The CGS D will be offered to the top-ranked applicants and the next tier of meritorious applicants will be offered an NSERC PGS D. This support allows these scholars to fully concentrate on their studies and seek out the best research mentors in their chosen fields. NSERC encourages interested and qualified Aboriginal students to apply.

Since total NSERC scholarship support is limited to a maximum of four years full-time equivalence, scholars are encouraged to complete their studies in an expeditious manner.

Are you eligible for scholarship support?
NEW CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

I understand that maintaining public trust in the integrity of researchers is fundamental to building a knowledge-based society. By submitting any application, by linking my Personal Data Form (Form 106) as a co-applicant to an application, or by accepting funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), NSERC and/or the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), I affirm that I have read and I agree to respect all the policies of these agencies that are relevant to my research, including the Transparency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research. In cases of a serious breach of agency policy, the agency may publicly disclose my name, the nature of the breach, the institution where I was employed at the time of the breach and the institution where I am currently employed. I accept this as a condition of applying for, or receiving, agency funding and I consent to such disclosure.

For further information, see the Questions and Answers on the Consent to Disclosure of Personal Information.

Applications

Your in-progress and completed applications are listed in the table below (see Security Statement and Access to Information Act and Privacy Act for detailed information). To create a new application, select the appropriate form from the drop-down box below. To edit, preview, print or verify the completeness of a given application, click on the appropriate button below. Note that the Scholarships & Fellowships applications must be submitted electronically except for Form 200 - Scholarships (VP, IRDF & IFS) for which a paper copy must be submitted by the appropriate program deadline.

Application forms and related literature are revised annually and made available a few months prior to the application deadline indicated in the program description. If the name of the program to which you wish to apply does not appear in the list upon creation of your application on the Online System, the form is not currently available. The forms for programs that do not have set deadline dates will remain accessible at all times.

Applicants interested in applying for support at the master's level should refer to the CGS M Program Description.

Select form to be created
Select form to be created
Form 200 - IFS, IRDF, VP
CGS - Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements

PGS D applicants applying through a Canadian University

1. Select Verify to ensure your application is complete (status will appear as Completed).
2. Submit your application to your institution for approval (status will appear as Submitted). This action is the equivalent of you signing the application. Refer to Electronic Submission of Applications and What do the electronic or original signatures on the application mean?
3. Your institution submits your application to NSERC for consideration (status will appear as Approved).

PGS D and PDF applicants applying directly to NSERC

1. Select Verify to ensure your application is complete (status will appear as Completed).
2. Select Submit to forward your application to NSERC (status will appear as Submitted). This action is the equivalent of you signing the application. Refer to Electronic Submission of Applications and What do the electronic or original signatures on the application mean?
3. Once submitted and received by NSERC, the status will appear as Received.

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Form 201 - Application Profile

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Program Postgraduate Scholarships - PGS M

Mock NSERC Proposal Title

Title of proposal

Application language: English

Proposed starting date of award: 2013-09

Current status: Option C

Option A = You are currently registered at a foreign university.

Option B = You are not currently registered at a university; or are registered, but not in a degree program; and have graduated from a degree program prior to January 1 of this year.

Option C = You are registered at (or were registered at during the year of application), or are on approved leave of absence from a Canadian university in a degree program.

Option D = You are not currently registered at a university; or are registered, but not in a degree program; and have graduated from a degree program from a Canadian university since January 1 of this year.

If you selected Option C or Option D, indicate the name of the university and department. Your application will be sent to this university for an internal selection process and, if recommended, will be submitted to NSERC.
Form 201 - Person Profile

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Citizenship

- Permanent Resident

Self-Identification statement:

Please note: Answers to the self-identification statement are not seen or used during the review process or by an applicant’s references.

Statement 1: I self-identify as Indigenous.
- I agree with Statement 1. I consent to this information being shared with my institution and used for my PGS D application for the purpose of being considered above my institution’s application quota.
- Statement 1 does not apply to me / I do not agree with Statement 1.

NSERC may increase equity and diversity by giving award priority to meritorious applicants who self-identify as Indigenous and/or as a woman, if sufficient funds are made available.

Statement 2: I self-identify as Indigenous.
The following information must be corrected or removed before your form can be saved.

- Postal/Zip code: Canada/United States only. No spaces or dashes, e.g. K1P 6G4 or 443255010.

Form 201 - Addresses

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City: Montreal
Province/State: Quebec
Postal/Zip code: K1P 6G4
Country: Canada

If temporary, indicate leaving date:
Telephone number: 514-2882040
Facsimile number: 

Please enter your permanent address if it is different from your current mailing address.

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Country: Canada

Telephone number at permanent address: 514-123456789
Form 201 - Justification for Eligibility of Proposed Research

Select "Instructions" from the common menu bar for details concerning this electronic attachment. For detailed instructions on the attachment process and attachment presentation, consult the Electronic Attachment Instructions.

Your electronic file attachment must meet the following specifications:

- PDF format
- Maximum file size is 3 Mb
- 8 1/2" x 11" (216mm x 279mm)
- Maximum pages: 1

Justification for Eligibility of Proposed Research

Type: File

Description: Justification for Eligibility of Proposed Research

Status: Document has been attached.

