NSERC offers the CGS-D ($35,000) and PGS-D ($21,000). The NSERC CGS-D and PGS-D have identical eligibility requirements, application procedures, and conditions of the award.

**Eligibility**
- See [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp#a4](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp#a4) for eligibility criteria for scholarship support
- Also, see [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Eligibility-Admissibilite/students-etudiants_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Eligibility-Admissibilite/students-etudiants_eng.asp) for overall NSERC eligibility criteria for students and fellows

**Completeness**

**Important Reminder regarding application completeness**
- As noted in the graduate program procedures document, applications submitted to G+PS by the October nomination deadline will then be submitted to adjudicators without further corrections, due to the compressed competition timeline required by the Tri-Agencies. Applications will still be reviewed by G+PS (and corrections requested), but this will occur simultaneously with adjudication so any corrections (ex. missing transcripts or reference forms added) will only be reflected in the final application file submitted to the Tri-Agency for nomination. For Affiliated Fellowship applications, as there is no national competition, adjudicators will only see the version of the application files that were submitted by graduate programs. This means any items missing at the time of the graduate program nomination deadline (ex. transcripts, Affiliated reference forms) may negatively affect the applicant’s ranking in adjudication. **It is not possible** to add missing documents or submit revised documents to adjudicators once adjudication has commenced.

**Application Materials**
- Form 201 Contents Page
- Form 201 Cover Page
- Form 201 page 1
- Form 201 page 2
- Form 201 page 3
- Form 201 page 4
- Form 201 page 5
- Form 201 page 6
- Outline of Proposed Research
- Bibliography (optional)
- Contributions and Statement
- Form 201 page 7 (special circumstances)
- Transcripts
- Two (2) Report on the Applicant (references)
- [List of Criteria Based Affiliated Fellowships](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp#a4) (if applicable, if student is applying for any)

**Note:** the application files are automatically compiled and arranged in a particular order in the NSERC system. Applicants or graduate programs do not need to re-arrange files into this order.
Applicants must click “Verify” on the Portfolio page of application system before the system will allow the applicant to click “Submit” for their application. Clicking “Verify” will alert the applicant to any incomplete sections of the application, so the “verify” step should be done regularly and well in advance of the application deadline. NSERC’s online system will not accept applications that are incomplete (i.e., that contain unverified sections).

### FORM 201 - COVER PAGE

| Citizenship | Must be Canadian citizen or permanent resident  
|             | If permanent resident:  
|             | • Date of landing must be on or before **15 September 2020**  
|             | • Both date of landing and country of citizenship are required  
|             | If Other: **not eligible for NSERC – citizenship**  
| University responsible for the internal selection process | Should be UBC |

### FORM 201 - PAGE 1

| Academic background | Current program of study (UBC 2020-2021, if current UBC student) **must be listed**. This includes new students who just started their UBC program in September.  
|                     | • All previous institutions attended should be listed (ie. institutions listed should match transcripts provided)  
|                     | • Check that student is currently registered in NSERC-supported field |

### FORM 201 – PAGE 2

| Work experience | “Position held and nature of work” column must include full-time/part-time information |

### FORM 201 - PAGE 3

| Type of Award | Will be listed as “Postgraduate Scholarships - PGS D” – NSERC does not allow an option for applicants to select “CGS D” instead. NSERC will automatically consider top-ranked PGS D applicants for the CGS D. |
| Proposed start date of award | Must be one of three choices:  
| | • 2021/05; 2021/09; or 2022/01  
| Proposed degree program | Must be doctoral  
| Research subject code | Research subject code must be listed  
| Title of proposed research | Title of proposed research must be listed |
### Proposed location(s) of tenure

- Should be “University of British Columbia”
- In rare cases, may be an institution that is not “University of British Columbia”
  - Applicants who were registered at UBC during the year of application (2020) but are no longer registered at UBC, and are not currently registered at another institution, would apply through UBC, even if they plan to undertake a PhD at another institution in 2021
  - See Tri-Agency flowchart: “Where should I submit my application?”
  - Institutions and graduate programs are still required to review and rank such applications the same as they would an applicant that will undertake their PhD at UBC
- Questions can be directed to graduate.awards@ubc.ca

### Months of study in program

- Count months of study completed as of 31 Dec 2020 in the program for which they are requesting funding.
- To be eligible to apply, an applicant must:
  - have completed no more than 24 months of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if previously enrolled in a master’s program
  - have completed no more than 36 months of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if enrolled in a joint program; for example, MD/PhD, MA/PhD
    - applicants who fall into this category have access to the 36-month window whether or not they were previously enrolled in a master’s program
  - have completed no more than 36 months of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if enrolled directly from a bachelor’s to a PhD program (with no time spent in a master’s program)
    - direct-entry applicants must be enrolled in their doctoral program at the time of application
- Further details on counting the months of study are available here: [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp#a4](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp#a4)

