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**SUBJECT:** **2010 NSERC PGS/CGS/PDF Competition - Application eligibility**

Earlier this month, we advised you of changes brought to the research and program eligibility criteria for NSERC Scholarships and Fellowships. The *Eligibility Criteria for Students and Fellows* ([http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Eligibility-Admissibilite/students-etudiants\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Eligibility-Admissibilite/students-etudiants_eng.asp)) have been updated to help candidates identify more easily which funding agency is most appropriate for the evaluation of their application.

When NSERC receives applications, we verify both the topic of the research project and the program of study; if we judge that either of these falls outside of the NSERC mandate (therefore either SSHRC or CIHR), NSERC will not accept the application in the competition. In past years, candidates were informed and efforts were made to transfer these applications, or allow candidates to re-apply to the appropriate agency, for consideration in that agency's competition. These transfers / redirected applications often occurred after agency deadline dates. Note this practice will continue between NSERC and SSHRC.

However, following a recent change in policy, CIHR will no longer accept redirected applications from candidates after a CIHR competition deadline has passed (note the deadline for Doctoral candidates to apply to CIHR is October 15<sup>th</sup>). Therefore, please be advised that for the upcoming 2010 competition, if candidates / universities submit applications to NSERC which fall within the terms of reference of CIHR, and the deadline for the CIHR competition has passed, the applications will not be accepted at NSERC nor will candidates be allowed to re-apply at CIHR.

In the case of disciplines where it is not clear whether the research project and program of study are under the mandate of NSERC and therefore the applicant perhaps should be applying to CIHR instead, we strongly advise universities to consult with NSERC or CIHR prior to any agency deadline, for a ruling on the agency best suited for that application. Remember applicants are only allowed to submit an application to one of the granting agencies in any given year. For guidance, please consult the following table, which contains a summary of application deadline dates within the respective agencies for the 2010 competition.

Thank you.

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## Summary of application deadline dates within federal funding agencies, in chronological order, for the 2010 competition.

### Master's level programs

NSERC PGS M / CGS M	SSHRC CGS M	CIHR Master's Awards
<p><b>Oct 15, 2009</b> (direct applicants); <b>Nov 25, 2009</b> (through universities)</p>	<p>Check your <a href="#">applicant status</a>. If you must apply through your university: <b>University sets the deadline.</b></p> <p>If you must apply directly to SSHRC: <b>December 14, 2009.</b></p>	<p><b>February 1, 2010</b></p>

### Doctoral level programs

CIHR Doctoral Research Awards and CGS D	NSERC PGS D / CGS D	SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships and CGS D
<p><b>October 15, 2009</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 15, 2009</b> (direct applicants); <b>Nov 25, 2009</b> (through universities)</p>	<p>Check your <a href="#">applicant status</a>. If you must apply through your university: <b>University sets the deadline.</b></p> <p>If you must apply directly to SSHRC: <b>November 5, 2009.</b></p>

### Postdoctoral level programs

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships	CIHR Fellowships	NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF)
<p><b>October 6, 2009</b></p>	<p><b>October 1, 2009; and February 1, 2010</b></p>	<p><b>October 15, 2009</b></p>