



Guidelines for the NDI New Investigator Awards of the CSB/SCB

I AWARDS AVAILABLE

1. Three AWARDS will normally be made at each CSB/SCB Congress; the MASTERS STUDENT AWARD, the DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD, and the PROMISING YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD for high quality biomechanics research submitted for presentation at the BIENNIAL CONGRESS OF CSB/SCB or at the North American Congress on Biomechanics (NACOB) (held every 6 years).
2. The AWARDS COMMITTEE has the right to make no award in a category if the best applicant's submission is judged to be of unsatisfactory quality for the standards of the CSB/SCS competition.

II ELIGIBILITY

A. A competitor is eligible to receive the MASTERS AWARD if:

1. The competitor is a member of the CSB.
2. The research submitted was conducted for a thesis or project while the competitor was enrolled as a MASTERS DEGREE STUDENT.
3. The application for the award is submitted for the CSB/SCB congress which is before or immediately follows the date of the student's graduation, i.e., since the Congress is biennial, an application might be submitted nearly two years following the student's graduation date and still be eligible.
4. The competitor has not won the same award previously.
5. A letter is received by the AWARDS CHAIR from the supervisor (see also below under **Documents Required of Competitors**) stating that the experimental design, execution of the research and paper are essentially the student's, even on a multi-authored paper.
6. The competitor is the first author, personally makes the presentation at the Congress and is available to receive the award personally at the awards ceremony.
7. The competitor meets the conference deadlines for submission of the two-page

abstract.

8. The research has not been published or previously presented at a National or International level congress.

B. An applicant is eligible to receive the DOCTORAL AWARD if:

1. The applicant is a current member of the CSB.
2. The research submitted was conducted for a dissertation or project while the competitor was enrolled as a DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDENT.
3. Conditions **II A 3-8** are met.

C. An individual is eligible to receive the PROMISING YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD if:

1. The applicant is a current member of the CSB.
2. The research submitted was conducted within 6 years prior to the year of the conference and of completing a doctoral degree. This category includes postdoctoral fellows, tenure track faculty positions, non-academic industrial positions, and any research appointment recognized by NSERC's eligibility guidelines.
3. The research abstract is submitted no later than the deadline for the CSB/SCB Congress (or NACOB Congress) competition, which immediately follows the 6-year anniversary of the student's graduation from a doctoral program.
4. Conditions **II A 4 and 6-8** are met.

III DOCUMENTS REQUIRED OF COMPETITORS

1. Competitors will submit all required additional documentation listed in parts 2B to 2E below (i.e. NOT THE ABRSTRACT) to the conference chairperson, no later than the deadline stated on the call for abstracts. **Applications will not be considered for the awards if the accompanying documentation is not provided.**
2. The documentation will include, as relevant to the AWARD contested:
 - A. An abstract in the specified format under the conference submission guidelines which may be accepted for presentation even if it is not a finalist paper in a competition. **This abstract must be submitted via the conference website.**
 - B. A letter addressed to the AWARDS CHAIR indicating which award the person is

applying for, and;

- C. A statement of DEGREE enrolment (as a MASTERS or DOCTORAL STUDENT) or PROMISING YOUNG INVESTIGATOR employment dates, date of degree conferment (if relevant), institution and name of supervisor (if relevant).
- D. A letter from the student's supervisor (for MASTERS and DOCTORAL AWARDS) stating that the experimental design, execution of the research and the paper are essentially the student's.
- E. for the PROMISING YOUNG INVESTIGATOR the following documents are required:
 - a letter that outlines where and when the research was conducted, and that the experimental design, execution of the research and the paper are essentially the applicant's.
 - a one page description of the recent progress in research activities related to the submitted abstract, anticipated significance, and most significant contribution to the field of Biomechanics.
 - a current and complete **Curriculum Vitae**
 - **three letters of support** for the candidate are required. These letters can be written by people such as current Department Heads, Deans, workplace managers, and research collaborators. At least one of the letters should be from a recognized expert in the field that is independent from the candidate and their former research supervisors.
- F. A selection of a short list of three finalists for the MASTERS AND DOCTORAL awards will be made and a special AWARDS session will be held at the conference . The final award decision will be based on both the submitted conference abstract and the oral presentation.
- G. The PROMISING YOUNG INVESTIGATOR is intended to target post-doctoral researchers who are 6 years or less from there PhD graduation year. This includes individuals in PDF positions and **new faculty members** who will typically be at the pre-tenure stage of their career. The award winner will be selected based on the submitted awards package and will be given a 30 minute slot in a podium session to present their research.