



NSERC PGS Competition Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the University of Manitoba internal deadline for the NSERC PGS/CGS Competition?

A: The Faculty of Graduate Studies has two deadlines for the NSERC PGS/CGS competition; **October 3, 2011 is the deadline to submit original transcripts in sealed envelopes to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and October 10, 2011 is the deadline to submit your application electronically.** It should be noted that your application must be complete, your transcripts uploaded and two references provided before you can submit your application. Please note that some departments have set their own internal deadline to review applications prior to submission. Please check with your department office to see if they have an earlier deadline.

Q: Who is responsible for uploading transcripts? Do I need original transcripts?

A: Marcia Yoshida is responsible for uploading transcripts. Please use email address marcia_yoshida@umanitoba.ca in the appropriate space on the NSERC application. It should be noted that you must provide original transcripts from all institutions attended for your NSERC application. These transcripts must be submitted to Marcia Yoshida at 500 University Centre by **October 3, 2011** to ensure that the transcripts are uploaded so that you can submit your application by October 10, 2011.

Q: Where should my referees send their letters of reference?

A: Referees must submit their letter of reference online. There is a space on the NSERC application form to indicate your referees and their email address. Completing this portion of the NSERC application will result in an email being sent to your referees along with a link to enable them to provide their reference for you. Please be sure to let your referees know that their reference should be completed well before our October 10, 2011 deadline, as the references must be submitted prior to your electronic submission.

Q: When I submit the application, am I submitting it directly to NSERC?

A: Your application may be submitted directly to NSERC or through a university as per your current student status. Please see the table below for details:

Registration Status at Time of Application	Where to Submit Application
You are currently registered at (or were registered at during the year of application), or are on an approved leave of	The Canadian university at which you are currently or were registered, or from which you have taken an approved leave of

absence from, a Canadian university in a degree program.	absence
You are currently registered at a foreign university.	Directly to NSERC
You are not currently registered at a university, or are registered but not in a degree program, and you graduated from a degree program from a Canadian university during the year of application (January to December 2010).	The Canadian university from which you graduated in the last 12 months
(If none of the preceding options apply to you, only then may you consider the following.)	
You are not currently registered at a university, or are registered, but not in a degree program, and you last graduated from a degree program prior to January 2010.	Directly to NSERC

Applications that are submitted through a university go through a university wide competition to determine which applications will be submitted to NSERC's national competition.

Q: I have questions about the NSERC competition and the application process. Where can I get assistance with my questions?

A: NSERC has a very helpful online video tutorial. You may find that many of your questions are answered by viewing this video. The tutorial can be found at the following link: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/Tutorial-Tutoriel/Tutorial-Tutoriel_eng.asp

If you review the tutorial and still have questions, please feel free to contact Marcia Yoshida at marcia_yoshida@umanitoba.ca or 474-9836 or you can drop by to see her at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, 500 University Centre.