

down. Limiting recent graduates to one application will shut out of the process many talented, deserving young researchers. This is contrary to NSERC's mandate of rewarding excellence. No-one will benefit from this change: not the applicants, nor Canadian astronomy, nor NSERC, which will see a decrease in the overall number of high quality applications. No other PDF program, to my knowledge, prevents unsuccessful applicants from reapplying, provided they are within the eligibility window.

On behalf of our members, I therefore urge you to reconsider this restriction. I would be more than happy to discuss the issue further by phone or email if you wish.

Best regards,

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