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# Announcements

## New announcements

1. [NSERC Alliance Grant Program update](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Media-Media/NewsDetail-DetailNouvelles_eng.asp?ID=1414) – **Simplified option 1 funding ratio:** Effective June 23, 2023, all new Alliance option 1 applications may request up to 66.7% of the project costs (2:1 leverage) from NSERC, regardless of partner organization size or sector. This change does not affect or apply to applications submitted prior to June 23, 2023. Implementing a single 2:1 funding ratio provides more generous cost-sharing for many partnerships and simplifies the Alliance option 1 application process. The [Alliance grants website](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/index_eng.asp) and program materials are currently in the process of being updated to reflect this change.  If you have any questions, contact alliance@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

**One-year extensions with funds:** NSERC recognizes that opportunities to increase the impact of results may arise as your Alliance projects unfold. Effective August 21, 2023, NSERC is introducing a straightforward process for requesting a one-time, one-year extension with additional funding for Alliance option 1 grants. (Please see NSERC announcement for more information).

1. [The presidents of Canada's federal research granting agencies announce a review of the Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/interagency-research-funding/policies-and-guidelines/open-access/presidents-canadas-federal-research-granting-agencies-announce-review-tri-agency-open-access-policy)
2. Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA): Mitacs is back with another thematic call for applications! We are now accepting proposals until November 17, 2023. See [announcement for details](#_Tri-Agency_New_Frontiers_1).

## Reminders

1. The British Academy is inviting proposals for the next round of its [Knowledge Frontiers: International Interdisciplinary Research Projects programme](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=7PzOsDn8WI-xydCRAJF40K5hKp2aARw_9s4KNeirG-_0MAZzs9trGxOjiNXtnaEEF0tcqO6JOXuzhaXlSx-519gx9VVO_RvXF2iAdlA5Mx3SuU4bdJoE5yoOLlmloQoNUREmaEL4X2cc_tdiFcDxsB95HmBnMuAiUj03X0e2diyaXGE6fBKkQPseGOQp3b_jzq00cCd1wkei7hyJJhA3sep5dkNRX9ZprXiAUGXqBoZcH6bGQBXCb2VXOaPE-Y0w6-BPdFekmAALVKFYVde2_A==). The call is open to early career researchers, active in any discipline within the humanities or the social sciences and offers the opportunity to develop and lead international and interdisciplinary research projects. The Principal Investigator (PI) must be a researcher from the humanities and social sciences and be based at an eligible UK university or research institute, but the involvement of Co-Applicants based overseas is required. Applications are due November 1 @ 5pm GMT. Visit the funding opportunity’s [webpage](https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/knowledge-frontiers-international-interdisciplinary-research/) or contact the British Academy (at internationalchallenges@thebritishacademy.ac.uk) for more details.
2. [Lab2Market Build](https://www.lab2market.ca/build) is partnering with NSERC to to provide supplementary entrepreneurship support to recipients of the [Idea to Innovation (I2I) Phase 1 Grant](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/I2I-Innov_eng.asp). L2M Build is a comprehensive, exciting, and experiential opportunity for researchers looking to turn their ideas into a marketable product. The program offers a world-class curriculum developed by industry experts, mentorship from ex-startup founders and investors, up to $155,000 in funding, and a growing network of rising STEM entrepreneurs across the country. For more information, contact: Wesley Kosiba, DeepTech Startup Manager, Lab2Market Program (wkosiba@torontomu.ca).
3. [New Frontiers in Research Fund – 2023 Exploration](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/exploration-eng.aspx) competition has been launched: NOI is due October 11, 2023, and full application is due December 12, 2023. Please see [ORS Information and Deadlines](#_Tri-Agency_New_Frontiers_1) below for details.
4. New Frontiers in Research Fund – [2024 Transformation](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx) competition has been launched: LOI is due October 23, 2023, NOI is due January 10, 2024 and full applications (by invitation only) will be due September 5, 2024. Please see [ORS Information and Deadlines](#_Tri-Agency_New_Frontiers_1) below for details.
5. [A review of the Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications](#_Tri-Agency_Open_Access)
6. [Mitacs Elevate Program updates](#_Mitacs_Elevate_Program): applications are being accepted year-round, proposals are now submitted via the online portal, standard $60,000/year award, open to all sectors and disciplines.
7. SSHRC-Mitacs Joint Initiative: Starting 2023-24: SSHRC applicants (PEG, PDG, PG-S2, IG) can simultaneously apply for Mitacs Accelerate internships (IDG in 2025). The advantages of the joint program are to: strengthen training and mentoring plans, access additional funding for student and postdoctoral resources, Reinforce engagement with partners and stakeholders, and develop skills and qualifications of students and postdoctoral researchers.

