

Terms of Reference of Council's Standing Committees

Joint Committee on Grants and Scholarships

The Joint Committee on Grants and Scholarships recommends to the Vice-President, Research Grants and Scholarships, program allocations and transfers between program elements within the two separate allocations to program areas (People and Discovery) approved by Council; recommends to the Vice-President, Research Grants and Scholarships methods to be used for selection committee allocations; provides advice on and monitors programs referred to it by Council; and advises Council on policy issues and possible mechanisms regarding support of the research base in science and engineering in Canadian universities and the provision of highly qualified research personnel in those same areas in Canada.

To provide advice on and monitor programs*, the Committee:

- a. makes recommendations to Council or senior officers as appropriate on existing programs and on changes to those programs, including phasing out of programs and proposals for the creation of new ones;
- b. advises Council on the international dimension of activities falling within its purview;
- c. monitors the peer review process by:
 - i. reviewing the policies and procedures for peer review and ensuring they are consistent with the principles and values enunciated by Council;
 - ii. making recommendations on the principles governing membership of selection committees or panels, annually reviewing appointments to such committees, and establishing guidelines for the conduct of business of such committees;
 - iii. reviewing the policy reports of selection committees and recommending courses of action to Council or senior officers, as appropriate;
 - iv. reviewing the statistics on and trends in awards made upon recommendation of the selection committees and the list of any other awards approved by executive action;
- d. periodically reviewing the jurisdiction of selection committees and recommending changes as appropriate.

To advise Council on policies and mechanisms in support of the research base and the provision of highly qualified personnel in science and engineering in Canada, the Committee may make recommendations to Council's officers that studies be initiated or that subcommittees or ad hoc committees be appointed.

* As of May 2005, the programs assigned to the Joint Committee on Grants and Scholarships are:

- Canada Graduate Scholarships
- Centres for Youth, Science, Teaching and Learning
- Discovery Grants (including Subatomic Physics)
- Industrial Postgraduate Scholarships
- Industrial Research Fellowships
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowships
- Japanese Science and Technology Fellowships
- Major Facilities Access Grants
- Northern Research Chairs
- Northern Research Internships
- Northern Research Supplements
- Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Postgraduate Scholarships
- Postgraduate Supplements
- PromoScience
- Research Capacity Development in Small Universities
- Research Tools and Instruments Grants
- Ship Time
- Special Research Opportunities Grants
- Undergraduate Students Research Awards
- University Faculty Awards
- Visiting Fellowships in Canadian Government Laboratories