

Quebec Merit Fellowships for foreign students 2013-2014

Dear Students,

If you wish to be a candidate for the PBEEE, please read carefully the below email. As this is a big and costly process for both yourself and the supervisor, I ask that you first determine if you are eligible. Note that the minimum overall CGPA is 3.7 for the undergrad as well as the MSc. Students with a CGPA lower than 3.70 may be deemed ineligible.

Important to note are the deadlines by when you must have determined eligibility.

The applicant must not be a Canadian or Permanent Resident of Canada and has not applied for permanent residency.

Regards,

Maria

****For broad distribution to faculty and international students, postdocs and visiting research scholars****

Call for Applications 2014-2015

Programme des bourses d'excellence pour étudiants étrangers (PBEEE)

Quebec Merit Fellowships for foreign students

The *Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec* (MEQ) has announced the Quebec Merit Fellowships for Foreign Doctoral Students, Postdocs and Short term Research Students . *Fonds Québécois de la recherche sur la nature et les technologies* (FQRNT) is responsible for the administration of the program. Similarly, the FQRNT and the FQRSC have announced their Doctoral research scholarships program for international students ('DE' and 'DS', respectively). These programs are **by University nomination only**.

The **PBEEE** competition has twelve (11) categories of eligibility. **Each department may recommend to GPS one (1) candidate per PBEEE competition category**. McGill's quota varies by citizenship

Departments may recommend an additional application *if* it meets the criteria for the DE or DS competition.

	Doctoral	Postdoctoral	Short-term research	McGill Quota at each level
Open	V1	V2	V3	4
Brazil	1B	2B	3B	1
India	1I	2I	3I	1
Wallonie	1W	n/a	3W	1

Reminder: Citizens of Mexico and China will be preselected by their own countries. However, should you wish to preselect a citizen of Mexico or China you may do so in the open category (V1, V2 or V3).

Categories, value and duration

- **Doctoral Students** (V1, 1B, 1I, 1W): \$25,000 per year for up to 3 years, with possibility of extension for 12 months at a reduced amount;
- **Postdoctoral Scholars** (V2, 2B, 2I): \$35,000 per year for 1 year, non-renewable;
- **Visiting Research Student and Visiting Researcher** (V3, 2B, 3I, 3W): \$3,000 per month for max. 4 months, non-renewable.

Each department/unit may recommend one (1) candidate to GPS per competition category.

**Programmes de bourses de doctorat en recherche pour étudiants étrangers
(FQRNT : DE) & (FQRSC : DS)**

‘Doctoral research scholarships program for international students’

The **DE** completion has a single category of eligibility (all foreign citizenships) for doctoral-level students studying in the areas of: Aerospace, New information and communications technologies, New health technologies, Genomics, or Nanotechnologies.

The **DS** completion has a single category of eligibility (all foreign citizenships) for doctoral-level students studying in the areas of: Humanities, Social Sciences, or Arts and Literature.

Value: \$20,000 per year

Duration: up to 3 years

Each department/unit may recommend one (1) candidate to GPS per competition category.

Reminders

- **Postdoctoral:** Research must be conducted in a university other than the university where the PhD was granted.
- **Visiting Research Student and Visiting Researcher:** May not already be at the nominating institution at the time of application.
- **All levels:** Applicants must be screening for eligibility before a pre-selection application will be accepted
- **All levels:** Program and research must be conducted in Quebec.
- **All levels:** Applicants may not have applied for permanent resident status under Canadian immigration law.
- **All levels:** Applicants must submit one *copy* of transcripts at the time of eligibility screening to also be used with their pre-selection application, if eligible. If nominated to the agency, nominees will be required to submit an original set of hard-copy transcripts to the FQRNT. GPS suggests that applicants order original transcripts at the time of pre-selection in the case of nomination to the agency; documents will *not* be forwarded from GPS to the FQRNT. FQRNT will accept copies of transcripts from **overseas** institutions certified by a Commissioner of Oaths.

Deadlines

APPLICANTS: please see <http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/fellowships/pbeee>

GPC's/GPD'S: please see <http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/fac-staff/awards/pbeee>

McGill's nominations due to the Agency: **September 30, 2013**

Nominated applications are due to the agency: **November 1, 2013** (nominees are responsible for submitting online application *and* hard-copy supporting documents)

More Information

For APPLICANTS & SUPERVISORS with questions about basic eligibility and the pre-selection process:

- McGill GPS website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/students-postdocs/students/pbeee>
- Contact the Graduate Program Coordinator in your academic department/unit:
<http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/about/contacts/>

For Graduate Program Directors & Coordinators who require administrative support or clarification:

- McGill GPS website for Admin: <http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/fac-staff/awards/pbeee>
- Contact Jan Walker, Administrative Coordinator (jan.walker@mcgill.ca / x09135)

French and English detailed rules ("Règles du programme") are also available online (**NOTE:** at the time of this announcement the FQRNT webpage had not yet been updated with 2014-2015 information).

PBEE: http://www.fqrnt.gouv.qc.ca/bourses/Fiches_programmes/index_V1_1B_1C_1I_1M_1W.htm

DE: http://www.fqrnt.gouv.qc.ca/bourses/Fiches_programmes/index_DE.htm

DS: http://www.fqrsc.gouv.qc.ca/fr/bourses/programme.php?id_programme=40

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