High-level process: (1) SSHRC applicant applies to Mitacs for Accelerate internships one week after SSHRC application deadline; (2) Mitacs and SSHRC conduct merit review separately; (3) Mitacs communicates results to Accelerate applicants after SSHRC does the same for its applicants.

Contact Grants Officer Ewa Stewart (ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) for more information.

1. [Update from the NSERC-SSHRC Awards Administration Team](#_Update_to_the) regarding the extension request process for grants requiring an extension due to pandemic delays.
2. [CIHR – Mock Review Toolkit:](#_CIHR_–_Mock) The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is pleased to announce the launch of the [Mock Review Toolkit](https://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53189.html). The Toolkit is designed to allow individuals to familiarize themselves with CIHR’s peer review process by simulating the Project Grant competition. Using the Toolkit as a resource, users will be able plan, organize and run mock peer review sessions, from a light round table to a full mock review panel.

1. [City Studio Durham](https://www.durham.ca/modules/news/en/Collaboratewithus)  has projects for faculty and students, including projects on workplace modernization, carbon capture, building resilience for displaced residents and others.
2. Revisions made to [CIHR Application Administration Guide](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50805.html#g-3) to bring clarity on policy 3.6 regarding compensation for co-applicants and trainees.
3. [New National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships to protect Canadian Science and Research](#_New_National_Security_1)
4. [Research Data Management – Communication re: Tri-Agency Updates](#_Notice_-_European)

# Funding Opportunities

Grants Officers will provide administrative review of grant applications to ensure completeness with agency guidelines and assist with institutional signatures.**Please notify your Grants Officer as soon as possible of your intent to apply to any opportunity and submit your application for administrative review a minimum of five business days** **before the agency deadline.**

**Note:** We have provided some additional details on some opportunities in the Word document version of this bulletin. Click on “ORS information and deadlines” to link to these details within the Funding Bulletin document.

