

Funding for Graduate Studies at McGill

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Supplementary information for McGill 2009-2010



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competitions, please contact your department or
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No Multiple Applications to Federal Funding Agencies

Policy since 2001 :

- An applicant can only submit one application per year to NSERC, CIHR or SSHRC.
- Filing to 2 councils will result in a cancelled application (to be decided by agencies).
- In doubt, send proposal ahead of deadline to verify eligibility of research: schol@nserc-crsng.ca

Eligibility of Program of Study and Proposed Research

- **Both** program of study **and** proposed research **must be eligible** in a field that NSERC supports
- Program: Clinically-oriented programs of study are **not** eligible (e.g. clinical psychology)
- Joint graduate programs including a professional degree are **not** (e.g. MD/PhD)

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McGill Deadline applies

- For students who registered in any status in a *degree program in the NSE** at McGill in 2009 (calendar year).
- If registered in 2009 as a Special Student only please consult NSERC website
- Completed applications with all supporting documents must be submitted to your department by October 1, 2009



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Note: If you applied directly to NSERC when you were required to apply through a Canadian university, your application will be **deemed ineligible and rejected.**

Registration Status at Time of Application	Where to Submit Application
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.	The Canadian university at which you are currently or were registered, or from which you have taken an approved leave of absence
You are currently registered at a foreign university.	Directly to NSERC
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 year of application (January to December 2009).	The Canadian university from which you graduated in the last 12 months
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 2009.	Directly to NSERC

NSERC PGS/CGS-D (Doctoral)

Eligibility: for McGill pre-selection

Applicants must have a first class average as defined by NSERC for McGill (3.50/4.00 for PGSD) in each of:

- Graduate Record to date (Master's & Doctoral combined)
- Last year of full-time undergraduate studies

Note: Departments may recommend an application with a slightly lower GPA, but they must explain the compelling circumstances.

NSERC PGSD/CGSD

To be eligible to apply:

- you must have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, up to between **zero and 24 months** of studies (full-time equivalent) in the doctoral program for which you are requesting funding; or
- if you were admitted into a doctoral program directly from your bachelor's program, you must have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, between **four and 36 months** of studies (full-time equivalent) in the doctoral program for which you are requesting funding;
- you must not have previously taken up an NSERC PGS B, PGS D, CGS D, IPS 2,* or a Vanier CGS for the program of study to which you are currently applying for funding; and
- you must not hold, or have held, a CGS D from either CIHR or SSHRC.
- In the evaluation of your eligibility, NSERC will consider all studies counted towards the graduate degree for which funding is requested, whether completed at the degree-granting institution or not. NSERC will count two sessions of part-time study as one session of full-time study.
- 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.

NSERC PGS/CGS-M (Master's)

Eligibility

Applicants must have a first class average as defined by NSERC for McGill (3.70/4.00) in each of:

- Last 2 years of full-time studies (or equivalent number of part-time terms.)

Note: Departments may recommend an application with a slightly lower GPA, but they must explain the compelling circumstances.



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To be eligible to apply:

- you must have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, between **zero and 12 months** of studies (full-time equivalent) in the master's program for which you are requesting funding; or
- if you were admitted into a doctoral program directly from your bachelor's program, you must have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, between **zero and 12 months** of studies (full-time equivalent) in the doctoral program for which you are requesting funding; or
- you must have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, **no more than 12 months** of studies (full-time equivalent) in a master's program, and you are requesting funding for your doctoral program; and
- you must **not** have previously taken up an NSERC PGS A, PGS M, IPS 1,* or a CGS M for the program of study to which you are currently applying for funding; and
- you must **not** hold, or have held, a CGS M from either CIHR or SSHRC.

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Letters of Reference

- ❑ Two letters of reference are required for NSERC
- ❑ Online form reference letter: strongly suggested that your referees fill it out electronically and print to sign.
- ❑ Supply to your referees:
 - Link to online form
 - a pre-addressed envelope - person to whom it should be sent (directly to Graduate Program Office OR if sent to you it must be signed on across the seal)
 - Envelope also indicates: TIME SENSITIVE - Date when needed back (before **October 1, 2009**)

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Transcripts for NSERC – from McGill

- Deadline to order McGill transcripts:
September 20, 2009 for students applying through McGill
- Order McGill Transcripts via Minerva for internal mailing to department (Option 3 on Minerva)
- If applying directly to agency, make sure to order official transcripts early for pick-up in a sealed envelope (Option 2 on Minerva)

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Transcripts for NSERC – non McGill

Canadian + US Universities: **Only** original transcripts will be accepted

- Order Transcripts from other Universities as soon as possible

Overseas: Agencies require original transcripts unless there is evidence that the institution does not issue originals.

- Order certified copies of overseas transcripts from department by **September 20**



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Transcripts

- Official transcripts from the host university for transfer credits **must** be supplied (all academic levels)
- Students must have cleared any Holds on their record for transcripts to be released by McGill.

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September 20	Students submit Foreign Transcript Request Form to their Department & Order McGill Transcripts by Minerva
October 1	Registered McGill students submit application to their Department (including those registered in any term since January 2009)
October 15	Students not applying through a university file application directly to NSERC



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Note on full-time registration:

- It may be difficult to maintain full-time registration for 12 months in the 2nd year of a non-thesis program worth a total of 45-51 credits. To be registered full-time in a non-thesis program, you must have 12 credits of relevant graduate courses per term.
- This problem does not apply to thesis programs (after thesis program requirements are completed, students are considered in a full-time-equivalent thesis-writing status – additional session)

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Note on full-time registration (continued):

- The fellowship can be paid during a required internship regardless of full-time registration. The following NSERC-eligible non-thesis programs at McGill have a required internship in an outside organization which qualifies under this policy:
 - M.Eng. Aerospace Engineering
 - M.Sc.A. Biotechnology
 - M.Sc.A. Communication Sciences and Disorders
 - M.U.P. (Urban Planning)
 - M.M. Manufacturing Management
- In other programs, a research project done in an outside organization is not considered an internship under this policy.