NSERC
Competition Information for APPLICANTS

Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)

Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS)
2018-2019
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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,

• and

• have obtained a first-class average (3.5/4.0) in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent).
Applicant Eligibility Requirements (continued)

• Minimum GPA of 3.50/4.00

• Last 2 years of full-time studies including: (min 24 credits to count as one year)
  
  • Graduate Record to date

  • Last year of undergraduate studies (if applicable)

  • Please allow the expert in your Academic Unit to calculate and verify your GPA

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

*non thesis Master’s may not require Undergraduate grades. Determined case by case
Applicant Eligibility Requirements (continued)

• Must not have previously held an NSERC PGS/CGS-D, Vanier CGS, or Industrial Innovation Scholarship (Doctoral)
• Never have received a Vanier CGS, CGS-D from either CIHR or SSHRC.
• 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.
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 the 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 a **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.
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 [This link will take you to another Web site Guidelines for the Eligibility of Applications in Psychology](#) for guidance on the eligibility of research in psychology 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.)

#### Registration Status at Time of Application

**Note:** The term “degree program” corresponds to all degree programs and not only those in the natural sciences and engineering.

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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
Two reference reports are required:

- One must be from a person very familiar with your research and abilities. i.e. current or previous academic research advisor, industrial supervisor.

- 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.
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)
• 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>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>Research ability or potential</td>
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<td>Communication, interpersonal and leadership abilities</td>
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### Selection Criteria and Indicators for PGS D and PDF (FORM 201)

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NSERC

Postgraduate Scholarship Doctoral
Alexander Graham Bell Doctoral
(PGSD / CGSD) Programs

Application Walk-through
### Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral and NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral

**Overview**

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**Application Deadline**

- (through a Canadian university) Set by university
- (directly to NSERC) October 15

**How to Apply**

- See below
- Form 201 – Application for a Postgraduate Scholarship-Doctoral or Postdoctoral Fellowship
- Application Form
- 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.

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**Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**

On-line Services

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

Update on NSERC’s Research Portal
As of spring 2013, researchers and institutional administrators will use the Research Portal and the Canadian Common CV to apply to some NSERC programs and to review/approve applications. For more information, please consult the Resource Centre.

Accessibility Notice
If you cannot access the following content, please contact the On-line Services Helpdesk by e-mail at webapp@nserc-crsng.gc.ca or by telephone at 613-995-4273. Indicate the e-mail address and telephone number where you can be reached.

PILOT SITE NOTICE
Our Pilot Site is no longer available. The On-line System may be used for training purposes; however, test applications must not be submitted to NSERC.

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.

First-Time User? Please Register
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Forms in PDF Format and Instructions
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 100) 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 policies of these agencies that are relevant to my research, including the Research 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 (VF, IRDF & IPS) for which a paper copy must be submitted by the appropriate program deadline.

Applications forms and related literature are reviewed 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 PGS M Program description.

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 - Create a New Application

Select a program name using the 'List...' button

Program name: [Postgraduate Scholarships - PGS D]

Title of proposal:

Create | Cancel
Form 201 - Application Profile

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

Program Postgraduate Scholarships - PGS M

Mock NSERC Proposal Title

Title of proposal

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 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.
Silly error!!!
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. K1P4R4 or 443250010.

Form 201 - Addresses
Please enter your current mailing address below.

Type of address [Canada] (40 chars)
Street address line
1 845 Sherbrooke O.
2 Room 408
3
4
City Montreal
Province/State Quebec
Postal/zip code H3A 0G4
Country CANADA

If temporary, indicate leaving date
Country Province/State Address
Country Area Number Extension

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

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1 2300 Some Street
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4
City Somewhere
Province/State Prince Edward Island
Postal/zip code K0K4R6
Country CANADA

Telephone number at permanent address
Country Area Number Extension

If permanent, enter name of employer

Date Modified: 2012/09/12
Form 201 - Justification for Eligibility of Proposed Research

Your electronic file attachment must meet the following specifications:
- PDF format
- Maximum file size is 3 MB
- 8.5" x 11" (216mm x 279mm)
- Maximum pages: 1

Justification for Eligibility of Proposed Research

Type File

Documents
description Justification for Eligibility of Proposed Research

Status Document has been attached.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY OF PROPOSED RESEARCH (Attachment)

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 - Transcripts - University

The university designates is appointed by the university. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the designate has all official and up-to-date transcripts relating to their application. The applicant must provide a transcript for all programs listed in the "Academic Background" module.

Enter the Family name, Given name and E-mail address of the university designate who will scan and upload your university transcripts.

Transcripts

Status E-mail sent
Family name Walker
Given name Jan
E-mail address dept.contact@mcgill.ca

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Form 201

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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
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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](mailto: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
Undergraduate 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

• Order transcripts – find your unit contact
• Contact referees
• Register on NSERC Get PIN
• Draft proposal
• PROOF READ
• Get others to review and critique
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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- Detailed information centre and resource directory for current graduate students and postdoctoral fellows

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