Complete this section if your research is in a discipline that falls under the mandate of more than one federal granting agency (e.g., psychology, management studies, geography, physical education, bio-medical engineering, health sciences, bioinformatics, biostatistics, etc.).

Describe the NSE research challenges of the project on which you propose to work during the tenure of your scholarship or fellowship. Clearly explain what you will be doing and why it should be considered research that is predominantly NSE (to a maximum of one page).

Points to consider:
- Consult NSERC’s Eligibility Criteria for Students and Fellows and carefully read the Selecting the appropriate federal granting agency and NSERC’s Eligibility Criteria sections for proposed research and programs of study.
- Carefully read the Government of Canada’s guidelines on Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency. Particular attention should be given to the Government’s Guidelines for the Eligibility of Applications Related to Health and its Guidelines for the Eligibility of Applications in Psychology, if they are applicable to your research.
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For uploading purposes, all the documents in this section must be saved into a single PDF file.
Form 201

PGS applicants applying through a Canadian University

1. Select Verify to ensure your application is complete (status will appear as Completed).
2. Submit your application to your institution for approval (status will appear as Submitted). This action is the equivalent of you signing the application. Refer to Electronic Submission of Applications and What do the electronic or original signatures on the application mean?
3. Your institution submits your application to NSERC for consideration (status will appear as Approved).

PGS and PDF applicants applying directly to NSERC

1. Select Verify to ensure your application is complete (status will appear as Completed).
2. Select Submit to forward your application to NSERC (status will appear as Submitted). This action is the equivalent of you signing the application. Refer to Electronic Submission of Applications and What do the electronic or original signatures on the application mean?
3. Once submitted and received by NSERC, the status will appear as Received.

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Important Notices
Common errors when writing research proposal / contributions

• Lack of focus or coherence
• Repetitive
• Failure to cite important work in the area
• Failure to cite recent relevant work
• Cite too many irrelevant articles
• Rely too much on secondary sources (lack of understanding)
• Too much details on minor issues; too little detail on major issues
• Research contributions not properly highlighted
• Impact / importance of research not explained
# Result Announcements

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- Academic Unit notifies students of decision following unit’s review
- GPS notifies recommended students if their files are sent to NSERC
- NSERC sends award notices
CONGRATULATIONS!

• Actions required if you have been offered an award /fellowship:

• **Read your Award Holder’s Guide!**

• Go to our website: [Getting Paid & Maintaining Fellowship](#).

• Complete required forms and submit them along with the **notice of award** by email to graduatefunding.gps@mcgill.ca

*Note:* Whenever possible and/or appropriate, it is best to wait for outstanding forms and submit ALL of them together.

*If you have not received an email with instructions, email GPS to let us know you have been offered.*
Helpful Resources

• For additional questions, please contact your Academic Unit Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC) or equivalent

http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program

• Your GPC will contact Graduate Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) on a case-by-case basis if further assistance is needed

• Once you have exhausted a search on the webpages, you may send questions to graduatefunding.gps@mcgill.ca
Helpful Resources

Students who are applying for external funding.

Students will have the opportunity to have their two-page project summary reviewed by a former Tri-council or Quebec committee reviewer in a 20 minute appointment. The reviewer will scan the document and provide feedback on the structure, relevance, and language accuracy with suggestions on how to improve the draft.

• Dates and Times: Verify on Website
• Location: Redpath Library, Main entrance

Complete registration instructions: Would You Fund It?

McGill: Writing Center:

FOR REGISTERED MCGILL STUDENTS ONLY
Helpful Resources

- NSERC Website: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/index_eng.asp
- GPS NSERC Funding Info Page: http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/fellowships/nserc

- Technical Support:
  Check the Frequently Asked Questions on how to use the NSERC online System

- **Read the instructions available in the application!!**

- Online Services Helpdesk:
  - webapp@nserc-crsng.gc.ca or 613-995-4273. Include your e-mail address and telephone number.
Next Steps

• Read instructions
• Understand what you are applying for
• Order transcripts – find your unit contact
• Contact referees and ensure they understand what you are applying for.
• Register on NSERC Get PIN
• Draft proposal
• PROOF READ
• Get others to review and critique
• Re-read instructions
This application is your responsibility. It is up to you to ensure that all attachments, including transcripts, have been uploaded correctly according to the agency instructions and submitted on time.

No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

We wish you all the best of luck.
Thank you

GPS-Graduate Funding contact
Fellowships Officer (external fellowships)
– Ester Di Cori
Fellowships Administrator
– Jan Walker
Student Affairs Coordinator
– Phoebe Zamanuel

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GPS Home Page www.mcgill.ca/gps
- Resource for current graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and university Academic Units

GPS Newly Admitted Graduate Students www.mcgill.ca/gradwelcome
- Dedicated resource for accepted students to facilitate their transition to McGill and to Montreal

GPS Current Students www.mcgill.ca/gps/students
- Detailed information centre and resource directory for current graduate students and postdoctoral fellows

Future Grad Students www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants
- Primary site for prospective graduate students
- Centralized and consolidated listing of all graduate programs
- Instructions, support, and tips on admissions and funding processes