## **New this month**

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| **Agency-Program**  | **Internal Deadline** | **First Agency Deadline** |
| WSIB Ontario - [2024 WSIB Research and Grants Program](https://www.wsib.ca/en/research-and-grants-program#_blank) Four considerations for the competition include:1)            how we work2)            how we approach health and safety 3)            how we support return-to-work and recovery4)       how we meet our customers’ expectations | October 9, 2023 | October 13, 2023 |
| NSERC Alliance – [Communications Security Establishment (CSE) joint program](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/CSE-CST/CFP-ADP/RSSAI-SIARSS/index_eng.asp) | LOI: October 16, 2023Full: January 10, 2024 | LOI: October 18, 2023Full: January 17, 2024 |
| DND-IDEaS – [Counter Uncrewed Aerial Systems Concept Development Call for Proposals](https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/programs/defence-ideas/element/sandboxes/challenge/counter-uncrewed-aerial-systems-concept-development.html?utm_campaign=dnd-mdn-cuas-23-24&utm_medium=eml&utm_source=innovator-message&utm_content=website-fr-230907) (Two deadlines to apply) | Full #1: October 19, 2023Full #2: April 8, 2024 | Full #1: October 26, 2023Full #2: April 15, 2024 |
| CIFAR [Azrieli Global Scholars](https://cifar.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/GlobalScholar_ProgramOverview2023.pdf)  | October 23, 2023 | October 30, 2023 |
| Environment and Climate Change Canada - [National Adaptation Strategy & Hydrologic prediction and innovation](https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/climate-hydrotechnical-science-funding.html)Applicants are welcome to apply to the following streams:Stream 1: Priority Climate Data, Services, and AssessmentsStream 2: Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP)Stream 3: Hydrologic PredictionStream 4: Innovation in Hydrometry | October 24, 2023 | October 31, 2023 at 3:00pm ET |
| Amazon Science - [Amazon Research Awards](https://www.amazon.science/research-awards/call-for-proposals)Topics include: AI for Information Security, Automated Reasoning, AWS AI, AWS Cryptography and Privacy, AWS Database Services, Sustainability  | October 25, 2023 | November 1, 2023 |
| Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation – [Request for Proposals](https://canadianchiropracticresearchfoundation.ca/research-request-for-proposal/)  | November 9, 2023 | November 16, 2023 |
| Mitacs – [Globalink Research Award (GRA)](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/globalink/globalink-thematic-call?_cldee=wbnN1alORnjFZMXcKL9S-X2fYiITGUHMPJ69CiTcM-tEvbce1CN98aevWt72h2fb&recipientid=contact-68dfc0365baceb118236000d3ae8b563-1c4a478301cb4be493bdc3946813b3e5&utm_source=ClickDimensions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Calls%20for%20Proposals&esid=8b663e40-e941-ee11-be6e-0022483c7082) | November 10, 2023 | November 17, 2023 |
| Natural Resources Canada – [Climate-Resilient Coastal Communities (CRCC) Program](https://natural-resources.canada.ca/sites/nrcan/files/climate-change/CoastalCommunities-ApplicantGuide-en.pdf)  | December 6, 2023 | December 13, 2023 |
| SSHRC – [Knowledge Synthesis Grant “Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories”](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/ksg_evolving_narratives-ssc_recits_evolutifs-eng.aspx)[Webinar:](https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/webappng/sites/sshrcvideo/meeting/register/d7e3b7a2356c44c7b2b74edb5bf2811e?ticket=4832534b0000000671469d5b0c00e9ada76be5255582bdd1024796fdcfc56a150b3f75e7e12e8246&timestamp=1696434011860&RGID=r97c2099eee89f92645403676e27f3971) October 25, 2023 12:00-1:00pm  | December 7, 2023 | December 14, 2023 |
| CIHR - Team Grant : Brain Health and Cognitive Impairment in Aging KM Hub[Webinar:](https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F_%23%2Fl%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%3Ameeting_MTM3NzkzYzYtMTc1Yy00ZjRjLWFmNGQtZjBkMDZkNmQyMTQ4%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257B%2522Tid%2522%253A%25221ebfccd6-7d44-4806-8ffc-bb521f3acc24%2522%252C%2522Oid%2522%253A%2522971571a5-0a3c-4478-b7d9-3de21694c766%2522%252C%2522IsBroadcastMeeting%2522%253Atrue%252C%2522role%2522%253A%2522a%2522%257D%26btype%3Da%26role%3Da%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=82c9df89-cef8-4514-8309-53e2a5d7fcc7&directDl=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true) October 17, 2023 at 1:00-2:30pm  | LOI: January 2, 2024Full: July 3, 2024 | LOI: January 9, 2024Full: July 10, 2024 |

