



Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute



In addition to applying for admission to graduate studies in a particular department at McGill University, students who wish to register in the NEO Option must provide the following information.

**If you want to be considered for the BESS funding, check the box**

For any additional information on NEO visit <http://www.mcgill.ca/neo>

For any additional information on BESS visit <http://www.mcgill.ca/bess/>

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Application through which McGill Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting date:  Fall /  Winter 20\_\_\_\_

Intended degree:  M.Sc.  M.A.  Ph.D.

Bachelor Degree completed (Year; University; Department):

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Master Degree completed (Year; University; Department):

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## 2. SUPERVISION

Your main research supervisor must be a NEO member from the faculty members of the NEO participating departments (list: <http://www.mcgill.ca/neo/faculty/>) If you are interested in working with a McGill professor who is not on the list, then talk to that professor about whether they might want to join NEO.

If your main research supervisor is not a McGill professor, then he/she must have an adjunct appointment at McGill (list: <http://www.mcgill.ca/neo/faculty/>). In this case, we recommend that your co-supervisor be a McGill professor.

If your main research supervisor is a McGill professor, then your co-supervisor does not have to already be in the NEO program – although this is recommended.

Name of your main research supervisor/department:

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Name of your co-supervisor:/department:

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## 3. RESEARCH

In the space below, please provide a brief summary of your proposed research, or your areas of interest.

#### 4. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the language competence in English required for admission to McGill University, acceptance into the NEO Option requires language competency in Spanish (or Portuguese if field work is to be conducted in Brazil). Students otherwise acceptable to the NEO program will be required to demonstrate fluency before final admission.

Please provide a self-assessment of your current fluency by circling your level:

Spoken Spanish:      1 2 3 4    Portuguese:    1 2 3 4

Written Spanish:    1 2 3 4    Portuguese:    1 2 3 4

#### 5. FUNDING

Tuition will be regular tuition for McGill University. In addition students enrolling in NEO will pay a one-time NEO program fee of \$800CAD, paid to McGill University in the first year of registration, to cover the extra costs involved in running the NEO program.

Have external sources of funding such as scholarships or fellowships have been explored?

Source of Funding: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount per year: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed

Requested

#### 6. APPLICANT STATEMENT

NEO has several entrance fellowships. To be considered for financial assistance, this application must be completed and submitted before **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. You must also complete an applicant statement (one page total maximum) providing a personal statement concerning the following areas:

- a) Research career: discuss your research goals and how joining NEO will contribute to your objectives.
- b) Research experience: abilities you have gained through your past research experience or relevant work experience.
- c) Other relevant experience and/or interest: professional or extracurricular activities demonstrating your interest for Latin America and environmental issues.

- d) Publications: and other contributions such as conference presentations (accepted or submitted).
- e) Special circumstances (if applicable): describe any special considerations that may have had an effect on your performance or productivity.

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**Please submit this NEO Application Form and the Applicant Statement as ONE .pdf file to [Internshipsfieldstudies.science@mcgill.ca](mailto:Internshipsfieldstudies.science@mcgill.ca)**

**NEO Delivery Committee**