International Graduate Student Scholarship

a Western Cognitive Neuroscience Cluster of Research Excellence competition

Terms of Reference for the Review Committee

The International Graduate Student Scholarship (IGSS) program is funded by to support outstanding international students, improving their position to secure salary support from the tri-councils and other agencies. All potential awardees must have the support of an advisor (who is a BMI core member) and acceptance into a graduate program at Western University.

The following criteria will be used by the review committee to evaluate all IGSS submissions:

1. The IGSS is a competitive award that supports international graduate students with academic excellence at a level that would make them competitive in Canadian Tri-Council and OGS competitions.

2. The Tri-council’s criterion on “excellence of the applicant” will be used to guide IGSS reviewers when judging the competitiveness of applications.

3. More specifically, the review committee will be looking for and judging:
   - academic excellence as reflected in undergrad (and where applicable MSc) transcripts, letters of reference, and prior awards;
   - evidence of early research productivity as reflected in posters, talks and publications; and
   - the applicant’s fit with the advisor’s lab, as reflected in suitability of past training and shared research interests/goals.

4. Incomplete submissions may negatively impact the applicant’s competitiveness.

5. A scoring or ranking scheme may be use, as agreed to by the review committee, to evaluate submissions.

More information on the IGSS program can be found at http://www.uwo.ca/bmi/training/international_graduate_student_scholarship.html.