### Attending University at time of application

- If applicant is not currently attending UBC, confirm application should be submitting application via UBC by reviewing the following table

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<tr>
<th>Applicant’s status at time of application</th>
<th>Where to submit application</th>
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<tr>
<td>Currently registered in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a quota. <strong>Note:</strong> This includes applicants on an approved leave of absence from a Canadian institution with a quota.</td>
<td>The Canadian institution at which the applicant is currently registered.</td>
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<td>Currently registered concurrently at a Canadian institution with a quota and at a foreign post-secondary institution (e.g., in a cotutelle).</td>
<td>The Canadian institution at which the applicant is currently registered.</td>
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<td>Not currently registered in a degree program but <strong>was registered at any other time during the year of application</strong> in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a quota.</td>
<td>The Canadian institution at which the applicant was registered in a degree program.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Currently registered at an institution (Canadian or foreign) without a quota for the selected agency.</td>
<td>Directly to NSERC.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not registered at any time during the year of application in a degree program at a Canadian institution with a quota for the selected agency.</td>
<td>Directly to NSERC.</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**FORM 201 - PAGE 4 – SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS OFFERED**

- Required for all award applications
- All columns should be filled out for each award listed
- Check to see if the applicant notes a previous doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC. Per the eligibility requirements, applicants cannot have already receive a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship.

**FORM 201 - PAGE 5 – THESIS INFORMATION**

- Applicants to include most relevant (thesis most recently completed or currently in progress)

**FORM 201 - PAGE 6 – DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS IN RESEARCH DESIGN**

- New addition to NSERC applications as of 2020
- The text box should be filled out

**FORM 201 - PAGE 7 – SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

- Optional

**FREE-FORM – GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- Applicants are responsible for submitting a complete application that conforms to NSERC On-line Presentation and Attachment Standards: [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/pdfatt2_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/pdfatt2_eng.asp)
- Have margin (minimum ¾ inch) and font size (minimum 12-pt) guidelines been followed? If not, documents must be revised
- Name of applicant must be at the top right corner of each page, outside the set margins
- For multi-page attachments, attachment pages should be numbered sequentially

**FREE-FORM – OUTLINE OF PROPOSED RESEARCH**

- Maximum 2 pages

**FREE-FORM – BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- Optional; Maximum 5 pages
FREE-FORM – JUSTIFICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

- Optional; Maximum 1 page
- Only suggested for applicants whose research is in a discipline that falls under the mandate of more than one federal granting agency (for example, psychology, management studies, geography, physical education, biomedical engineering, health sciences, bioinformatics, biostatistics, etc.). This section provides applicants with the opportunity to explain why they have chosen to apply to NSERC as opposed to one of the other federal granting agencies (CIHR or SSHRC).

FREE-FORM – CONTRIBUTIONS AND STATEMENT

Contributions and statement (maximum 2 pages for all sections together)
- Part I - Contributions to research and development
- Part II - Most significant contributions to research and development
- Part III - Applicant’s statement
  - Research experience
  - Relevant activities
  - Special circumstances

TRANSCRIPTS

Required: up-to-date official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies
- Transcripts are uploaded by a UBC staff member (“university designate”) to the applicant’s NSERC online application. The transcripts must be uploaded by the application deadline (15 September 2020 at 12:00 pm PDT).
- UBC transcript: Copy of UBC Academic History from SISC or UBC official transcript, including 2020W registration for all students (including the ones with no registration prior to September 2020)
  - Please append one copy of UBC transcript key to the SISC print-out. The current version is available on the Awards Resources for Programs webpage.
- Other transcripts: Copies of official transcripts for all post-secondary studies outside UBC.
- For further details, see the transcript checklist posted here: Awards Resources for Programs

REPORT ON THE APPLICANT

- Must be 2 provided
- No signature needed

CRITERIA-BASED AFFILIATED FELLOWSHIPS CHECKLIST

- Current list (for 2021-2022) is available at: https://www.grad.ubc.ca/forms/list-criteria-based-affiliated-fellowships
- Not part of NSERC application; to be provided by, or requested from, students in order to be considered for criteria-based Affiliated Fellowship awards
- Award numbers entered into nomination data sheet by grad programs
- Append to NSERC application if student is applying for any of these awards

Important Note: If applicant is to submit their NSERC application directly to NSERC or through another Canadian university, they must also submit an Affiliated Fellowships application to their UBC graduate program (if they are eligible to do so) in order to be considered for Affiliated Fellowships funding.