NSERC CGRS Doctoral Program
Scholarship Application Flow Chart

Note:
Student must now attach their transcripts to their application. Make sure you include **one** copy of the transcript key for each transcript.

Stages in Competition

1. Student informs department of intention to apply for competition.
2. Student ensures completion of application package.
3. Student prints and submits application package to department for internal review (if applicable).
4. Department provides feedback to students.
5. Students make changes, if necessary.
6. Student **must** submit application to the NSERC On-line System by **Monday September 28, 2026** to be considered.
7. CGPS Awards Committee selects candidates to forward to NSERC for competition.
8. NSERC awards scholarship recipients and informs students by Spring 2027.

Student verifies eligibility.
(https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/cgrsd-besrd_eng.asp#a3)

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Student reads the Instructions for Completing an Application.
(http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/201/e.asp)

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Student contacts former ***and*** current universities to obtain official transcripts (*undergraduate & graduate*).
(https://students.usask.ca/academics/grades.php#Transcripts)

1. Why order transcripts first?
Transcripts can take several weeks to arrive and the student can work on their application in the meantime.
2. Which transcripts do I need to provide?
All post-secondary transcripts must be provided, whether or not they relate to your current program. As well, transcripts for courses that were credited to **any** post-secondary program must be provided as well.

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Student creates profile and fills out Form 201 in the NSERC On-line System.
(http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp)

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Student sends 2 invitations to complete *Reports on the Applicant* section.

→ Referees complete assessment. They will automatically save on website. → Student sends 2 invitations to complete *Reports on the Applicant* section.

Who should I ask to write my assessments?
Persons who are capable of making an informed assessment on your research and other abilities (e.g. current or previous academic research supervisor).

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Student attaches all supporting documents.

What are the supporting documents I attach?
(Pay attention to the NSERC On-line Presentation and Attachment Standards)
- Outline of Proposed Research (max. 2 pages)
- Bibliography (max 5 pages)
- Justification for Eligibility of Proposed Research (max. 1 page, if required)
- Contributions/Statements (max. 2 pages)
- Transcripts

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Student ensures that all materials are uploaded properly and the *Reports on the Applicant* section is complete.

I can't see my Reports on the Applicant.
Students will not be able to see what was written on the assessment. They will be able to see if the assessment was completed. If the assessment is not complete, another invitation should be sent or the original request can be deleted and the student can contact another referee.

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Student prints and provides application to their department for internal review (if applicable).
Contact your department for internal deadline.

→ Departments review applications and provide feedback to students. → Student prints and provides application to their department for internal review (if applicable).

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Student makes changes suggested by department and verifies application in On-line System to complete process.
Deadline – September 28, 2026

Help! I have questions.
For general information:
Visit the Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral Program website.
Read the Instructions for Completing an Application
For assistance with NSERC On-line System:
613-995-4273
Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (EST)
Email: On-line Services Support Request

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