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FROM: Serge Villemure, Director, Scholarships, Fellowships & Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering

TO: NSERC Scholarships Liaison Officers (SLO)

C.C.: Deans of Graduate Studies

DATE: August 25, 2017

SUBJECT: **2018 NSERC Scholarships and Fellowships Competition**

This memo, along with the *Scholarships Liaison Officer Information Package – Administration of the NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral Program*, should be distributed to department Chairs, faculty members and staff responsible for processing NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-doctoral (PGS D) applications.

All relevant documentation pertaining to the receipt, processing, and review of the PGS D applications has been posted on the [Grants and Scholarships Administrative Portal](#) (GSAP) under **Documents common to all institutions – NSERC Scholarships**.

This includes:

- 1. PGS D quota:** Indicates the application quota for your university. For most universities, the calculated quota is a function of the average number of PGS D and Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral (CGS D) awarded to students applying through the university, over the past three years. Those universities who qualify for a quota of less than two (2) will receive the established minimum quota of two (2). The PGS D quotas for the 2018 competition will be posted on GSAP by early September.
- 2. Scholarships Liaison Officer Information Package – Administration of the NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral Program:** Summarizes the responsibilities of the SLOs in the administration and selection of the PGS D applications to forward to NSERC, as well as detailed information for the university scholarships selection committee(s).
- 3. University Grading Systems Table:** Summarizes the undergraduate and graduate grading systems at the various Canadian universities.
- 4. 2018 Recommended PGS D Applicants Form:** All universities must send NSERC an unranked list of the applicants that were recommended (with Indigenous applicants identified) by email to schol-slo@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

The following table provides a list of NSERC scholarships and fellowships programs and their respective deadline dates. All program descriptions have been updated for the upcoming competitions. For an overview of changes, consult the [Summary of Changes](#) page on the NSERC website.

Program	Deadline
Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (CGS M) Program	December 1, 2017
Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral (CGS D)/NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral (PGS D) Programs	November 27, 2017
NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF) Program	October 16, 2017
Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships (Banting PDF) Program	September 20, 2017
Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS) Program	November 1, 2017
Canada Graduate Scholarships – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements (CGS-MSFSS) Program	October 10, 2017
Foreign Study Supplement in Taiwan	February 1, 2018
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Postdoctoral Fellowships (JSPS)	January 25, 2018

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact NSERC by email at schol-slo@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

On behalf of NSERC and the Scholarships and Fellowships team, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you and your colleagues for your collaboration in promoting our programs and for your work in relation to the annual competition.