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NSERC Information Session Scholarships and Fellowships 2016 Competition

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N SERC Graduate Programs for doctoral students

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Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral / NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral (CGS/PGS D)

	CGS D	PGS D
Value	\$35,000 per year for 2 or 3 years	\$21,000 per year for 2 or 3 years
Tenure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian university 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian university Foreign university ONLY if you already have at least one Canadian NSE degree
Open to:	Canadian citizen Permanent resident of Canada	



	CGS/PDS D	
	Master's to PhD	Bachelor's to PhD (direct-entry)
Eligibility*	0-24 months in Doctorate	4-36 months in PhD
Minimum Average	First-class in each of the last two years of completed study (full-time equivalent) as determined by your university	

***As of December 31 of the year of application; full-time equivalent**



Selection Criteria and Weightings

	Weight %
Academic Excellence	30
Research Ability or Potential	50
Communication, Interpersonal and Leadership Abilities	20
Total	100



Scholarships and Fellowships Selection Committees

- Our 12 Selection Committees review applications for the CGS D/PGS D and PDF programs:

Earth Sciences	Evolution and Ecology
Mathematical Sciences	Physics and Astronomy
Chemistry	Cellular and Molecular Biology
Civil and Mechanical Engineering	Chemical, Biomedical and Materials Science Engineering
Plant and Animal Biology	Psychology
Electrical Engineering	Computing Sciences

IMPORTANT: The research subject code you select in your application will determine your Selection Committee!



Where do you apply and when?

- Apply **through your current university** if:
 - You are currently registered at, or are on an approved leave of absence from, a Canadian university in a degree program.
- Apply **through the university where you were registered** if:
 - you are not currently registered at a university or are registered, but not in a degree program, and you graduated from a degree program from a Canadian university during the calendar year in which you are applying.

Deadline: **verify with your university!**



Apply directly to NSERC ONLY if:

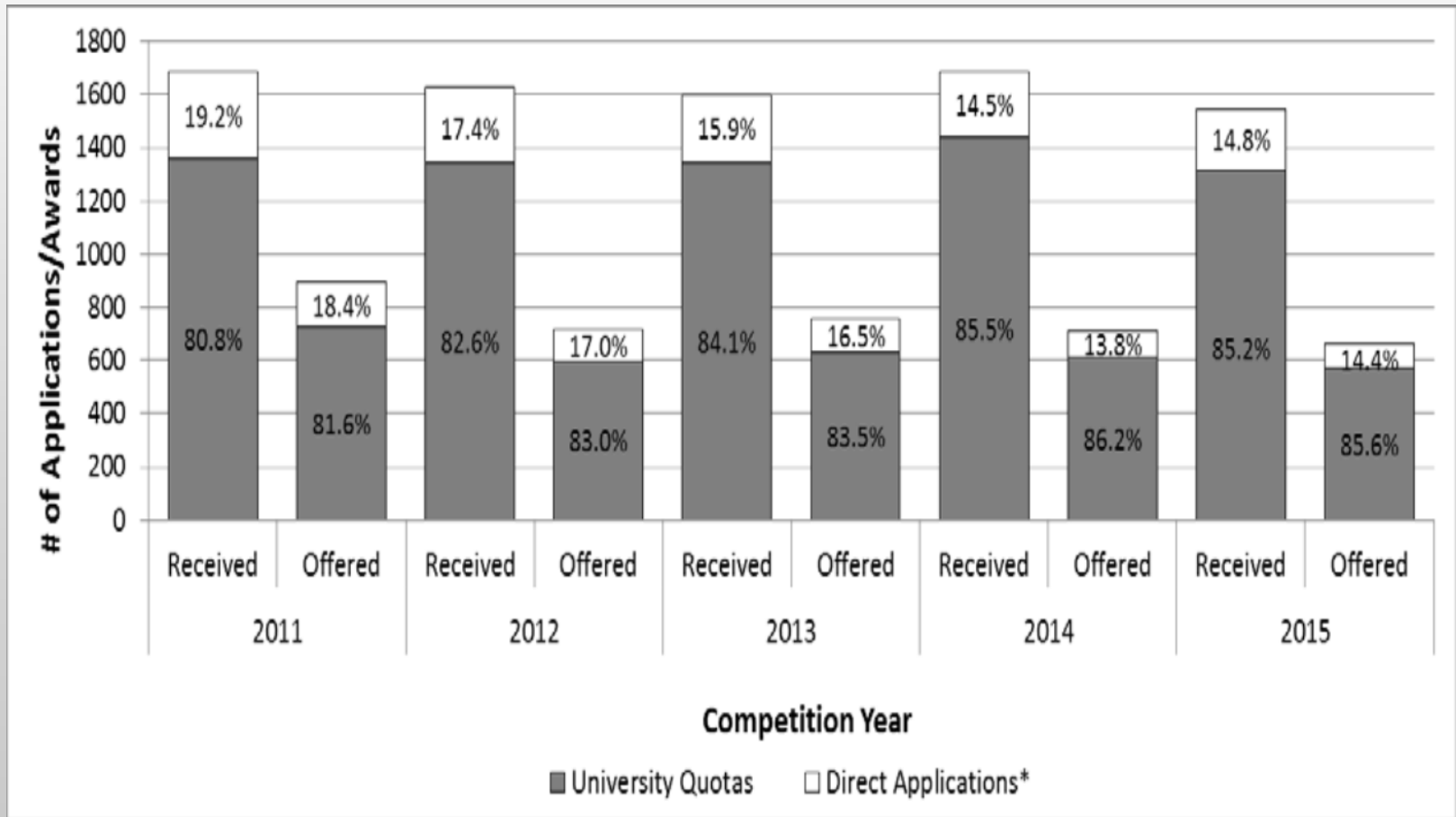
- You are currently registered at a foreign university
- You are not currently registered at a university or are registered, but not in a degree program, and you graduated from a degree program prior to January of the year of application
- **Deadline: Applications must be received electronically by 8:00 p.m. (ET) on October 15**



