NSERC Information Session
Scholarships and Fellowships
2018 Competition

Simon Fraser University

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Agenda

- Postgraduate Programs
- How to Apply
- Tips and Advice
- Diversity and Gender Equity Initiatives at NSERC
- Contact Information
Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master’s (CGS M)
**Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master’s (CGS M)**

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* As determined by the host institution
In addition, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- intend to pursue a Master’s program with a significant research component
- have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application, between 0 - 12 months of studies in a Master’s/Doctoral program
  - Possibility of holding a CGS M for the first year of a doctoral program
- not have already held a CGS M
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Research Portal – Creating an Account

Welcome to the Research Portal

Please note that Research Portal no longer supports Internet Explorer versions 8.
We recommend upgrading to Internet Explorer 9, Google Chrome, Firefox or Safari.

Account

The Research Portal is intended for use only by individuals participating in the preparation of applications/nominations for funding from the Canada Research Chairs, the Research Support Fund, and other programs of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), in the administration of awards, and in the merit review of applications.
Before using the Research Portal, you must read the Terms and conditions and Transparency (see below). When you login and use this system, it means that you understand these policies and conditions and you consent to the use of your personal information for administrative purposes.

Notice: Maintenance Window

This system will normally be unavailable to users Saturdays from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. (eastern), as well as on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. (eastern).

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Research Portal – Creating an Application
Research Portal – Accessing an Application
Research Portal – Application Overview

Application Overview

04 days 22 hours 8 minutes until the funding agency deadline date; please consult your institution regarding internal deadlines, if applicable.
Deadline Date: July 20, 2015 10:56 (eastern)

Legend

Received by Administrator: The completed application has been successfully submitted to the institution by the applicant.
Offered: An offer has been made to the applicant by the institution.
Alternate: The application has been deemed meritorious in the institution’s competition; however, due to its ranking, falls below the allocation cut-off. The applicant is therefore on the alternate list. Should an award become available due to a decline, an applicant on the alternate list may receive an offer.
Not Offered: The application has been deemed non meritorious in the institution’s competition. Subsequent offers may NOT be made to the applicant.
Ineligible: The application has been deemed ineligible based on the eligibility criteria outlined in the funding opportunity description.
Accepted: The offer has been accepted by the applicant.
Declined: (a) the offer from the institution has been declined by the applicant; or (b) an offer from an institution has been accepted by the applicant; therefore, all other pending offers are automatically set to "Declined"; or (c) an offer that has not been accepted within 21 days from the date of offer.
Deferred: Before commencing an award, the applicant may defer an award for up to two years, for a maximum of one year at a time, but only for reasons of maternity, child rearing, illness, or health-related family responsibilities.
Acceptance Withdrawn: The acceptance of the offer has been withdrawn at the applicant’s request.
Research Portal – Completing the Modules

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*Must provide two references*
Research Portal – Identification

Application - Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master’s Program

Identification

Applicant

To modify this information, update the User Profile page.

Family Name: Roy-Hotte
First Name: Sylvie

Middle Names:

Application

Application Title (required)

Language in which the proposal is written (required)

Field of Research

Start date or proposed start date of program of study

Proposed end date of program of study

Number of months of graduate studies completed as of December 31 of year of application

Months of full-time study

Months of part-time study

If you are successful in obtaining a Canada Graduate Scholarship will you consider applying for a Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement?

Yes
No

Proposed Host Organization

Proposed Host Organization #1
Research Portal – Proposed Host Organization
Research Portal – Summary of Proposal
# Research Portal – Activity Details

## Activity Details

### Certification Requirements

- **Does the proposed research involve humans as research participants? (required)**
  - Yes [ ]
  - No [ ]

- **Does the proposed research involve human pluripotent stem cells? (required)**
  - Yes [ ]
  - No [ ]

- **Does the proposed research involve animals? (required)**
  - Yes [ ]
  - No [ ]

- **Does the proposed research involve controlled drugs and/or substances? (required)**
  - Yes [ ]
  - No [ ]

