

Call for Nominations: NSERC Doctoral Prizes

Rewarding excellence in doctoral research

Each year, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) awards **Doctoral Prizes** to recognize excellence in student research in the natural sciences and engineering. Over the years, these prestigious awards have honoured the achievements of Canada's most promising scientists and engineers. We invite universities to nominate their most outstanding candidates for this year's awards.

An Award of Distinction

Doctoral Prizes are awarded to up to four students who are completing their doctoral degrees at Canadian universities. Two awards are available in each of the two categories: natural sciences, and engineering and computer sciences. Each recipient receives a certificate, a silver medal and \$10,000.

Eligibility and Criteria

Doctoral Prizes are open to students who:

- > have conducted research in the natural sciences or in engineering and the computer sciences;
- > have successfully defended their doctoral thesis within a specific time frame. For exact dates, please refer to the Doctoral Prize Call for Nominations page on the NSERC Web site at www.nserc.gc.ca/en/doctoral; and
- > are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada at the time of nomination.

It is the responsibility of the universities, rather than students, to submit nominations. Deans of Graduate Studies at Canadian universities can nominate up to two eligible candidates from their own university (one candidate in the natural sciences category and one in the engineering and computer sciences category). Universities intending to nominate a candidate, who conducted research in a discipline overlapping with other agencies' mandates, or who are unsure about which category is most suitable for a nomination, should consult NSERC staff. In its review of nominations, the selection committee focuses on the quality of the doctoral research. In this process, the committee evaluates the significance and impact of the student's contribution to the field, as well as how results have been communicated. For engineering and computer sciences students, it also considers the potential for applying the research.

Nominations

The selection committee requires information from both the university and the student. To ensure that your nomination package is accurate and complete, please refer to the Doctoral Prize Call for Nomination page on the NSERC Web site at www.nserc.gc.ca/en/doctoral.

Candidates and the nominating universities' Deans of Graduate Studies will be notified in March of the award year. In the case of winners and runners-up, the Presidents of the nominating universities will also be notified.

Deadline

Nominations must be received by **October 1**.

For more information or to submit a nomination, contact:

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