What happens to the CGS/PGS D application at the university?

- **Student submits electronically to university**
- **University gives read access to the applications to departments / internal selection committees for their recommendations**
- **University committees select applicants to fill NSERC quota**
- **Quota of applications sent electronically to NSERC**

PGS D/CGS D Application Statistics



Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)

	Vanier CGS
Value	\$50,000 per year for three years
Open to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian citizens • Permanent residents of Canada • Foreign citizens
Minimum Average	First-class in each of the last two years of completed study (full-time equivalent) as determined by your institution
How and when do I apply?	You must be nominated by a Canadian Institution with a quota; Institutional nomination by November 4 at 8:00 p.m. (ET)*
When are awards announced?	By the end of March

* Contact your Office of Graduate Studies for the university-specific deadline



In addition, you must:

- be pursuing your first doctoral degree (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD)
- not have completed more than 20 months of doctoral studies as of May 1, 2016
- not have received previous doctoral level funding from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC

Evaluation Criteria (weighted equally):

Academic Excellence

Research Potential

Leadership (potential and demonstrated ability)



- Candidates may only apply to the same federal granting agency's doctoral scholarship/fellowship program and the Vanier CGS program simultaneously within the same academic year.
- Justification required to complete doctoral degree at the same university where you earned a previous degree.
- The application form and more information are found at the Vanier CGS website (www.vanier.gc.ca).



Canada Graduate Scholarships – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (CGS-MSFSS)

- **Candidates:**
 - **Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada**
 - **registered at an eligible Canadian institution**
 - **have accepted or hold a CGS (Master's or Doctoral) or Vanier CGS (if eligible)**
 - **must not have accepted a previous CGS-MSFSS**
- **Applications:**
 - **submitted through the University, within their assigned quota**
- **Awards:**
 - **recipients must hold an active CGS at start of award**
 - **maximum value of \$6,000 (covers travel, living and other non-research related costs)**
 - **duration of 3 to 6 months**
 - **start date must be after the application deadline and within one year of receiving notice of award**

CGS-MSFSS (continued)