## **Current Funding Opportunities**

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| **Agency-Program**  | **Internal Deadline** | **First Agency Deadline** |
| CIHR – [Catalyst Grant: Health Impacts of Gambling and Gaming](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3960&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true&language=E)  | Full: October 3, 2023 | Registration: ~~September 26, 2023~~Full: October 10, 2023  |
| New Frontiers in Research Fund – [2023 Exploration competition](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2023/competition-concours-eng.aspx) – [ORS Information and deadlines](#_Tri-Agency_New_Frontiers_1)   | NOI: October 10, 2023Full: November 21, 2023 | NOI: October 11, 2023Full: December 12, 2023 |
| CIHR – [Catalyst Grant: Analysis of Canadian Longitudinal Study in Aging (CLSA) Data (2023)](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3984&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true)  | Full: October 12, 2023 | Registration: ~~September 19, 2023~~Full: October 19, 2023 |
| New Frontiers in Research Fund – [2024 Transformation Competition](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx) – [ORS Information and deadlines](#_Tri-Agency_New_Frontiers_1)  | NOI: October 23, 2023LOI: December 4, 2023Full: TBD | NOI: October 24, 2023LOI: January 10, 2024Full: September 5, 2024 |
| CIHR - [Operating Grant: Evaluation of Dementia Programs, Services, & Care Models](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3981&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | Full: November 28, 2023 | Registration: November 2, 2023Full: December 5, 2023 |
| NSERC Alliance Missions – [Critical Minerals Research](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/AllianceMissions-MissionsAlliance/CFP-ADP/CMR-RSLMC/Index_eng.asp) | ~~LOI: August 30, 2023~~Full: October 24, 2023 | ~~LOI: September 7, 2023~~Full: November 6, 2023 |
| Trans-Atlantic Platform for Social Sciences and Humanities -[Democracy, Governance and Trust](https://www.transatlanticplatform.com/activities/democracy-governance-trust/)English webinar: August 23, 2023 2:00-3:30pm EST [WebEx](https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/wbxmjs/joinservice/sites/sshrcvideo/meeting/download/153d2a41a3b24004bb8cc1ffac8d0648?siteurl=sshrcvideo&MTID=m95cf9742fbabc9e324696eb981a74e81) | Full: October 30, 2023 | ~~LOI: September 15, 2023~~Full: November 6, 2023 |
| CIHR – [Team Grant: Strengthening the Health Workforce for System Transformation](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3915&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | Full: November 2, 2023 | Registration: October 5, 2023Full: November 9, 2023 |
| CIHR – [Catalyst Grant: Healthy Youth (2023)](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3964&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | November 2, 2023 | Registration: October 12, 2023Full: November 8, 2023 |
| SSHRC – [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Network on Sustainable Agriculture in a Net-Zero Economy](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/sustainable_agriculture-agriculture_durable-eng.aspx#4)  | October 13, 2023 | October 20, 2023 |
| The [College Student Success Innovation Centre](http://mohawkcollege.ca/cssic) - [CSSIC Research Fellowship](https://www.mohawkcollege.ca/college-student-success-innovation-centre/cssic-research-fellowship/application-instructions)Goal is to provide funding to emerging and established scholars at Canadian postsecondary institutions whose research is positioned to promote college student success.   | October 13, 2023 | October 20, 2023 |
| NSERC – [Research Tools and Instruments](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors-professeurs/rtii-oiri/rti-oir_eng.asp) – [ORS Information and Deadlines](#_NSERC_Research_Tools_1) | Comprehensive review: October 4, 2023Admin review: October 18, 2023 | October 25, 2023 |
| NSERC – [Alliance Quantum Grants](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance_quantum-alliance_quantique/index_eng.asp)   | No later than October 3, 2023 | Rolling deadline until October 31, 2023 |
| The Raymond Corporation, A Toyota Industries Company – [University Research Program](https://img03.en25.com/Web/TheRaymondCorporation/%7Bd7ea8263-0995-446b-8a21-0b9d33eb72fd%7D_URP_Overview_2023.pdf) Raymond is seeking proposals for academic research that drives new technology or innovative approaches to the material handling industry. | October 24, 2023 | October 31, 2023 |
| NSERC – [Discovery Grants](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors-professeurs/grants-subs/dgigp-psigp_eng.asp) – [ORS Information and Deadlines](#_NSERC_Discovery_Grants)  | NOI: N/AFull: September 18, 2023 | ~~NOI: August 1, 2023~~Full: November 1, 2023 |
| SSHRC – [Connection Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/connection_grants-subventions_connexion-eng.aspx) | October 25, 2023 | November 1, 2023 |
| [NSERC-SSHRC Sustainable agriculture research initiative](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/SARI-ISRAD/index_eng.asp) – [ORS Information and Deadlines](#_NSERC-SSHRC_Sustainable_agriculture) | Full application internal deadline: October 4, 2023 | ~~Preparatory Funding Requests: May 1, 2023~~Full application: November 8, 2023 |
| CIHR - [Operating Grant: HCRI – Data Analysis Using Existing Databases and Cohorts (Healthy Cities Research Initiative: Data Analysis Using Existing Databases and Cohorts)](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3891&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | Full: November 2, 2023 | Full: November 8, 2023 |
| CIHR – [Healthy Cities Research Initiatives: Data Analysis Using Existing Databases and Cohorts](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3891&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | November 2, 2023 | November 8, 2023 |
| SSHRC – [Open Research Area 8th Call for Proposals](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/ora/index-eng.aspx) * Funding for Social Sciences and Humanities research projects with researchers with at least 3 out of the 4 participating countries (Germans, UK, France, Canada)

