GPS Funding Clinic

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Topic - PBEEE
PBEEE—What is it? Merit scholarship program for foreign students

- Managed by the FRQNT

- Objective
  - To support the internationalization of research activities in Québec's institutions of higher education,
  - To attract the best foreign researchers and students,
  - To promote Québec universities and College Centers for the Transfer of Technologies (CCTT), abroad.

- Target
  - PBEEE is intended for foreign students or researchers from all research sectors, (FRQNT, FRQSC and FRQS).
  - This university pre-selection is for doctoral and postdoctoral level fellowships.
PBEEE-What is it?

“In a more generic way, the attribution of scholarships for foreign students aims at creating cultural links and allowing the setting up of possible common scientific research projects.”

• The Programs also represent an instrument for MEESR to support the Government of Québec's scientific policy.
Features

• The PBEEE competition has eleven (13) categories of eligibility.

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DS and DE (Doctoral research scholarships program for foreign students)

- FRQNT DE
  - awarded for study in very specific areas in Science and Engineering.
- FRQSC DS
  - is awarded for study in Humanities, Social Sciences, and Arts & Literature.
Applying & Special Citizenship considerations

• All applicants must apply through their respective academic unit. If not currently registered at McGill and wish to apply to come to McGill through this award, the applicant must contact the academic unit.

• Candidates from Brazil, India, or Wallonia region of Belgium should compete in their own citizenship category in each of program levels.

• Citizens of all other eligible countries will compete in the "Open" category in each of program levels.

*a few exceptions are pointed out later.*
• Wallonia region scholarship applicants must have studied in a French-language university / institution in Belgium
  ▪ available only to Doctoral students or short-term researchers.

• Candidates from China may either apply through the “Open” category or though the Chinese Scholarship Council.

• Candidates from Mexico may either apply through the “Open” category or though the Mexican Ministry of Education.

• Note that an applicant may NOT have two applications at the same time. (ie.: through the CSC and PBEEE through McGill)
# Values and Duration

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<td><strong>Value &amp; Duration</strong></td>
<td>$25,000/year (up to 3 years)</td>
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In addition to the scholarship, MEESR offers all PBEEE scholarship recipients an exemption from paying the higher tuition fees required of foreign students and the medical insurance coverage offered by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ). (not DE or DS)
PBEEE Eligibility at a Glance

• Applicant is **not** Canadian or Permanent Resident of Canada and **has not** applied for Permanent Residency.

• Applicant has indicated a foreign home address on the Screening Form.

• Applicant falls into one of the following categories:
  - **Doctoral** - Applicant **must not** have completed more than 8 full time academic terms in a doctorate as of the start date of the award (either May 2018, Sept 2018, or January 2019);
  - **Doctoral** - **direct-entry/fast-tracked** into doctorate program and has completed **more than 6 but less than 14 terms** of GRADUATE studies as of the start date of the award (either May 2018, Sept 2018, or January 2019);
PBEEE Eligibility at a Glance (cont’d.)

- **Postdoctoral.** Applicant must have completed all requirements of the PhD by January 2019 at the latest; must not have completed PhD before November 1, 2015 (except in cases of documented interruption for parental leave); and PhD was not obtained at McGill.

- **Short-term - A.** Candidate has not yet completed a PhD, and not currently at McGill

- **Short-term - B.** Candidate has already completed a PhD after November 2012, and not currently at McGill

- Minimum **overall** CGPA of 3.7 (Law 3.4). **Students with CGPA lower than 3.70 may be deemed ineligible.** Please show overall postsecondary CGPA as well as the division between Undergrad and Graduate GPA.
DE and DS Eligibility at a Glance

- Applicant is **not** Canadian or a Permanent Resident of Canada and **has not** applied for Permanent Residency.
- Applicant will be in full-time doctoral study as of the start date of the award (either May 2018, Sept 2018, or January 2019).
- Applicant will **not** be in a qualifying year at the start date of the award.
- Applicant has not previously held a PBEEE award.
- Applicant has a home/permanent address **outside** of Canada.
**DE and DS Eligibility at a Glance** (cont’d.)

- **DE only**: applicant is studying in area of **Aerospace**, **New information and communications technologies**, **New health technologies**, **Genomics**, or **Nanotechnologies**

- **DS only**: applicant is studying in **Social Sciences**, **Humanities**, and **Fine Arts**. ([FRQSC](#))
DE and DS Eligibility at a Glance (cont’d.)

Applicant will fall into one of the following categories:

1. **DE & DS**: Applicant has **not completed** more than 8 academic terms full time in a **doctorate** as of the start date of the award;

2. **DE**: Applicant was **direct-entry/fast-tracked** into doctorate program and has completed minimum of 6 but less than 14 terms of **GRADUATE** studies as of the start date of the award;

3. **DS**: Applicant was **direct-entry/fast-tracked** into doctorate program and has completed minimum of 6 but less than 18 terms of **GRADUATE** studies as of the start date of the award;

   • Minimum overall C GPA of 3.7 (Law 3.4). **Students with C GPA lower than 3.70 may be deemed ineligible.** Please show overall postsecondary C GPA as well as the division between Undergrad and Graduate GPA.
### Quotas

McGill's quotas vary by category as follows:

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FRQNT DE – 2  
FRQSC DS – 2

Each unit may recommend one (1) candidate per category to GPS.
Important note:

- Each award is payable for a maximum of 9 terms beginning at the first term of eligibility.

