

The WiCSC+ Trainee Board

Our Story



WiCSC 2022 Cognitive Science Trainees for Diverse Careers: Why Non-Academic Experience is Important and How to Get It

Our Goal



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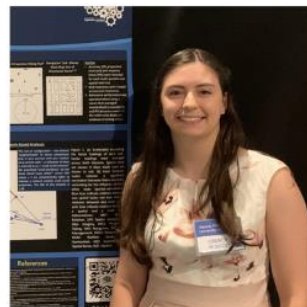


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Federal and Provincial Funding Opportunities

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Preparing Cognitive Science Trainees for Diverse Careers:

[Resume](#)

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Planning to take parental leave and funded by a Tri-Agency award?

You may be eligible for up to 12 months of supplementary funding!

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3 KEY PILLARS:
Academic career, Non-academic career, Personal life



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Advisory Board Awards Trainee Board Resources Join Us

Women in Cognitive Science Canada

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- Preparing for Academic Careers
- Preparing for Non-Academic Careers
- Personal Life

WicSC-Canada is the Canadian Chapter of Women in Cognitive Science, an NSF-funded organization in the U.S. affiliated with the Psychonomic Society. Heading into its 20th year in 2021, WiCS has offered important professional development and networking opportunities to women (and men) scientists in the fields of cognitive science, cognitive neuroscience, and related disciplines. We hope WicSC-Canada will enable similar opportunities, in a way that is tailored to the Canadian research context.

<https://wicsc.ca/resources/>



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EN & FR Transcripts

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Our Future Plans

PLAN 1

Improve online presence



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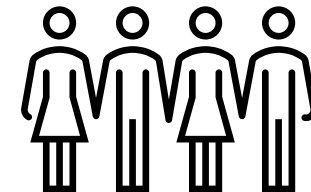
PLAN 2

Online workshops and training sessions



PLAN 3

Expand our working board



WiCSC+ Working Board Application Form

<https://forms.gle/pwTGyCWdqGyJ58oS7>



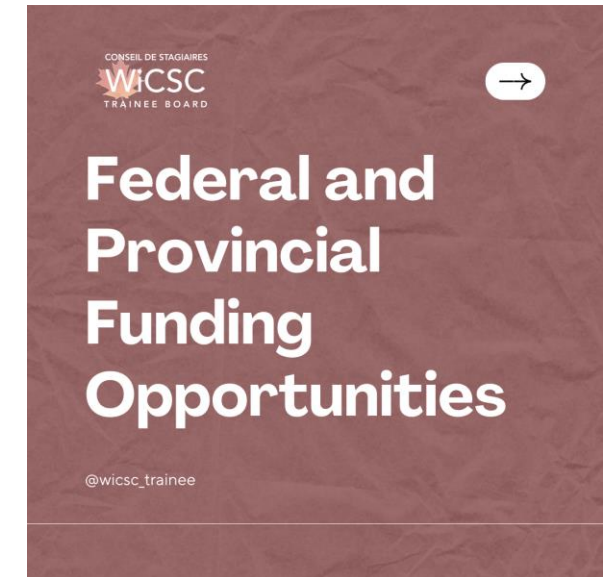
Tri–Agency Award Panel and Q&A

Introducing the panelists

List of federal and provincial funding opportunities to graduate students:

wicsc.ca > resources > academic

<https://wicsc.ca/2023/07/14/federal-and-provincial-funding-opportunities/>



Anonymous Question Form

<https://forms.gle/fv2zEWESiYHTTwQ99>



WiCSC+ Speed Mentoring Event

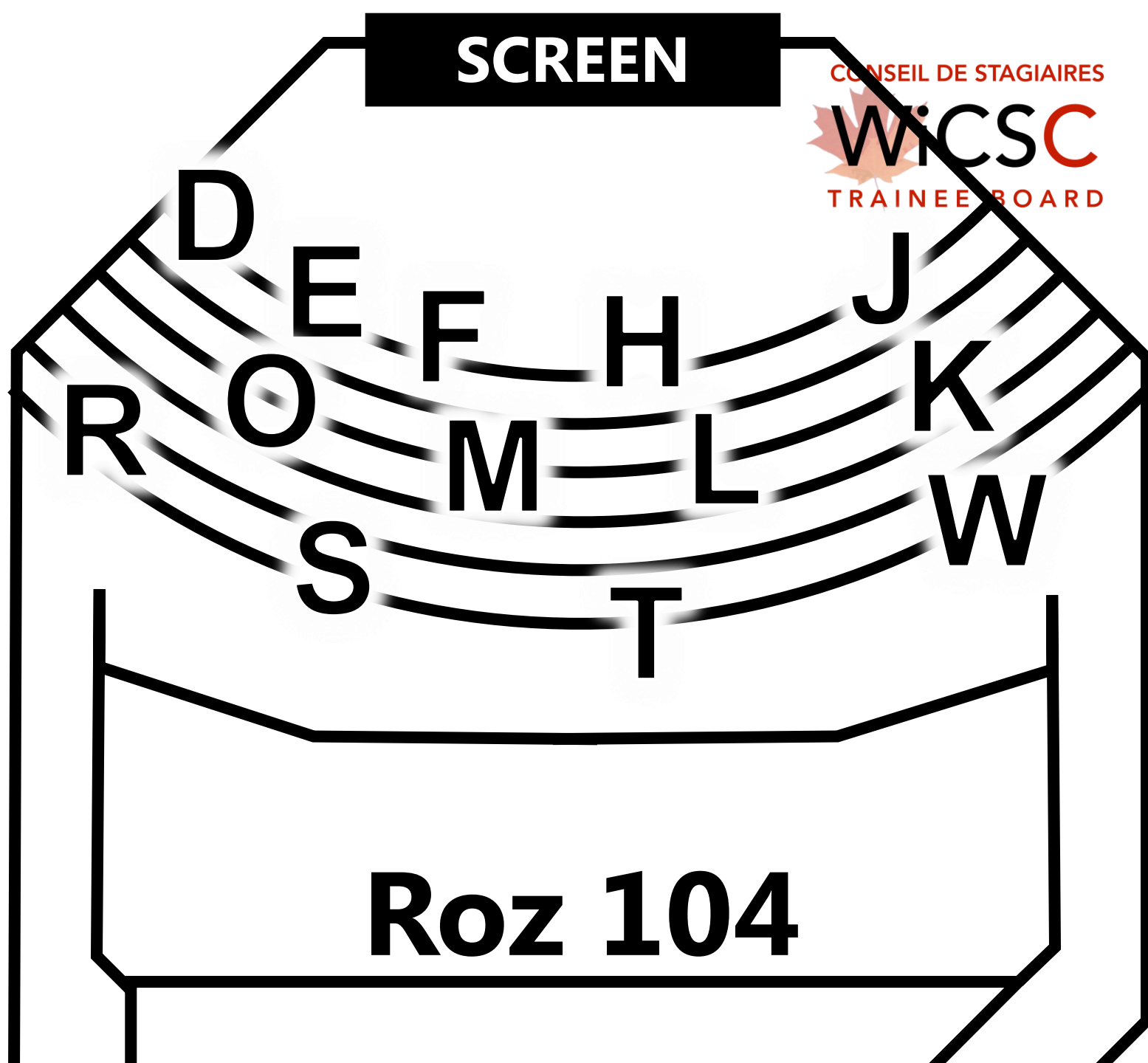
Instructions

As we are setting up, we have a few reminders about how this event should work...

Reminders:

- **First and foremost**, this is a **one-time** session -- i.e., the mentor is *not* signing on for a longer-term mentoring relationship (nor is the mentee).
- The mentees should have a question or two prepared for the mentors to help guide the session as needed.
- Seating will be **organized alphabetically** by **mentor last name**
- Let us know if you have any issues regarding finding your mentor/mentee
- This mentoring session ends at **5:30PM**
- Thanks for participating!

**Approximate
seating by
mentor *last*
initial**



Applying to an NSERC Tri-Agency Awards

Tips from the WiCSC Trainee Board

5 Tips

● Start Early



5 Tips

Write a strong research proposal

- Clear, concise, and demonstrate the originality and significance of your proposed research.
- Use plain language to describe your research objectives, methods, and expected outcomes.
- Explain why your research is important and how it aligns with the goals of the NSERC. **Contributions to society are important!**

5 Tips

● Highlight your achievements & qualifications

- Academic achievements, publications, research communication (i.e., conference presentations), awards, and research experience.
- Demonstrate your ability to conduct independent research and collaborate effectively with others.

5 Tips

● Get feedback!

- Ask your supervisor, colleagues, and mentors to review your application and provide feedback.
 - Including proposal AND achievements
- Attend NSERC or grant-writing workshops at your university

5 Tips

● Follow instructions!

- Make sure you follow the application instructions carefully (e.g., formatting requirements, document submission process, and deadlines)
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- **If you can, submit a day early to avoid website errors on the due date.**

What happens after you apply?

1 Reviewed

Eligibility criteria and the application guidelines are checked

2 Assessed

Assessed by a group of subject matter experts who are familiar with the research area. (NSERC Area Committees)

Based on specific evaluation criteria:

1. Research ability and potential
2. Relevant experiences and achievements within and beyond academia
3. Communication, interpersonal and leadership abilities

3 Ranked

Each application scored by several committee members the final average score determines the award.

Awards distributed based on the ranking. Highest-ranked applications receive CGS-D, with the rest until the cut-off receiving PGS-D

Awards usually announced **February - April** (varies by year and type of award).