English webinars: September 21, 2023 @ 7:00 am and 2:00 pm EST (Check SSHRC’s [Upcoming Webinars](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/webinars-webinaires/index-eng.aspx) page for details)  | November 7, 2023 | November 14, 2023 |
| CIHR – [Catalyst Grant: Crisis Line and App-based Support for Public Safety (Crisis/Suicide Line and App-based Support Models for Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries in Public Safety Personnel (PTSI in PSP) 2023)](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3892&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | Full: November 8, 2023 | ~~Registration: August 1, 2023~~Full: November 15, 2023 |
| SSHRC – [Partnership Development Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_development_grants-subventions_partenariat_developpement-eng.aspx) – [ORS Information and deadlines](#_SSHRC_Partnership_Development) Please notify ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca if you are interested in applying | Comprehensive review: October 30, 2023Admin review: November 8, 2023 | November 15, 2023 |
| Spencer Foundation for Education – [Research-Practice Partnerships: Collaborative research for educational change](https://www.spencer.org/grant_types/research-practice-partnerships) | Full: November 8, 2023 | NOI: October 17, 2023 12:00 pm Central TimeFull: November 15, 2023 12:00 pm Central Time  |
| SSHRC – [Partnership Engage Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_engage_grants-subventions_d_engagement_partenarial-eng.aspx) [Webinar:](https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/wbxmjs/joinservice/sites/sshrcvideo/meeting/download/8eb5e5cbae254f6dbcace4784782d815?siteurl=sshrcvideo&MTID=m0cd14328e6474209a668f0c2e28c206d) November 14, 2023 1:00-2:00pm | December 8, 2023 | December 15, 2023 |
| NSERC – [Alliance International Collaboration Quantum Grants](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/aicq-cqai_eng.asp) | No later than January 10, 2024 | Rolling deadline until January 31, 2024 |
| NSERC – [Alliance International Catalyst Quantum Grants](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/AllianceCatalyst-CatalyseurAlliance_eng.asp) | No later than March 4, 2024 | Rolling deadline until March 31, 2024 |

## **Ongoing Opportunities – No Deadline**

**Notify ORS of your intention to apply a minimum of 2-3 weeks before you intend to submit your proposal.**

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| **Agency-Program** |
| **City Studio Durham:** [**matching students with real-world projects**](https://www.durham.ca/en/citystudio/index.aspx)* Contact Felipe.Rubio@ontariotechu.ca
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| **Teaching City Oshawa:** [**addressing Oshawa’s urban issues through research and innovation**](https://www.oshawa.ca/en/business-development/teachingcity-oshawa.aspx)* Contact Felipe.Rubio@ontariotechu.ca
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| **NSERC Alliance*** [NSERC Alliance](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/innovate-innover/alliance-alliance/index_eng.asp) – [Internal ORS Info.](#_Mitacs_Funding_Update_1)
* [NSERC Alliance International](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/AllianceInternational-AllianceInternational/index_eng.asp) – [Internal ORS Info.](#_NSERC_Alliance_International)
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| **Mitacs - Most MITACS Applications have resumed as normal.** * [Mitacs Accelerate](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/accelerate) - [Internal ORS Info.](#_Mitacs_Accelerate)
* [Mitacs Accelerate: Connecting SMEs with AI](http://discover.mitacs.ca/artificial-intelligence-assessment/)
* [Mitacs Business Strategy Internship (BSI)](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/business-strategy-internship)
* [Mitacs Entrepreneur International](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/entrepreneur-international)
* [Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA)](https://research.ontariotechu.ca/mitacs-globalink-research-award-gra.php)
* [Mitacs Elevate](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/elevate?_cldee=EKMGpPuDLKhPLZWYyxVibnn5gxeSa9AP-GUiusD-L0BSt8hi77B27ITCfr5ypeqw&recipientid=contact-6c619d70d756ea11a811000d3af3afcd-a163420bade040ba9a3beefe2c33cc58&esid=3dddc2b5-5d59-ed11-9562-0022483dd456)
* Mitacs – [Canadian Science Policy Fellowship (CSPF)](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/policy-fellowship/program-details?_cldee=oWVb-swKX04T8ud00ntS4EKtJWje9dQYlmnhlzDmNbrTbrVKe-ZXPkvwtWkeyz7Z&recipientid=contact-68dfc0365baceb118236000d3ae8b563-3f9b743d7d7d440db66867de7d7bdd3d&utm_source=ClickDimensions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Calls%20for%20Proposals&esid=89a0fb94-7360-ed11-9562-0022483dd456) (Due February 1 and March 1, 2023)
* [Joint NSERC Alliance – Mitacs Accelerate Streamlined Funding](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/NSERC-Alliance-Mitacs_eng.asp)
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| **Cisco Research** [**– Research Grants**](https://research.cisco.com/research-grants/RFP-21-05)* Quantum Computing and Networking
* Tech for Healthcare
* Edge Computing
* Future of Work
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| **Canada Space Agency** - [Programs](https://www.asc-csa.gc.ca/eng/funding-programs/programs/default.asp)* Flights and Fieldwork for the Advancement of Science and Technology (FAST)
* Space Data Utilization
* Space Exploration
* Research and Development
* International opportunities
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| **Government of Canada Department of National Defence (DND)*** [DND Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) Program](https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/programs/defence-ideas/current-opportunities.html)
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| **Ontario Centre for Innovation (OCI)**To drive commercialization of intellectual property* [Collaborate 2 Commercialize Program, 2022-2023](https://www.oc-innovation.ca/programs/collaborate-2-commercialize/) (Previously OCI-VIP)
* [OCI TalentEdgeInternship Program (TIP) - NGNP](https://www.oc-innovation.ca/programs/talentedge-internship-program-tip-ngnp/)
* [OCI TalentEdge Fellowship Program (TFP) - OVIN](https://www.oc-innovation.ca/programs/ontario-vehicle-innovation-network-ovin/)
* [Joint NSERC Alliance – OCI C2C Funding](#_NSERC_Alliance_–)
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| **Gates Foundation** [Global Grand Challenges Grants](https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenges) |
| **RBC**: [Youth Mental Well-being Grants](https://www.rbc.com/community-social-impact/apply-for-funding/youth-mental-wellbeing-guidelines.html) |
| **Honda Canada** [Foundation Grants](https://www.hondacanadafoundation.ca/home) - [ORS Information and Deadlines](#_Honda_Canada_Foundation_1) |
| **IC-IMPACTS:** [Innovative Technology Demonstration Projects](https://ic-impacts.com/call-for-proposal/innovative-demonstration-initiative/) |
| **Government of Canada Multi-sectoral Partnership**s [to Promote Health Living and Prevent Chronic Disease](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/funding-opportunities/multi-sectoral-partnerships-promote-healthy-living-prevent-chronic-disease.html)* [Internal ORS Info.](#_Transport_Canada,_Clean)
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| **SOSCIP Collaborative R&D projects** [for academia and industry partners](https://www.soscip.org/soscip-application-guide/) |
| **Max Bell Foundation:** [Project and Development Grants](https://www.maxbell.org/apply-for-funding/)* Environment
* Health and Wellness
* Education
* Improving Indigenous health
* Impact of Tech on society
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# ORS – Internal processes, information and contacts

