NSERC Application Checklist

- NSERC Online Application:
  - Logon to: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp and register with the NSERC online system. You will be assigned a PIN number.
  - Read the information on the NSERC website:
  - http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/201/e.asp

- Transcripts
  - Order transcripts from all universities that you have attended.
  - Make sure that they are sent to:

    Sarah Derr, Graduate Student Advisor
    Department of Physics
    CCIS 4-183
    University of Alberta, Edmonton Alberta, Canada T6G 2E1

- Reference Letters
  - Ask 2 professors to write recommendation letters for you.
  - Enter the professors' names and email addresses into the form.
  - Give the professors an information sheet.

- Research Proposal
  - Write up first draft of your research proposal. If you have not yet started to do research, pick a topic that interests you and write up a paragraph about the area of interest. Give a copy of the research proposal to either your supervisor or to Sharon Morsink (CCIS 4-189) so that they can proofread the proposal and make suggestions for improvement. Ask your proofreader to give the corrections back to you by September 28.
  - Fill out all other parts of the application using NSERC's online application system.

- Friday September 28
  - Make corrections suggested by your proofreaders.
  - Remind your letter writers to write their recommendation letters.
  - Carefully read through your application and make corrections, respecting the page limits for the free-form sections of your application.

- Monday October 1 (If you are applying for MSc or PhD scholarship)
  - Print out your application. The application should be printed one-sided. Give it to Sarah Derr (CCIS 4-187).
  - Make sure that Sarah Derr has your transcripts and letters of recommendation.

- October 15
  - If you are applying for NSERC PDF submit your application.

Importance of the Selection Criteria for different scholarships

Scholarship	Grades	Research	Communication
MSc Level	50%	30%	20%
PhD Level	30%	50%	20%
Postdoctoral	0	70%	30%

Eligibility for Scholarships

- MSc Level (PGSM, CGSM)
  - Undergraduate Students in final year of study

  Or
  - Graduate students in 1st year of MSc

- PhD Level (PGSD, CGSD)
  - Graduate students in 2nd year of MSc

  Or
  - Graduate students in 1st or 2nd year of PhD if you already have a MSc degree

  Or
  - Graduate students in 1st – 3rd year of PhD if you transferred directly into PhD program without MSc degree

- Postdoctoral Fellowship
  - Students who complete their PhD by Sept. 1, 2013
  - Students who completed their PhD after Sept. 2010

Application Sections

- Academic Background – everyone
- Academic, Research and Other Relevant Work Experience – everyone
- Award Applied For –everyone
- Proposed Location of Tenure – everyone – locations not binding
- Scholarships – everyone
- Summary of Thesis – Only PhD and Postdoc level
- Justification for Location of Tenure – Postdoc level only
- Outline of Proposed Research – everyone
- Contributions and Statement – everyone