

| Dates and Times                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | SGSSS Student-led Open Competition Timeline 2023/24 Applicants                                                                                    |
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| HEI Review (Stage One)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2 October 2023, 9am (Monday)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Launch of Competition. Applicants can access <i>SGSSS Apply</i> to register, complete 'Equal Opportunities Data' and start to submit applications |
| 3 October 2023, 2pm (Tuesday)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | SGSSS to hold online webinar for applicants, Starting Your Journey Towards a PhD: First Steps in the Application Process                          |
| 16 November 2023, 11 am (Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | SGSSS to hold online drop-in session for applicants with questions                                                                                |
| 1 December 2023, 5pm (Thursday)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Deadline for Applications on SGSSS Apply                                                                                                          |
| 1 December 2023, 5pm (Thursday)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Deadline for Referees to complete references on SGSSS Apply                                                                                       |
| Please note: Between 1 December 2023 – 22 February 2024, HEIs will conduct their reviews. During this period, and as part of the next stage, if you are nominated, HEIs will request you submit your Supervisor Support Template and Disciplinary Support Statement within Apply (see pg. 14-15 in the guidance for more on these templates). |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 27 February 2024, 5 pm (Tuesday)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | SGSSS to update applicants confirming outcome of HEI Review Stage (successful and unsuccessful). Stage 2 applications open on <b>SGSSS Apply</b>  |
| Challenge Led Pathway Review (Stage Two)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5 April 2024, 5 pm (Friday)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | SGSSS to update candidates confirming outcome of Challenge Pathway Review Stage (successful and unsuccessful)                                     |
| Global Review (Stage Three)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 17 May 2024, by 5pm (Friday)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | SGSSS to communicate final outcome of the Competition to candidates (successful and unsuccessful)                                                 |