## Grant Submission Process

**Step 1 - Notification of Intent to Apply:**  Engage the ORS as early as possible in planning to submit any grant applications. Your Grants Officer can support your application development and ensure your proposal aligns with program guidelines and internal university policies.

**Step 2 (Optional) - Comprehensive Proposal Review**: If you would like a comprehensive review of your grant application, submit it to the appropriate Grants Officer **three weeks to one month** in advance of the agency deadline, or according to the internal deadlines noted below.

**Step 3 - Administrative Review and Internal Approvals**: To ensure internal approvals, including required institutional signatures, we require faculty members to provide grant applications and the completed [Research Grant/Contract Authorization (RGA)](https://shared.ontariotechu.ca/shared/department/research/documents/policies-and-procedure-form/rga-form-e-signatures.docx) Form **a minimum of five business days** before the agency deadline. Grants Officers will provide administrative review of new grant applications to ensure completeness with agency guidelines and assist with institutional signatures.

## Internal Information regarding External Grants

Certain funding programs have limitations or specific application requirements. The Office of Research Services will promote specific grants that may include internal competition deadlines or other internal requirements. Faculty are strongly encouraged to review information posted by the ORS and to notify their Faculty Grants Officers regarding their intent to apply.

## Faculty Grants Officers - Contacts

FBIT, FSSH, FED – Ewa Stewart

FEAS – Joanne Hui

FHSci, FSci – Raluca Dubrowski

# Resources

## National Security Guidelines

* NSERC Alliance – [Press Release – Jul 2021](https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2021/07/government-of-canada-takes-action-to-protect-canadian-research-and-intellectual-property.html) / [ORS Information on Security Guidelines and FAQ](#_New_National_Security)

## Tri-Agency

* Data Management [Policy](https://science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_97610.html) and [FAQ](https://science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_97609.html) / Guide on [Financial Administration](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp)

## NFRF

* [Research Stories](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/stories-histoires-eng.aspx)

## SSHRC

* [News Room](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/news_room-salle_de_presse/index-eng.aspx) / [Covid Updates](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/news_room-salle_de_presse/covid-19-eng.aspx) / [Forms](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/forms-formulaires/index-eng.aspx) / [Funding opportunities](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/index-eng.aspx) / [Competition Results](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/results-resultats/index-eng.aspx)

## NSERC

* [Latest News](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Media-Media/News-Nouvelles_eng.asp) / 2030 Strategic Plan – [Engaging Stakeholders](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/NSERC2030-CRSNG2030/index_eng.asp) / [NSERC Interactive Dashboard](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/db-tb/index-eng.asp) / [Covid Updates](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Media-Media/NewsDetail-DetailNouvelles_eng.asp?ID=1139)

## CIHR

* [Application Administration Guide](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50805.html) / [Policy on Identical and Essentially Identical applications](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52222.html)
* [CIHR Covid Updates](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51917.html) / [CIHR Funding opportunities](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/search.do?fodAgency=CIHR&fodLanguage=E&all=1&search=true&org=CIHR&sort=program&masterList=true&view=currentOpps)
* [CIHR Policy Guide](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52820.html) – Registration and disclosure from clinical trial results – [Overview](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/42405.html); [FAQs](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52810.html)

## Research Facilities Navigator

* [Research Facilities Navigator](https://navigator.innovation.ca/en?redirect=true) to find facilities in agencies across Canada open to working with you on research.
* Create [your Navigator Profile](https://navigator.innovation.ca/en/create-or-edit-your-profile?redirect=true)
* Ontario Tech University [Navigator Profiles](https://navigator.innovation.ca/en/search?f%5B0%5D=institution_uch%3A808)

## Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

* [Tri-Agency EDI Action Plan 2018 - 2025](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/EDI-EDI/Action-Plan_Plan-dAction_eng.asp)
* NSERC [EDI Hub](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/EDI/Index_eng.asp) / [EDI Research Guide](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Policies-Politiques/EDI_guidance-Conseils_EDI_eng.asp) / [Alliance EDI Resource](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/innovate-innover/alliance-alliance/edi_training-edi_formation_eng.asp)
* NFRF [Best Practices in EDI in Research](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx)
* SSHRC [EDI in Research Guide (Partnership Grant Pilot)](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/guides/partnership_edi_guide-partenariats_guide_edi-eng.aspx) / SSHRC EDI [Services and Information](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/edi/index-eng.aspx)
* [EDI in the Research Enterprise](#_SSHRC_Small_Research)
* NFRF EDI Research presentation – Contact ORS for copy

## Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the Research Enterprise

Ontario Tech is committed to transforming our institutional culture and embedding Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) principles in every area of practice: in research, teaching and administration. The Office of Research Services is working with units from across the university to ready our institution for joining the [Dimensions: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Canada](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/EDI-EDI/Dimensions_Dimensions_eng.asp) program, and we are committed to informing the Ontario Tech research community of changes in funding policy and guidelines as related to EDI principles. Review the relevant resources below and contact your faculty’s grants officer with any questions.

1. [Tri-Council 2018 Open Letter to the research community](https://science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_97616.html)
2. Tri-council New Frontiers in Research Fund: [Best Practices in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx)
3. **NSERC**
	1. [Framework on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/EDI-EDI/Action-Plan_Plan-dAction_eng.asp)
	2. [Guide for Applicants:](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/EDI/Guide_for_Applicants_EN.pdf) Considering equity, diversity and inclusion in your application
	3. [NSERC guide on integrating equity, diversity and inclusion considerations in research](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Policies-Politiques/EDI_guidance-Conseils_EDI_eng.asp)
4. **CIHR**
	1. [Gender Equity Framework](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50238.html)
	2. Tools for Researchers: [How to integrate sex and gender into research](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50836.html)
5. **SSHRC**
	1. [EDI in Research Guide (Partnership Grant Pilot)](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/guides/partnership_edi_guide-partenariats_guide_edi-eng.aspx)
	2. EDI [Services and Information](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/edi/index-eng.aspx)
6. **CRC**
	1. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: [A Best Practices Guide for Recruitment, Hiring and Retention](https://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/program-programme/equity-equite/best_practices-pratiques_examplaires-eng.aspx)
	2. [Unconscious bias training module](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/lms/e/bias/)
7. Ontario Tech’s [CRC Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Awareness Strategy and Action Plan](https://research.ontariotechu.ca/faculty/ontario-tech-crc-equity%2C-diversity-and-inclusion-awareness-strategy-and-action-plan-.php)
8. **Ontario Tech is an Employer Partner with the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (**[**CCDI**](http://www.ccdi.ca/)**)** which provides us with a number of benefits that will support us on our diversity journey. Key resources available include:
* [Subscribe](https://ccdi.ca/subscribe/) to the **CCDI Monthly Newsletter** – “Diversity Ink”. View [past newsletters](https://ccdi.ca/newsletters/).
* CCDI Knowledge Repository. As part of the “Members Only” portal on their website, CCDI launched an e-library with over 1,000 documents containing Canadian-specific and international diversity and inclusion research, reports, toolkits and news, which are indexed and searchable by multiple parameters (e.g. by keyword, by topic, etc.). This e-library is an evergreen resource and new content is continually being added. If you would like access the Knowledge Repository, please send an e-mail to kr@ccdi.ca with the subject line “Knowledge Repository Access” – include your first name, last name and work e-mail address. You will receive your log-in information shortly thereafter.
* CCDI [Monthly Webinars](https://ccdi.ca/event-calendar/?category=Webinars).

