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To: All NSERC-eligible departments

From: Rowena Krentz, Awards Officer 

Re: NSERC PGS/CGS Doctoral Competition 2016-2017

Please find attached information from [NSERC](#) regarding the upcoming PGS/CGS competition. Please note that this competition is for Doctoral-level students ONLY.

The application process for the PGS and CGS programs remains a fully electronic submission system for this year. Students will complete their application using NSERC's on-line application system and are not required to print and sign paper copies.

NSERC no longer requires departmental appraisals; therefore, it is not necessary for departments to review and rank applications prior to submission to Graduate Studies. However, departments are strongly encouraged to assist their students by reviewing applications and proposals before they are submitted so that the best possible application is forwarded.

Also note that NSERC has continued to allow us to permit online access to the NSERC applications to university representatives. Please contact me if you are interested in having one representative in your department provided with online access. Departments can use this access to ensure that their students' applications are complete, and to provide feedback.

Deadlines: there are two deadlines to note for the NSERC PGS\CGS competition; a transcript submission deadline and an on-line application submission deadline. Applicants must submit official transcripts from all institutions attended in sealed envelopes to my attention at 500 University Centre by **October 15, 2015**. This will provide me with time to upload transcripts so that students can submit their application electronically by our **October 21, 2015**. Refer to the [FGS awards database](#) for detailed instructions related to submitting transcripts.

The above deadline and information will be distributed to all graduate students in our weekly award announcement notice, but I would ask for your assistance in distributing our deadlines to students and all interested members in your department. Please feel free to forward this information package to students and other contacts within your department.