Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017

To: Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, and Graduate Program Administrators
   NSERC Area Departments

From: Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Award Services

Re: 2018 NSERC CGS-D/PGS-D Competition

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Information regarding the 2018 NSERC CGS-D/PGS-D competition is now available on the FGSR website.

Application Process

Students

Students are required to complete their applications online, and provide their department with any required up-to-date official transcripts (please refer to the “Transcripts” section of this memo), by their departmental deadline. Please refer applicants to the NSERC website for general information concerning the value, duration, eligibility and selection criteria for NSERC doctoral awards, as well as detailed application instructions for filling out their Form 201.

In the “Transcripts – University” task of their online application, students should indicate the following information for the University Designate who will scan and upload their transcripts:

First Name: Ling
Last Name Jiang
E-mail: grad.awards@ualberta.ca

It is the responsibility of the department to inform students of the name and contact information of our U of A designate.

Departments

Departments are required to submit the following items, as one complete package, to FGSR by 4 PM on Monday, October 16, 2017. Departments are encouraged to set an earlier, internal departmental deadline to allow them time to assemble these documents:

1.) An alphabetical list of students applying through their department (along with Student ID numbers)
2.) Any required up-to-date official transcripts (see “Transcripts” section below for further details)
Students who apply to this competition, but are not included on their department’s applicant list will not be considered.

NOTE: Do not submit hard copies of students’ applications and reference letters, as FGSR does not require them.

NOTE: Departments are not required to rank their applicants.

Applicants who must apply directly to NSERC, based on their current registration status, must do so by 8 pm EST on October 15, 2017. Details on how the student must apply are found on the NSERC website.

Transcripts:

Departments are asked to refer students to NSERC’s Transcripts/Proof of Registration requirements. It is the student’s responsibility to provide the necessary documentation.

Following the application/department submission deadline of October 16, 2017, FGSR will upload copies of all required up-to-date official transcripts to the applicants’ online applications. Please note that transcripts must be provided for all postsecondary coursework undertaken, even if a degree was never completed.

If students have already submitted the up-to-date official transcripts to FGSR for Admissions purposes, departments are not required to collect these documents from their students. Students are also not required to provide University of Alberta transcripts. If students have not yet submitted the required up-to-date official transcripts to FGSR, departments are requested to collect them from their students and submit them to FGSR as part of their departmental submission package.

Resources for Students- Verifying Eligibility

- Students should consult the Eligibility Criteria for Students and Fellows for important information on eligibility criteria pertaining to proposed program of study and research.
- Students should consult Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency to help them select the appropriate agency when applying for funding. An addendum to these guidelines, called the Guidelines for the Eligibility of Applications Related to Health, provides examples of eligible and ineligible research subject matter related to NSERC’s function.

Vanier Applicants & 2017/2018 Recruitment Scholarship Holders (Thesis Programs)

Applicants may simultaneously apply to both the NSERC CGS-D/PGS-D program and the NSERC Vanier CGS program. At the U of A, those applicants who have completed the online 2018 NSERC Vanier CGS application form are strongly encouraged to also complete an application for the NSERC CGS-D/PGS-D competition if they are eligible (i.e. citizenship status is Canadian/Permanent Resident).

NOTE: If a student accepts an NSERC CGS-D/PGS-D scholarship, they are no longer eligible to hold a Vanier scholarship.

Per the FGSR Award Winner’s Handbook, U of A Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship winners are strongly encouraged to apply for Tri-Agency scholarships.

We wish all students and departments success in the upcoming competitions!