Example:

- An applicant who has completed 6 terms of PhD study may receive a maximum of only 3 terms of award.
  - For awards of less than 9 terms, extensions may be granted in some cases. Awardees are responsible for requesting.
For fast-tracked and direct-entry; 1st term of eligibility begins the start of 7th term of GRADUATE study

Question a start date later than May if applicant is a current McGill student.
A flag goes up on this example.

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**Example:**
- Competition: FRQSC
- PhD (without Master’s degree): began Graduate program in F 2015, proposes start date Sept 2018.
- Applicant will have completed 9 terms at start date and eligible for 9 terms of award payment.

Based on the 1st term of Graduate study, this grid indicates the number of Graduate terms completed at PhD AND the eligible duration of the award if offered. Applicant must have completed 6 full terms at GRADUATE level to hold award.
Elements to Consider in Nomination

When making nomination decisions, it is important to look at many different elements of an applicant’s eligibility and your quota.

Consider the following:

• Open category is very large and competitive but,
  - Do you have more than one applicant eligible the same “Citizenship”?  
    - One to Open and the other to Citizenship
    - Which candidate do you feel would be more successful in which category?
    - Which candidate will have more/longer funding if successful?
    - Is one of the candidate eligible for the DE/DS? (20k$ per year)
  - **Dual Citizenship** must be examined carefully (Open or Citizenship)

Tip: Try to fill your quota in as many categories as possible.
## PBEEE Important Dates

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<td>July 13</td>
<td>Unit submits screening information to GPS on <a href="#">FAD</a>. Field will become available at the mid June</td>
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<td>GPS confirms candidate eligibility and pre-selection requirements to Unit on <a href="#">FAD</a> (Unit should confirm eligibility to applicant)</td>
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<td>Unit SCANS complete (recommended only) pre-selection application packages and submits them to GPS via email <a href="mailto:gradcomp.gps@mcgill.ca">gradcomp.gps@mcgill.ca</a> and completes <a href="#">FAD</a></td>
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<td><strong>GPS will confirm received applications to units</strong></td>
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<td>Deadline for nominated candidates submit online application and original, supporting hard-copy documents to Agency</td>
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Responsibilities of Applicants

• Applicants are expected to familiarize themselves with the components of the application, guidelines/process, and eligibility requirements

• Request and acquire letters(2) of reference on appropriate forms.
  ▪ Appended letters will not be accepted. Referees will be required to re-submit directly online should applicant be selected and forwarded to agency. (Special note: postdocs also require letter of acceptance from McGill in addition to the aforementioned letters)

• Submit the completed application, the PBEEE Screening Form*, AND copies of all post-secondary transcripts to their academic unit by the posted deadline
  *If Israel, choose OPEN and enter Israel

• If selected, and once contacted by FRQNT, submit online application by 01 November 2017 as per received instructions from the FRQNT.
Responsibilities of Unit

• Communicate with incoming and currently enrolled international PhD students and respond to their inquiries.

• Receive from student:
  ▪ Application - review for completeness using checklist
  ▪ Screening Form* and transcripts – Calculate GPA and CGPA
    *If Israel, choose OPEN and enter Israel

• Determine for which competition / category the applicant will be nominated (PBEEE, DE, or DS) and inform the applicant.

• Using the information gathered in the above processes, assess and report eligibility on FAD based on the following:
  ▪ Number of terms in PhD or grad studies, GPA & CGPA, and Citizenship
  ▪ Number of terms must be associated with PBEEE, DE, or DS nomination
Responsibilities of Units (cont’d.)

• Verification on FAD if candidate was deemed eligible or not by GPS and communicate any ineligibility to student. Scan complete application package and save with file name format: Competition*-2018-2019-Unit-StudentLastName.pdf
  *“competition” in the file name should indicate only one of the following: PBEEE or DE or DS

• NEW** Scan and save completed signed checklist as a separate file (Checklist-2018-2019-Unit-StudentLastName.pdf)

• Update candidate status on FAD as **recommended** or **not recommended**
  ▪ be sure to include reason for non-recommended applicants

• Submit application packages with checklist to GPS via gradcomp.gps@mcgill.ca by posted deadline. ONE application and checklist per email please! INCLUDE “PBEEE-2018-2019” in subject line
Responsibilities of GPS

• Announce launch of competition via gradprog and postdoc listservs.
• Respond to units’ enquiries.
• **Based on information submitted by unit, evaluate and confirm candidate eligibility on FAD.**
• Receive application packages (PDF format) confirm receipt to units, review applications for completeness.
• Submit applications to McGill Selection Committee.
• Communicate results of Selection Committee to applicants and units.
• Submit selected applicants’ information to FRQNT via secure website.
Tools and links

Our webpages:

The staff page for the PBEEE contains links to the checklist, the months in program calculator, FAD, and more.....

Staff - http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/fac-staff/awards/pbeee

Students - http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/students-postdocs/students/pbeee

FRQNT webpage: http://www.frqnt.gouv.qc.ca

FRQSC webpage: http://www.frqsc.gouv.qc.ca
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Comments...

Ideas!

Questions?