<p>CIHR Research Capacity Development</p>	<p>Web site: http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/ Email: CGSMSFSS@cihr-irsc.gc.ca Phone: 613-952-0763</p>
<p>SSHRC Research Training Portfolio</p>	<p>Web site: http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/ Email: fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca Phone: 613-943-7777</p>
<p>NSERC Scholarships and Fellowships Division</p>	<p>Web site: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ Email: schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca Phone: 613-995-5521</p>

Summer Program in Taiwan

Value	\$2,500 + living expenses
Eligibility	Must hold an active MSFSS
Duration	8 weeks (June to August)
Deadline	Email schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca



NSERC Postdoctoral Programs

- **Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF)**
- **Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships (BPDF)**
- **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship (JSPS)**

NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF)

	PDF
Value	\$45,000 per year for two years
When and how to apply?	By 8:00 p.m. (ET) on October 15. Applications submitted through the NSERC Online System
When are awards announced?	Mid-January 2016
Where can you hold the award?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canadian universities• provincial research institutions in Canada• Other appropriate research laboratory in Canada• universities and research centres abroad (PhD must be from Canadian university)

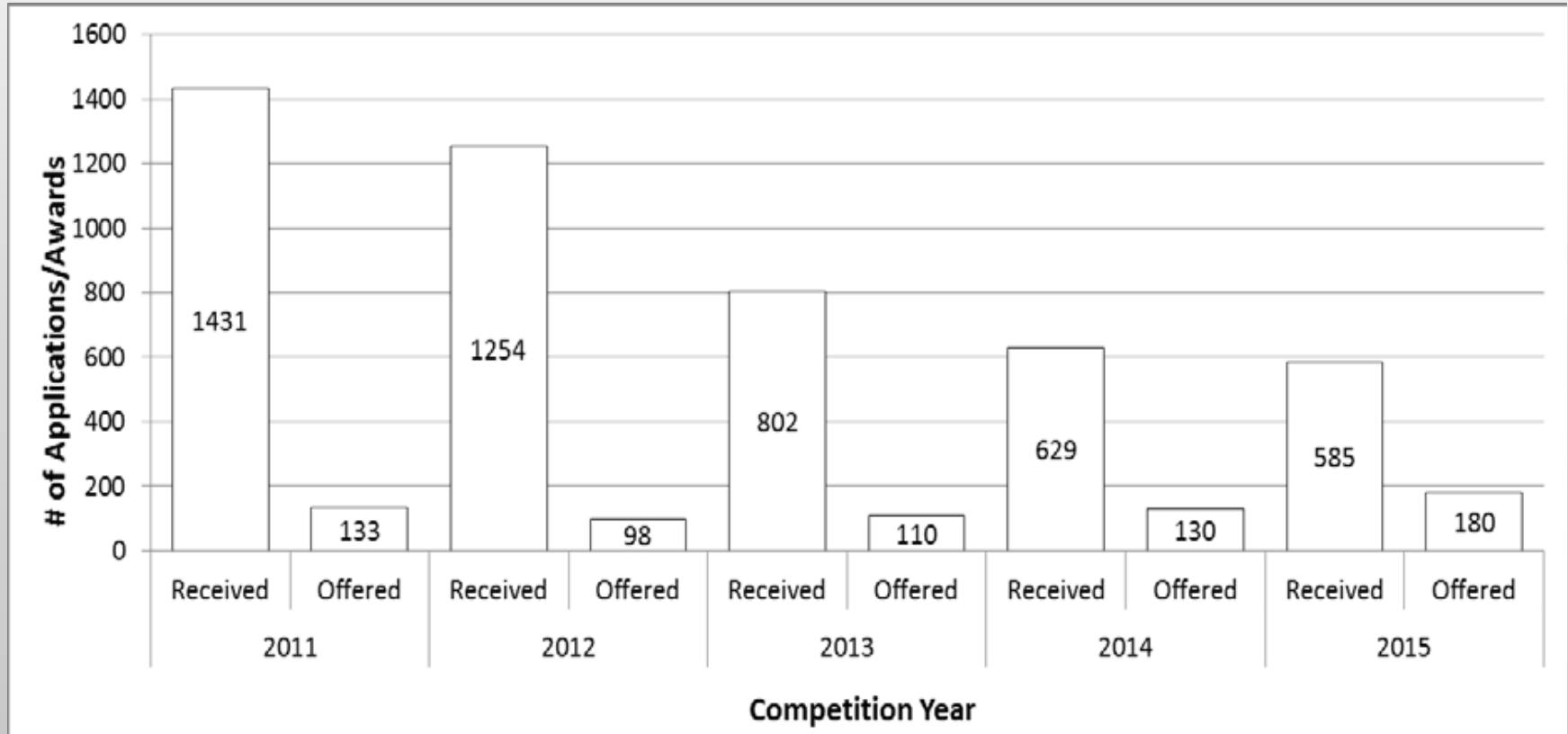


	PDF
All requirements of first PhD completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After October 15, 2013 (some exceptions) or by September 1, 2016
Open to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian citizens • Permanent residents of Canada
Selection Criteria	<p>Research Ability or Potential: 70%</p> <p>Communication, interpersonal, and leadership abilities: 30%</p>

You can only apply once to the PDF program



PDF Application Statistics



Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships (Banting PDF)

	PDF
Value	\$70,000 per year for two years
When and how to apply?	By 8:00 p.m. (ET) on September 23, 2015. Applications submitted through ResearchNet
When are awards announced?	End January 2016
Where can you hold the award?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canadian universities• Foreign universities (capped at 25% overall)• Affiliated research hospitals, colleges and not-for-profit organizations with a strong research mandate and capacity



Banting PDF

	Banting PDF
All requirements of PhD completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Between September 23, 2012 and August 15, 2016 (inclusively), and before the start date of the award.
Open to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canadian citizens• Permanent residents of Canada• Foreign citizens (must hold fellowship at a Canadian university)
Selection Criteria (weighted equally)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research excellence and leadership in the research domain• Quality of applicant's proposed research program• Institutional commitment and demonstrated synergy between applicant and institutional strategic priorities



Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Postdoctoral Fellowships (JSPS)

- Conduct research in Japan
- Application deadline: January 25, 2016
- PhD completed within past six years
- How to apply:
 - Find a host organization
 - Contact NSERC for application form



**Completing Form 201 –
Application for a Postgraduate
Scholarship or a Postdoctoral
Fellowship**

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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, 2014. 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.

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On-line Services



Our on-line services are designed to give you easier access to NSERC's online systems.

Update on NSERC's Research Portal

As of spring 2013, researchers and institutional administrators will use the Research Portal

For Authorized Institutional Representatives: Before you register to access the On-line System or the Financial Data Submission and Reconciliation (FDSR) System, ensure that you have completed, signed and emailed the pertinent registration form to NSERC and read the instructions and the frequently asked questions provided. You will find the forms, instructions and frequently asked questions, for one or the other system, at the [On-line System Overview](#) and [FDSR Overview](#) pages.

▾ **On-line System Users**

Select **On-line System Login** to create or access an application.

On-line System Login

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▾ **Financial Data Submission and Reconciliation**

The Financial Data Submission and Reconciliation (FDSR) System is for academic institution officials who electronically transmit their annual financial data.

FDSR System Login

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This information was transferred from the New Application screen. You may update the fields as needed.

Program Postgraduate Scholarships - PGS D

Title of proposal

200 (200 chars)

Application language

Proposed starting date of award

Current status

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 completed all of the requirements for a degree program prior to January 1 of this year.

Option C = You are currently registered at (or were registered at during the year of application), or are on an 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 completed all of the requirements for a degree program from a Canadian university since January 1 of this year.

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Family name

Given name

Initial(s) of ALL given names

Previous family name

NSERC PIN

E-mail address

Citizenship

Indicate date of landing as stated on official immigration document yyyy mm dd

Country of citizenship (if not Canada) (20 chars)

Gender (completion optional)

Designated groups (completion optional) Aboriginal Visible Minority Disabled

Preferred language of correspondence

What languages do you:

Read English French

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Form 201 - Addresses

Please enter your current mailing address below.

Type of address

Street address line

1 (40 chars)

2 (40 chars)

3 (40 chars)

4 (40 chars)

City (30 chars)

Province/State

Postal/Zip code Canada/United States only. No spaces or dashes, e.g. K1P6G4 or 443250010.