### For statistical purposes only

- **Does this application propose research involving aboriginal people? (required)**
  - Yes [ ]
  - No [ ]

### Sex- and Gender-Based Analysis

- **Are sex (biological) considerations taken into account in this proposal? (required)**
  - Yes [ ]
  - No [ ]

- **Are gender (socio-cultural) considerations taken into account in this proposal? (required)**
  - Yes [ ]
  - No [ ]

### Describe

### Keywords

List up to 10 keywords that best describe the proposal. (required)

### Field of Study

Indicate and rank up to three primary fields of study relevant to your proposal, with #1 the most relevant and #3 the least relevant. (required)

1.
2.
3.
Outline of Proposed Research

- Consists of two separate sections:
  - Outline of proposed research (maximum one page)
  - Bibliography/citations (maximum one page)

- Provide detailed description of your proposed research project for the period during which you will hold the award
  - Describe the objectives, hypothesis, experimental or theoretical approach, methods and procedures to be used
  - Position your proposed research within the context of current knowledge in the field
  - Describe the significance of the research project to the field of research, as appropriate

- If you have not yet decided on a specific project, you must still provide a detailed description of a research project that interests you
Outline of Proposed Research – Cont’d

- If your degree program does not involve a thesis, clearly indicate the research component of your proposed work.

- Only one outline of proposed research can be attached, even if you apply to more than one institution.

- Your application may be reviewed by a broad audience not necessarily in your direct area of research.

- Use clear, plain language and avoid jargon.

- Follow the directives provided in the instructions for completing an application.
Research Portal – Attaching a Canadian Common CVs (CCV)
Research Portal – CCV Confirmation Number

Canadian Common CV Upload

See the instructions on how to use the Canadian Common CV (CCV) for information on completing and attaching your CCV.

Note: To successfully upload your CCV, the first name and family name used to create your CV site account must be identical to those used to create your Research Portal account. As well, the email address used to create your Research Portal account must be identical to at least one of the emails you listed on the CV site (i.e., the email used to create your CV account, or any of the emails you included in the Email section of your CCV).

Research Portal: To change your family name, first name and/or email address, go to User Profile.

CCV: To change your family name, first name and/or email address, log into the CCV and click "Account" in the top menu bar. To change any other email addresses included in your CCV, go to the Email section of the relevant CCV template.
Research Portal – Invitations

Manage Invitations

Invitation has been sent.

Add Participant

Please enter the email address, family name and, if applicable, the role for each participant. When you click Invite, an email will be sent inviting them to participate in the application.

Email: chantal.thauvette@nserc-crsng.gc.ca
Family Name: Thauvette
Role: Reference

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[Export application and attachments to PDF]

[Manage Invitations]

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CGS M – Important Reminders

- Plan ahead
- Read the program documentation
- Allow enough time for your references to complete their assessments
  - We recommend sending invitations by November 1
- Application deadline: December 1, before 8:00 p.m. (ET)
- Results will be posted on the Research Portal as of April 1
CGS M Contact Information

- CIHR
  Email: cgsma@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

- NSERC
  Email: schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca

- SSHRC
  Email: fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca
Postgraduate Scholarships
Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral / NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral (CGS/PGS D)

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Where do you apply and when?

- **Apply through your current university if:**
  - You are currently registered at, or are on an approved leave of absence from, a Canadian university in a degree program.

- **Apply through the university where you were registered if:**
  - 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 calendar year in which you are applying.

**Deadline:** verify with your university!
Where do you apply and when?

Apply directly to NSERC ONLY if:

– You are currently registered at a foreign university
– 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 of the year of application
– Deadline: Applications must be received electronically by 8 PM (ET) on October 16
What happens to your PGS D application at the university?

Your application is submitted electronically by the university deadline

SLO gives read access to department/internal selection committee for their recommendation

Internal selection committee select applicants to fill NSERC quota

University sends quota of applications electronically to NSERC

University informs students of their results in the internal selection process
What happens to your PGS D application at NSERC?

