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The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) is pleased to offer you a Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF) based on your research ability or potential and communication, interpersonal, and leadership abilities.

The NSERC PDF Program provides financial support to a core of the most promising Canadian researchers in natural sciences and engineering at a pivotal time in their careers. This support allows fellows to seek out the best research programs in their chosen fields, both within Canada and abroad. These fellowships are intended to secure a supply of highly qualified Canadians with leading-edge scientific and research skills for Canadian industry, government, and universities.

Review the Terms and Conditions and the <u>Tri-Agency Research Training Award Holder's Guide</u> carefully as they contain important information about your award. Retain this letter for future reference. If you have yet to complete your PhD, you must complete all of its requirements before commencing your award.

If you are planning to hold your PDF award in the People's Republic of China, refer to the <u>Canada-China Postdoctoral Fellowships Supplement</u> for more information about this new initiative.

This federal support for research is an investment by the people of Canada. By demonstrating the social, economic and cultural value of their natural sciences and engineering research, NSERC award recipients help strengthen public understanding of and support for NSERC-funded research. If you accept the award, you are encouraged to review the <u>guidelines for acknowledging NSERC support</u>.

You must send an email to <u>schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca</u> that includes your PIN and/or AID and a proof of citizenship/permanent residency by February 26, 2018 stating whether you accept or decline the award, and confirming the start date, or the award will be cancelled.

Congratulations on your achievement.

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Serge Villemure Director, Scholarships, Fellowships & Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering



### **Scholarships and Fellowships Summary**

Committee No.: 197 - Scholarships and Fellowships Selection Committee for Electrical Engineering Application No.: PDF - 516984 - 2018	
Name: Laleh Seyyed Kalantari	
TYPE OF AWARD:	Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF)
PLACE OF TENURE:	Your award has been approved for tenure at any of the eligible organizations indicated on your application unless your doctoral degree was or will be received from a non-Canadian university. In that case, this approval applies only to tenure at eligible Canadian organizations.
MAXIMUM VALUE AND	
<b>DURATION OF AWARD:</b>	\$90,000 over 24 months

<u>Important Note</u>: NSERC normally makes an official public announcement of competition results, so we ask you and your university to refrain from making any announcements until this takes place. Some recipients may be asked to take part in NSERC's public announcement. This does not prevent you from confidentially sharing information about your funding with your collaborators or referring to your funding in applications for other funding. If you foresee any issues or concerns arising from this condition, please contact our Events Manager, Robin MacLellan by e-mail at <u>Robin.MacLellan@nserc-crsng.gc.ca</u> or by phone at 613-996-4479.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARD

By drawing on the funds awarded, you confirm that during tenure of the grant/award, you will comply with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. You will use the award only for the purpose for which it was awarded.
- 2. You will provide true, complete, accurate information in any documents related to your award, and you will represent yourself, your research and your accomplishments in a manner consistent with the norms of the relevant field.
- 3. You will ensure that individuals who are named in any document(s) related to your award have agreed to be included and to disclose their personal information in the document(s).
- 4. You are not currently ineligible to apply for and/or hold funds from NSERC, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), or the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), or any other research or research funding organization worldwide for reasons of breach of policies on responsible conduct of research, such as ethics, integrity or financial management policies. If at any time you

become ineligible for any of these reasons, you will advise your institutional officials and NSERC immediately, in writing.