Country

If temporary, indicate leaving date yyyy mm dd

	<small>Country</small>	<small>Area</small>	<small>Number</small>	<small>Extension</small>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Facsimile number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

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

Type of address

Street address line

1 (40 chars)

2 (40 chars)

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Form 201 - Academic Background

Include only current and past degree programs. Please use the section 'Other' for any additional degree.

Type of degree **Bachelor's**

Delete

Institution Use the 'List...' button

Name if not available (100 chars)

Department Use the 'List...' button

Name if not available (100 chars)

Country

Period of study

Started yyyy mm

Awarded/Expected yyyy mm

Name of discipline (50 chars)

Type of degree **Master's**

Delete

Institution Use the 'List...' button

Name if not available (100 chars)

Department Use the 'List...' button

Name if not available (100 chars)

Country

Period of study

Started yyyy mm

Transferred to Ph.D. without completing master's

Awarded/Expected yyyy mm

Name of discipline (50 chars)

Form 201 – Work Experience



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Form 201 - Work Experience

Beginning with the most recent, list your academic, research and other relevant work experience. In the Nature of work field, indicate if you gained the experience during a program of study.

Current occupation 1 of 6

Delete

Period of employment from yyyy mm  to yyyy mm 

Type of appointment

Position held (60 chars)

Organization (100 chars)



Department (40 chars)

Supervisor (60 chars)

Nature of work (100 chars)

Previous occupation 2 of 6

Delete

Period of employment from yyyy mm  to yyyy mm 

Type of appointment

Position held (60 chars)

Organization (100 chars)

Department (40 chars)

Supervisor (60 chars)

Nature of work (100 chars)

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Delete

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List only competitive awards based on academic or research excellence and/or leadership or communication abilities. Include NSERC awards and declined awards. You may list up to ten awards starting with your most recent awards.

Note: "declined awards" refers to awards that were offered to you but which you declined.

New Entry

Delete

Name of award (35 chars)

Location of tenure (35 chars)

Value Per Year \$CAD

Period held from yyyy mm Declined

to yyyy mm

Level

Type

New Entry

Delete

Name of award (35 chars)

Location of tenure (35 chars)

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Form 201 - Location of Tenure

Indicate where you would like to hold this award, in order of preference.

Note: The 'List...' button contains a list of postsecondary institutions.

Proposed location of tenure

Institution / organization	<input type="text"/>	List...
Name if not available	<input type="text"/>	(100 chars)
Department	<input type="text"/>	
Name if not available	<input type="text"/>	(100 chars)
Proposed supervisor	<input type="text"/>	(60 chars)
Program of study	<input type="text"/>	(100 chars)

Second location (if appropriate)

Institution / organization	<input type="text"/>	List...
Name if not available	<input type="text"/>	(100 chars)
Department	<input type="text"/>	
Name if not available	<input type="text"/>	(100 chars)
Proposed supervisor	<input type="text"/>	(60 chars)
Program of study	<input type="text"/>	(100 chars)

Form 201 – Justification for location of tenure (PDF Only)

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Form 201 - Justification for location of tenure

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Provide a rationale for your choice(s) for location of tenure. **To confirm that your text will fit, save your information and select 'Preview', then adjust accordingly.**

See instructions for further details.



Form 201 – Scholarship / Fellowship Information (PGS/CGS D only)

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At the time of application, are you attending university?

Proposed degree program

If you are offered an award, do you plan to take it up at a foreign university?

If you answered yes to the previous question, do you still want to be considered for an Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship which is tenable only in Canada?

Number of months of graduate studies (master's and doctoral) you have completed as of December 31 of the year of application in the natural sciences and engineering (if none, enter "0"):

• Months of full-time studies

• Months of part-time studies

Number of months of studies you have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, in the program for which you are requesting funding (if none, enter « 0 »):

• Months of full-time studies

• Months of part-time studies

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Form 201 - Thesis Information

Information on theses completed or in progress. For completed degrees, indicate the date by which you completed all degree requirements (not the convocation date). This includes your thesis defence, corrections, and deposition of thesis.

