

Dates and Times	SGSSS Student-led Open Competition Timeline 2025/26 Applicants
HEI Review (Stage One)	
10 September 2025, 12pm (Wednesday)	Launch of Competition. Applicants can access SGSSS Apply to register, complete 'Equal Opportunities Data' and start to submit applications
30 September 2025, 12-1.00 p.m. (Tuesday)	SGSSS to hold online webinar for applicants, Starting Your Journey Towards a PhD: First Steps in the Application Process
7 November 2025, 12-1.00 p.m. (Friday)	SGSSS to hold online drop-in session for applicants with questions
24 November 2025, 5pm (Monday)	Deadline for Applications on SGSSS Apply
24 November 2025, 5pm (Monday)	Deadline for Referees to complete references on SGSSS Apply
<p>Between 26 November 2025 – 16 February 2026, HEIs will conduct their reviews. On a rolling basis, HEIs will submit the outcome of their reviews. If you are successful at this stage, HEIs will request you submit your Supervisor Support Template and Disciplinary Support Statement within Apply (see the guidance for more on these templates). This will happen on a rolling basis, so we kindly ask you please wait to hear back before emailing our team. Applicants have until 19 February 2026 to make this uploads into the portal.</p>	
Challenge Led Pathway Review (Stage Two)	
9 April 2026, 5 pm (Thursday)	SGSSS to update candidates confirming outcome of Challenge Pathway Review Stage (successful and unsuccessful)
Global Review (Stage Three)	
7 May 2025, 5 pm (Thursday)	SGSSS to communicate final outcome of the Competition to candidates (successful and unsuccessful)