NSERC staff verify eligibility of applicant and proposed research

Selection Committee members review applications

Final ranked list is produced

Top-ranked applicants are offered CGS D
PGS D offered to next group of meritorious applicants

Results are announced by email by the end of March
Scholarships and Fellowships Selection Committees

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PGS D / CGS D Application Statistics

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Canada Graduate Scholarships – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements (CGS-MSFSS)

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| **Open to:** | • Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada  
• registered at an eligible Canadian institution  
• have accepted or hold a CGS (Master’s or Doctoral) or Vanier CGS (if eligible)  
• must not have accepted a previous CGS-MSFSS |
| **How to apply:** | Applications are submitted through the University, within their assigned allocation |
| **Duration:** | 3 to 6 months |

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<td>TWD 41,000 from Ministry of Science and Technology in Taiwan</td>
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<td><strong>Open to:</strong></td>
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<td>• you must hold an active NSERC postgraduate scholarship (PGS), Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) or Vanier CGS; <strong>or</strong></td>
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* NSERC uses the Canadian Constitution Act, 1982 definition of Aboriginal peoples as including the Indian, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Canada.
How to Apply

Completing Form 201 – Application for a Postgraduate Scholarship or a Postdoctoral Fellowship
Discover / We invest in scientific knowledge of Canada – science and knowledge.

**On-line System**
Login to create or access an application.

**FDSR System**
The Financial Data Submission and Reconciliation (FDSR) System is for academic institution officials who electronically transmit their annual financial data.
Form 201 – Application Profile

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

**Program Postgraduate Scholarships - PGS D**

**Title of proposal**

200 (200 chars)

**Application language**

English

**Proposed starting date of award**

YYYY MM

**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 completed all of the requirements for a degree program prior to January 1 of this year.

Option C = 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.

Option D = 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 from a Canadian university since January 1 of this year.
Form 201 – Person Profile

This information was transferred from the New User Registration information screen. If you need to update these fields, use the Maintain User Profile function under Account Management on the eConsole screen.

- **Family name**
- **Given name**
- **Initial(s) of ALL given names**
- **Previous family name**
- **NSERC PIN**
- **E-mail address**
- **Citizenship**
  - Indicate date of landing as stated on official immigration document
  - Country of citizenship (if not Canada): (20 chars)
  - Gender (completion optional)
  - Designated groups (completion optional)
  - Preferred language of correspondence
  - What languages do you: Read English □ French □
Form 201 – Academic Background

Include only current and past degree programs. Please use the section 'Other' for any additional degree.

**Type of degree Bachelor's**

- **Institution**: Use the 'List...' button
- **Name if not available**
- **Department**: Use the 'List...' button
- **Name if not available**
- **Country**
- **Period of study**
  - Started
  - Awarded/Expected
- **Name of discipline**

**Type of degree Master's**

- **Institution**: Use the 'List...' button
- **Name if not available**
- **Department**: Use the 'List...' button
- **Name if not available**
- **Country**
- **Period of study**
  - Started
- **Transferred to Ph.D. without completing master's**

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Form 201 – Work Experience

**Form 201 - Work Experience**

Beginning with the most recent, list your academic, research and other relevant work experience. In the Nature of work field, indicate if you gained the experience during a program of study.

### Current occupation 1 of 6

- **Period of employment from**
  - yyyy
  - mm
- **Period of employment to**
  - yyyy
  - mm
- **Type of appointment**

  Position held: [Field]
  Organization: [Field]
  Department: [Field]
  Supervisor: [Field]
  Nature of work: [Field]

### Previous occupation 2 of 6

- **Period of employment from**
  - yyyy
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  Position held: [Field]
  Organization: [Field]
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  Supervisor: [Field]
Form 201 – Scholarships and Other Awards Offered

List only competitive awards based on academic or research excellence and/or leadership or communication abilities. Include NSERC awards and declined awards. You may list up to ten awards starting with your most recent awards.

