Fall 2018 NSERC Doctoral Competition Instructions

The School of Graduate Studies is pleased to provide you important information in regard to the Fall 2018 Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral Program (CGS D) and the NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral Program (PGS D) competition for the 2019-20 academic year.

Value & Duration

Alexander Graham Bell CGS Doctoral Scholarship-$35,000 per year for 2 or 3 years
NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral Program-$21,000 per year for 2 or 3 years

NSERC’s Assigned Quota to McMaster: TBC

NSERC provides national quotas to Universities for the number of Recommended Applicants that can be submitted to the national NSERC competition. For this year’s competition, NSERC has not yet assigned their quotas to the universities.

Eligibility

- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- 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; and
- have obtained a first-class average (10.0/12.0, A-, 80%/100) in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent).
- 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; and
- you must not hold, or have held, a scholarship or fellowship from SSHRC, NSERC or CIHR to undertake or complete a doctoral program.

Internal McMaster Deadline:

Applicants are required to complete their applications on the NSERC On-line System by Wednesday, October 3, 2018.
Department Process

School of Graduate Studies Deadline: Thursday, October 4, 2018

Departments are required to submit their list of Recommended applicants by completing the Fall 2018 NSERC Doctoral-Department's Recommended Candidates spreadsheet and e-mailing it to graduatescholarships@mcmaster.ca. You are not required to submit paper or electronic copies of the applications as SGS will download the applications from the NSERC On-line System. Please retain the applicants’ original transcripts until the competition results are announced in the spring of 2019.

Departments should consider having their own internal deadline prior to October 3rd so they can review the applications and ensure they are eligible to be put forward to SGS.

All eligible applicants will automatically be considered for a McMaster OGS award for the 2019/20 academic year.

Attached Document-Fall 2018 NSERC Doctoral – Department's Recommended Candidates Spreadsheet

NSERC On-line System instructions for Department SLO Assistants:

Each department is allowed to assign ONE Department SLO Assistant Designate for the NSERC On-line System. The SLO Assistant Designate will be given access privileges to the NSERC site to assist students in the application process (i.e., view, uploading transcripts/legends, etc. Existing SLO Assistant Designates are NOT required to re-activate their NSERC account.

Login page: https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm
If you cannot remember your password, please click forgot password.

NEW SLO Assistant Designates must create an NSERC account on the NSERC On-Line System. Please visit: https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_register_e.htm to create your new account.
As soon as you receive your account confirmation from the NSERC On-Line System, please email graduatescholarships@mcmaster.ca your full name and the email address you used to create the account.

All SLO Assistant Designates must provide their full name, and email address to their students for the on-line application process.
Departments’ SLO Assistant Designates – Uploading Transcripts/Legends
A complete application includes a copy of all official and up-to-date transcripts (or other proof of registration in certain circumstances), as described in the NSERC CGS/PGS D Instructions at: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/201/pgs-pdf_eng.asp

Uploading Transcripts
Up-to-date transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate studies must be scanned and uploaded, in the Transcripts – University page of the student’s application by the Department SLO Assistant Designate as follows:

- Ensure the Academic Background page of the application has been completed by the applicant
- Applicant enters the name and e-mail address of the department’s SLO Assistant in the Transcripts – University page of the application.
- Once the information is saved, an e-mail containing the appropriate links will be forwarded to the SLO Assistant.
- Student must provide SLO Assistant an up-to-date transcript for each and all of the degree programs listed under Academic Background.
- SLO Assistant will follow instructions in the NSERC On-Line System on how to upload the transcripts

Transcripts and Legends Information for Department and Applicants:
Students are required to include all Official Transcripts (undergraduate and graduate). For uploading purposes, all the documents must be saved into a single PDF file and must include one copy of the university legend for each set of transcripts (do not scan the legend multiple times). It should be formatted as a black-and-white document and the text must be oriented so that it is readable on a computer monitor from left to right without any adjustment by the viewer. Transferred courses taken at other universities must also be included. A transcript is required for all programs listed in the application, even if a program was not completed. If the applicant is already registered in their program of study at the time of application, they must submit a transcript for this program regardless of the number of months completed in the program or whether the transcript contains any marks. This requirement also applies to programs of study started in the fall session of the year of application. This means that current McMaster transcripts from the fall 2018 session are required for every applicant.

The inclusion and completeness of these documents are essential to determine the eligibility of the application. A complete set of up-to-date transcripts is also an integral part
of the evaluation material reviewed by scholarship and fellowship selection committees. **Students and their graduate administrative assistants/administrators should collaborate to upload the transcripts.** Page 3 of this document includes instructions on how the department uploads the transcripts.

**NSERC Website**

Please refer to the attached link for complete competition information:


**NSERC CGS/PGS Doctoral – Instructions for completing the **ON-LINE** application form:**


**NSERC Tutorials on how to apply:**


**Frequently asked questions:**

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/FAQ-FAQ_eng.asp#a1

**NSERC On-line System login page:**

https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm