NSERC has just opened the call for proposals for the Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering Program. The call is open to the Ontario and Prairies regions.

The aim of this program is to increase the participation and retention of women in science and engineering, while also providing role models for women that are in, and considering, careers in these fields. The CWSE Program is regional—with one Chair for each of the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, and British Columbia/Yukon regions.

Objective of the Program:

- Develop, implement and communicate strategies to raise the level of participation and retention of women in science and engineering as students and as professionals, taking into account intersectional dimensions (e.g. age, education, sexual orientation, Indigenous status, disability, language, race, ethnicity, culture, etc.). Examples of strategies can be found on the program webpage.
- Provide female role models who are accomplished, successful and recognized researchers in science and engineering.
- Develop and implement a communication and networking strategy to ensure a regional and national impact on opportunities for women in science and engineering.

Highlights:

- Up to $135,000 is available in annual funding, with $95,000 of that amount available based on cash and in-kind contributions from the University and supporting organizations, broken down as: $70,000 on a dollar for dollar match, and $25,000 for a post doctoral fellow provided the University contributes $20,000 towards the postdoc’s salary.
The Chair’s term is for 5 years, and is renewable for a subsequent 3 to 5 year term.

Eligibility:
Candidates must self-identify as women and meet NSERC’s regular eligibility criteria, and must hold a current NSERC Discovery Grant or be awarded one prior to taking up the Chair.

Application Process:
NOTE: Applications are completed by a nominator (e.g. Dean, Vice President, Research and Innovation or their delegate, etc.), not the candidate.

Each Division will be coordinating their own nomination process as they will be limited to submitting one candidate (two maximum in exceptional cases). If you are interested in being considered as a candidate, please consult with your Departmental Chair who will coordinate with the Vice Dean or Vice Principal, Research for their respective Division.

Applications packages must be submitted to the Research Services Office by your Vice Dean or Vice Principal, Research for the internal deadline of September 4, 2019. All applications received by Research Services will go through an internal peer review to identify the top candidates for submission to NSERC.

Application Deadlines:

• **Internal Deadline:** Divisions are to submit a completed application package as a single PDF by email to Jessica Keating (jessica.keating@utoronto.ca) in the Research Services Office no later than **September 4, 2019**.
• **Sponsor Deadline:** Tuesday October 8, 2019 (8:00pm ET). To be submitted electronically via the NSERC Secure Submissions for NSERC’s Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering Program

Further details and application forms and instructions can be found on the [NSERC Program Website](https://www.nserc.org/).