All researchers who intend to apply for a Discovery Grant (including a Project Research Grant in Subatomic Physics) in the fall competition **must submit a Notification of Intent to Apply for a Discovery Grant (Form 180) by the deadline date of August 1st**. NSERC will only accept a Form 180 through its On-Line Services.

## **Important Changes for Discovery Grants**

## Application for a Grant (Form 101) and Instructions

The Form 101 instructions for the Budget Justification and Proposal sections will be modified. The Budget Justification section will be limited to two pages (except for grant applications in Subatomic Physics) and the Proposal section will include an additional page for the purpose of describing the highly qualified personnel (HQP) plan. Updated Forms 100 and 101 will be available on NSERC's Web site as of August 5, 2011.

## New Communication Tool for Discovery Grants

NSERC is using new ways to communicate program information and details about the peer review process to prospective applicants. See <u>Tips on applying for an NSERC Discovery Grant</u> and <u>Demystifying the review process for NSERC DG</u>

## Peer Review System

Further to the recommendations from the International Review of Discovery Grants and the Grant Selection Committee Structure Review, NSERC has introduced major changes to its peer review system for Discovery Grants (more).

For more information, see <u>NSERC website</u> or contact Katy Pocock.

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