- 5. You will comply with the <u>Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research</u>, which includes the Tri-Agency Research Integrity Policy, and with the <u>Tri-Agency</u> <u>Research Training Award Holder's Guide</u>, the <u>NSERC Program Guide for Students and</u> <u>Fellows</u> and with any amendments to these that NSERC may adopt.
- 6. If you are or have been (at any time during the past 12 months) a federal public servant, you have complied with and will continue to respect the <u>Values and Ethics Code for the</u> <u>Public Sector</u>.
- 7. You consent to the sharing among the three federal granting agencies (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR) and with any academic institution to which you are, or may become, affiliated, of any and all information, including personal information, in any way related to the application and to the award.
- 8. In the event of any change in your eligibility status, you will inform NSERC and your institutional officials immediately, in writing.
- You will inform institutional officials of any changes in the nature of the research that may have an impact on certification or approvals as in section 2.4 Agency Requirements for Certain Types of Research of the <u>Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of</u> <u>Research</u>.
- 10. You will inform NSERC and your institutional officials of any changes in the nature of the research that may require an environmental review/assessment or involves the use of human pluripotent stem cells. You will not proceed with these research activities requiring additional certification until NSERC approval has been obtained.
- 11. You will inform your institutional officials if your research plan changes to include new activities involving humans or the use of animals. You will not proceed with these research activities until institutional approval has been obtained.
- 12. Should you decide to pursue commercialization of any results of the research, you will disclose to your institution any potential intellectual property (IP) arising from the research.
- 13. For research conducted under the auspices of a Canadian postsecondary institution: if you disclose any potential IP arising from the research, you and the institution will endeavor to obtain the greatest possible economic benefit to Canada from the resulting commercial activity. This requirement for disclosure is not intended to supersede the IP ownership policy that the institution might already have in place.

In addition, you understand that:

- 14. NSERC reserves the right to defer or cancel an award instalment if the continued need for funds is not demonstrated.
- 15. The award is subject to the availability of funds. NSERC may reduce or cancel this award.
- 16. The <u>Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act (ATIP)</u>, and the *Use and Disclosure* of *Personal Information Provided to NSERC* pertain to the information NSERC collects from and about you.

**Consent to Disclosure of Personal Information:** You understand that maintaining public trust in the integrity of researchers is fundamental to building a knowledge-based society. By accepting funding from CIHR, NSERC and/or SSHRC, you affirm that you have read and you agree to respect all the policies of these agencies that are relevant to your research, including the <u>Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research</u>. In cases of a serious breach of agency policy, the agency may publicly disclose any information relevant to the breach that is in the public interest, including your name, the nature of the breach, the institution where you were employed at the time of the breach and the institution where you are currently employed, and the recourse imposed against you. You accept this as a condition of receiving agency funding, and you consent to such disclosure. If you do not agree to the disclosure of your personal information, you cannot participate in this award.

**Note**: If you have any concerns about your ability to comply with the terms and conditions listed above, contact your institutional official or NSERC staff responsible for the program immediately. Do not agree to the terms and conditions and do not draw down on any funds paid to you or to the host institution until you are certain that you can and will comply with all of the requirements.



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### Attention: Students and Fellows with Aboriginal Status

# Would you enjoy discussing your natural science or engineering studies with other Aboriginal students?

Holding an <u>Aboriginal Ambassadors in the Natural Sciences and Engineering Award</u> (AANSE), would allow you to visit Canadian Aboriginal communities and schools to share your research and education experiences or join science promotion activities. NSERC could contribute up to \$5,000 to the costs of the visit\*\*.

Eligibility: You are eligible for AANSE if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- Are an Aboriginal person (NSERC uses the Canadian Constitution Act, 1982 definition of Aboriginal peoples as including the Indian, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Canada);
- Are registered full-time in a degree program in the natural sciences or engineering (NSE) or employed at an eligible institution as a postdoctoral fellow in the NSE;
- Have a cumulative average of at least second class (a grade of "B" or "B-", if applicable) as defined by your institution over the previous years of study.

#### Deadline: There is no fixed application deadline for the program.

Apply at least two months before the start of your proposed visit.

**To Apply**: Prepare your application using the detailed information on the program web page:

- visit the NSERC website (<u>www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca</u>, and enter AANSE in the search box) and/or
- contact us at <u>ambassadors@nserc-crsng.gc.ca</u> or 613-943-7653.

AANSE is one of the ways NSERC encourages Aboriginal Canadians to study and make careers in these fields.

\*\*Your application must meet the requirements of the program.

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