

# **PBEEE for Foreign Postdocs and Short term & Visiting Researchers**

**Summer-Fall 2023**

## **Information Guide**

# 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 foreigners Students, Postdocs or researchers from **all** research sectors, ([FRQNT](#), [FRQSC](#) and [FRQS](#)).
  - **McGill university pre-selection is only for Short-term researchers and postdoctoral level fellowships.**

# Postdocs and Short-term A & B

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- **Postdoctoral component (V2, 2B, 2C, 2I, 2M)**
  - Intended for researchers who have obtained their PhD and offered to registered fulltime postdoctoral fellows
- **Short-term research or professional development component (A & B) (V3, 3B, 3C, 3I, 3IS, 3M, 3W)**
  - Intended for visiting technical and university PhD students (option A) or,
  - visiting researchers who have completed a doctorate (option B)

# Features

- This competition has eight (8) categories of eligibility.

	Postdoctoral	Short-term & Visiting researcher
Open	V2	V3
Brazil	2B	3B
India	2I	3I
Israel	n/a	3Is
Wallonia	n/a	3W

# Applying & Special Citizenship considerations

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- 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, Israel, 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 (pay close attention to any Dual Citizenships)

\*a few exceptions are pointed out later.

# Special Citizenship considerations (cont'd.)

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- Wallonia region scholarship applicants must have studied in a French-language university / institution in Belgium
  - available only to short-term researchers.
- Chinese candidates in China may either apply through the “Open” category or through the [Chinese Scholarship Council](#).

# Values and Duration

Program	Level 2 Postdoctoral	Level 3 Short-term research (A & B)
Value & Duration	\$35,000 (one year)	\$3000/month (up to 4 months)
Special Citizenship allowances	Candidates from Brazil, India, Israel, or Wallonia region may 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 (Doctoral, postdoctoral, short-term research).	

# PBEEE Eligibility at a Glance

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## The Applicant

- is **not** Canadian nor Permanent Resident of Canada and **has not** applied for Permanent Residency.
- has indicated a foreign home address on the Screening Form
- Applicant falls into one of the following categories:
  - **Postdoc** – must have obtained their PhD by 15 January 2025; must **not** have completed PhD before 01 October 2021 (except in cases of documented interruption for parental leave); and PhD was **not** obtained at McGill.
  - **Short-term – A.** Has not yet completed PhD and **not** currently at McGill
  - **Short-term – B.** (Visiting Researcher) Completed a PhD **after** 01 October 2018 and degree was **not** obtained at McGill



# Quotas

McGill's quotas vary by category as follows:

	Postdoctoral	Short-term research	McGill Quota at each level
Open	V2	V3	<b>4</b>
Brazil	2B	3B	<b>1</b>
India	2I	3I	<b>1</b>
Israel	n/a	3Is	<b>1</b>
Wallonia	n/a	3W	<b>1</b>

**Each unit may recommend one (1) candidate per category to GPS.**

# Elements to Consider in Nomination

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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 quite 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?

**\*\*Dual Citizenship\*\*** must be examined carefully (Open or Citizenship)

Tip: Try to fill your quota in as many categories as possible.

# PBEEE Important Dates

<b>Suggested July 04 2023</b>	<i>Unit may set own deadline date for applicants according to needs. Unit receives PBEEE Eligibility Screening Form, pre-selection application, and copies of all postsecondary transcripts from applicants for review and recommendation at Unit level.</i>
<b>July 18 2023</b>	<i>Unit submits screening information to GPS on <a href="#">FAD</a>. FAD will become available as of mid July.</i>
<b>July 27 2023</b>	<i>GPS confirms candidate eligibility to Unit on <a href="#">FAD</a> (Unit should confirm eligibility to applicant) and will request for FAD update for eligible recommended applicants</i>
<b>July 28 2023</b>	<i>Unit <b>submits [pdf format]</b> complete (recommended only) pre-selection application packages and submits them to GPS <b>via email</b> <a href="mailto:gradcomp.gps@mcgill.ca">gradcomp.gps@mcgill.ca</a></i>
<b>Aug 04 2023</b>	<i>GPS will confirm received applications to units</i>
<b>Oct 01 2023 [tbc]</b>	<i>Deadline for GPS to submit nominee information electronically to Agency</i>
<b>Nov 01 2023 [tbc]</b>	<i>Deadline for nominated candidates to submit online application and original, hard-copy supporting documents to Agency</i>



# Responsibilities of Applicants

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- 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 selected, and once contacted by FRQNT, submit online application by 01 November 2022 (tbc) as per received instructions from the FRQNT.

# Responsibilities of Unit

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- Communicate with international incoming and current Postdocs, and currently enrolled graduating PhD students, and respond to their inquiries.
- Receive from applicant:
  - Application - review for completeness using checklist
  - Screening Form and transcripts – Calculate GPA and CGPA
- Determine for which category the applicant will be nominated 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 or date of PhD

# Responsibilities of Units (cont'd.)

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- Verification on FAD if candidate was deemed eligible or not by GPS
- Communicate any ineligibility to applicant.
- Scan complete application package & save with file name format:  
**PBEEE-2024-2025-Unit-ApplicantLastName.pdf**
- Scan and save completed signed checklist as a separate file  
**Checklist-2024-2025-Unit-ApplicantLastName.pdf**
- Update applicant 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](mailto:gradcomp.gps@mcgill.ca) by posted deadline. ONE application with checklist per email please! INCLUDE “PBEEE-2024-2025” in subject line

# Responsibilities of GPS

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- 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) and 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

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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>
- Applicants - FRQNT \*webpage: <https://frq.gouv.qc.ca/en/scholarships-and-grants/>

\*The FRQ are in the midst of updating their webpages so please check in with them regularly. Our webpage will be updated as much as possible in the coming weeks.