Degree (60 chars)

Supervisor (60 chars)

Date degree requirements completed yyyy mm

Title of the thesis (200 chars)

Degree (60 chars)

Supervisor (60 chars)

Date degree requirements completed yyyy mm

Title of the thesis (200 chars)

Summary of thesis most recently completed or in progress. Use plain language. Do not reproduce the thesis abstract. **To confirm that your text will fit, save your information and select 'Preview', then adjust accordingly.**

Form 201 – Keywords / Research Subject Code

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Form 201 - Key Words / Research Subject Code

The Research Subject Code entered on the application will determine the selection committee in which the application will be evaluated. Consult the [List of Research Subject Codes for Scholarships and Fellowships](#) before making your selection.

Research subject code

Primary

Key words

List up to ten (10) key words that describe your proposed research (for example, nuclear physics, geochemistry, etc.)

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Form 201 – Outline of Proposed Research (max 1 page)

- **Detailed description of proposed research during tenure of the award**
- **Plain language**
- **Be as specific as possible**
 - **State objectives and hypothesis, and outline theoretical or experimental approach, and methods and procedures to be used;**
 - **State significance of research to NSE.**
- **Do not repeat info from Theses section**
 - **Refer to it!**

Document to be converted to Portable Document Format (PDF) and attached to the application

Eligibility of Proposed Research / Program of Study (max 1 page)

- **NSERC supports research whose major challenges lie in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE), other than the health sciences**
- **NSERC does not support programs that include a professional component (i.e., MD/PhD)**
- **Consult NSERC's Eligibility Criteria for Students and Fellows**
- **NSERC makes the final decision with respect to mandate**
- **Justification for the eligibility of proposed research should be completed for any research that may overlap with CIHR/SSHRC. If in doubt, fill it out!**
- **May only apply to one agency per academic year**

Form 201: Contributions and Applicant's Statement

- **Part 1: Articles published, accepted, submitted**
- **Part 2: Most significant contributions to R&D**
- **Part 3: Applicant's statement:**
 - **research experience**
 - **relevant activities**
 - **special circumstances**

Page limits: PGS D – 2 pages / PDF – 4 pages

No updates accepted once application is submitted

Common mistakes 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

Transcripts

- **Must be up-to-date and official**
- **A transcript must be provided for each program listed under Academic Background (doctoral studies only for PDF)**
- **Scanned and uploaded into one PDF file, including a copy of university legend for each set of transcripts**
- **Formatted as a black-and-white printed document, and, where possible, in portrait style**
- **Hardcopies may be requested, should you be successful in the competition**

Report on the Applicant: two reports required

- **Person most familiar with applicant's research and other abilities – often thesis supervisor**
- **Another person familiar with your research and other abilities**
- **Able to provide meaningful commentary and specific examples**
- **If thesis supervisor not providing a report, reasons should be indicated under special circumstances**
- **Names and email addresses of your referees will be required for the On-line System to generate an email inviting the referees to complete their report and the deadline by which it should be submitted**

Form 201: Finishing up

- Proofread and ask your supervisor and/or a friend to read for appropriate language, grammar, etc.
- Verify application on “My Portfolio” screen”
- When “Verification Report” is “Successful”
SEND APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY

Remember...

- **Follow instructions:**
 - **Font size, margins, page limits, etc.**
- **Clear, concise writing**
- **Proofread for spelling and grammar**
- **Review with a faculty member (potential supervisor / expert in the area)**
- **Provide required documentation**
- **Choose referees with care**
- **Be aware of deadlines**

Where to get additional information?

- **Consult the NSERC Scholarships and Fellowships Resource Videos page for helpful videos**
- **Tips on applying for an NSERC scholarship or fellowship**
- **Demystifying the review process for NSERC scholarships and fellowships**
- **Postgraduate programs summary and application tutorials**
- **Postdoctoral programs summary and application tutorials**

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/Videos-Videos/Index_eng.asp

Supplements and Other Funding Opportunities

- Indirect support through research grants
- Collaborative Research and Training Experience Program (CREATE)
- Aboriginal Ambassadors in the Natural Sciences or Engineering Supplements (AANSE)
- L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science – NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship Supplement
- Canada-China Postdoctoral Fellowships Supplement
- Alice Wilson Award
- Other supplement opportunities

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