Note: “declined awards” refers to awards that were offered to you but which you declined.

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Form 201 – Location of Tenure

Form 201 - Location of Tenure

Indicate where you would like to hold this award, in order of preference.

Note: The 'List...' button contains a list of postsecondary institutions.

### Proposed location of tenure

**Institution / organization**

- Name if not available

**Department**

- Name if not available
- Proposed supervisor
- Program of study

### Second location (if appropriate)

**Institution / organization**

- Name if not available

**Department**

- Name if not available
- Proposed supervisor
- Program of study
Form 201 – Justification for location of tenure (PDF Only)

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Form 201 - Justification for location of tenure

Provide a rationale for your choice(s) for location of tenure. To confirm that your text will fit, save your information and select 'Preview', then adjust accordingly.

See instructions for further details.
Form 201 – Thesis Information

Information on theses completed or in progress. For completed degrees, indicate the date by which you completed all degree requirements (not the convocation date). This includes your thesis defence, corrections, and deposition of thesis.

**Degree**

**Supervisor**

Date degree requirements completed: [yyyy mm]

**Title of the thesis**

Summary of thesis most recently completed or in progress. Use plain language. Do not reproduce the thesis abstract. To confirm that your text will fit, save your information and select 'Preview', then adjust accordingly.
Form 201 – Keywords / Research Subject Code

The Research Subject Code entered on the application will determine the selection committee in which the application will be evaluated. Consult the List of Research Subject Codes for Scholarships and Fellowships before making your selection.

Research subject code

Primary Use the 'List...' button

Key words

List up to ten (10) key words that describe your proposed research (for example, nuclear physics, geochemistry, etc.)

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Advice and Tips on Completing Form 201
Tips on applying for an NSERC scholarship or fellowship

Selection Committee Member Presentation and/or Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvUsRO9ZB8E
General (but important!) tips

- Read the Program Guide
- Read the Application Instructions
- Read the Selection Committee Guide
What makes a good research proposal?

- Write the proposal yourself
- Be as clear as possible
- Describe the objectives, hypothesis, experimental approach, methods, significance, etc.
- Clearly explain the significance to the NSE
- Make your proposal understandable for the whole committee whose members will have a broad range of expertise
- Do not repeat info from the Thesis section (you can refer to it)
- Focus on what you will be working on during the tenure of the award
- Maximum of one page in length (including references)
Making sure your research and your program are eligible at NSERC

- NSERC supports research whose major challenges lie in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE), other than the health sciences.
- Applications containing research proposals that are not eligible under these guidelines may be rejected.
- Consult NSERC’s Eligibility Criteria for Students and Fellows (Guidelines and Addendum).
- You can only apply to one agency per academic year.
- For doctoral and postdoctoral awards, NSERC does not support programs that include a professional component (i.e., MD/PhD).
Justifying the eligibility of your research

- Complete the *Justification for Eligibility of Proposed Research* section if your research has any potential overlap with health or social sciences.

- This section is used by NSERC staff to determine the eligibility of your proposed research; it is not seen by the selection committees.

- Use plain language to explain why you believe that your research is eligible at NSERC.

- It should not be another description of your research project.

- It should be a short explanation (a paragraph is fine, you do not need to use the whole page).
Contributions and applicant’s statement

- Part 1: Articles published, accepted, submitted
- Part 2: Most significant contributions to R&D
- Part 3: Applicant’s statement:
  - research experience
  - relevant activities
  - special circumstances

Page limits: PGS D – 2 pages / PDF – 4 pages

No updates accepted once application is submitted
Common mistakes when writing proposal / contributions / statement

- Lack of focus or coherence
- Repetitiveness
- Failure to cite important work in the area
- Failure to cite recent relevant work
- Citing too many irrelevant articles
- Relying too much on secondary sources (lack of understanding)
- Too much detail on minor issues; too little detail on major issues
- Research contributions not properly highlighted
- Impact / importance of research not explained
Transcripts

