



## Guidelines for the University Scholarships Selection Committee(s)

Consult the [Program Guide for Students and Fellows](#) for further information on the Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral (PGS D) program

### Background:

Each university is provided a quota of applications that it may submit to NSERC for the PGS D competition. The University Scholarship Liaison Officer (SLO) will advise you of your university's quota. The university is free to determine how it will divide the quota between disciplines.

### When evaluating the Applicants:

- Evaluate together all currently registered students (full and part-time) and all non-registered applicants who will have completed their degree requirements in 2014.

### Which Applicants to Recommend:

- Recommend the best applicants, regardless of their current status or proposed location of tenure.
- Recommend only applicants who have obtained an overall **first-class average** in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent).
- Exceptions – If applicable, prepare a statement (one for each applicant) that will be sent to NSERC along with the *2015 Recommended PGS D Applicants* form. This statement should be used to:
  - specify the reasons that could offset a marginal academic record. Do not use this statement to indicate that the student is a self-identified Aboriginal student;
  - describe international degrees or diplomas used as a basis for the applicant's admission to the current program; and/or
  - address any unusual situation that you wish to communicate to NSERC.

### For reference purposes, please consult:

- **Table I:** describes the selection criteria and their indicators in the application. It is used by the NSERC Scholarships and Fellowships Selection Committees.
- **Table II:** shows the relative weightings assigned to each criterion.