- Follow the transcript guidelines in the Form 201 Instructions; your application will be rejected if you have not followed these instructions

- Transcripts must be:
  - up-to-date
    - dated or issued in the current fall session or after the last term during which you were registered (even if there are no grades or updates)
  - Official
    - issued by the Registrar’s Office (not web transcripts)
  - included for each program listed under your Academic Background

- You are responsible for ensuring all transcripts have been uploaded according to the guidelines (even if your university does the uploading)
Reports on the Applicant

- Who should you ask to write your reports?
  - Your thesis supervisor
  - Another person familiar with your research and other abilities
  - Not your proposed supervisor (unless they are currently or have been your supervisor)

- How do you invite your referees to complete the reports?
  - Enter their names and email addresses in the online system; the system will send them an email with instructions
  - Invite them well in advance of the deadline; your application cannot be submitted without these reports
Where to get additional information?

- Resource videos on NSERC website:
  - Tips on applying for an NSERC scholarship or fellowship
  - Demystifying the review process for NSERC scholarships and fellowships
  - Program guides and application tutorials


- See NSERC website for other opportunities and supplements
Diversity and Gender Equity Initiatives at NSERC
What is gender equity?

- Fair process of allocating resources and decision making
- Measures necessary to eliminate discrimination and inequalities between women, men and gender diverse people
- Equal opportunities
- *Equity* is a means. *Equality* is the result we are striving for
Diversity and gender equity as components of research excellence

- Studies have shown that research quality is improved when:
  - sex, gender, and diversity are taken into account in the experimental design
  - research teams are diverse

- “The goals of excellence and equity are both compatible and mutually supporting. Sound equity practices ensure that the largest pool of qualified candidates is accessed....” (Canada Research Chairs Peer Review Guidelines)
Commonly experienced barriers

- Multiple factors contribute to low % of women and under-represented populations in NSE
  - Few role models
  - Unconscious biases
  - Microaggressions
  - Stereotype threat
  - Gendered language
  - Assumed linearity of scientific career paths

*WWEST’s Gender Diversity in STEM*, co-authored by CWSE past chair Elizabeth Croft
Barriers – unconscious bias

To be seen as equally “competent” by reviewers, female researchers need to publish:

3 more articles in *Nature or Science*

OR

20 more articles in specialist journals

than male applicants when applying for a medical fellowship.⁵

Reference letters for female medical faculty were **shorter**, more **vague**, and placed **less emphasis on research** than those for males.⁶

Percentage of letters that contained the phrase:

- “compassionate” or “relates well with patients/staff”⁶
  - 4% for females
  - 16% for males
- “accomplishment” and “achievement”⁶
  - 3% for females
  - 13% for males
- “successful”⁶
  - 3% for females
  - 7% for males

The average letter length for women was **227** words, compared to **253** words for men.⁶

**US science professors were asked to evaluate a CV for a lab manager:**²

The male candidate was offered a **higher salary**…

... **more mentorship**

... and was rated more “competent” and “hireable.”

The catch? Other than the names at the top, the CVs were **identical**.²

NSERC initiatives that affect students and postdoctoral fellows

- Selection committees must have at least 20% women (30% by 2020)
- Members must complete gender equity training modules and references are encouraged to do so.
- List of examples of activities demonstrating communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills expanded to include recognition for science promotion, outreach, volunteer work, coaching, clubs, civic engagement, etc.
- Parental leave policies
  - 6 month paid parental leave available (regardless of your eligibility for other paid parental leave)
  - part-time options available for parental and family responsibilities
  - extension of PDF eligibility window for parental leave
- Applicants are evaluated on their active period, excluding leaves
- Equity data of applicants will be collected to better inform policy and program decisions
- Applications from qualified Indigenous doctoral applicants may be submitted in addition to university quotas
The Gender Summit links hundreds of delegates active in research and initiatives related to gender equity from around the globe. These action-based events aim to make gender equality the norm and to embed it as a primary dimension of quality in research and innovation.
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