## New National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships to protect Canadian Science and Research

The Government of Canada released new [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](https://science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_98256.html).

These guidelines were developed in collaboration with the [Government of Canada–Universities Working Group](https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_98090.html) and will integrate national security considerations into the development, evaluation and funding of research partnerships.

These guidelines are being applied immediately as a mandatory element of federal research partnership funding through the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada’s (NSERC) [Alliance Grants program](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/innovate-innover/alliance-alliance/index_eng.asp) for any application involving private sector partner organizations. Foreign not-for-profit and government organizations are already ineligible partners under this program.

All applicants partnering with private sector partners for NSERC Alliance funding will be required to complete the [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships' risk assessment form](https://science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_98257.html) as a component of the Alliance application package submitted to the Office of Research Services and to NSERC. This requirement encompasses applications currently in development, but not yet submitted in the NSERC system, along with all new applications initiated in the system.

NSERC is currently updating all relevant instructions and resources on the [Alliance program website](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/innovate-innover/alliance-alliance/index_eng.asp) and in the [online system](https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm).

The Office of Research Services (ORS) is working to understand the new guidelines and their impact on applicants. Please anticipate further communications from ORS to assist with implementation.

**Additional Resources**

[NSERC Alliance Grants Webpage](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/index_eng.asp)

[NSERC Alliance Grants - National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](https://www.uoguelph.ca/research/alerts/content/nserc-alliance-grants-%E2%80%93-national-security-guidelines-research-partnerships)

[Safeguarding your Research Portal](https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_97955.html)

[NSERC Alliance - Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/faq-faq_eng.asp)

[NSERC Alliance Grant Application Checklist](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/ApplicationChecklist_e.pdf)

**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. [Is it mandatory for my application to include the completed risk assessment questionnaire and risk mitigation plan of the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships’ risk assessment form?](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/faq-faq_eng.asp#7)
2. [Are there types of private sector organizations involved in Alliance projects that do not trigger the need for completing the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships’ risk assessment form (e.g., Canadian—including parents, subsidiaries or affiliates—, multinational or foreign organizations)?](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/faq-faq_eng.asp#8)
3. [My Alliance project involves several partner organizations from the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. When completing the risk assessment questionnaire of the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships, do I consider only risks associated with the private sector partner organization(s)?](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/faq-faq_eng.asp#9)

## Research Data Management – Communication re: Tri-Agency Updates

In March 2021, Canada’s federal granting agencies — the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) — launched the [Tri-Agency Research Data Management (RDM) Policy](https://science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_97610.html). One of the policy requirements is that applicants to certain funding opportunities will need to submit data management plans (DMPs) with their applications. The agencies recently announced the initial funding opportunities that will require applicants to submit DMPs:

**CIHR**

* Network Grants in Skin Health and Muscular Dystrophy (Anticipated launch fall 2022 or early winter 2023)
* Virtual Care/Digital Health Team Grants (Anticipated launch fall 2022 or early winter 2023)
* Data Science for Equity (Anticipated launch fall 2022 or early winter 2023)

**NSERC**

* Subatomic Physics Discovery Grants - Individual and Project (Anticipated launch summer 2023)

**SSHRC**

* Partnership Grants Stage 2 (Anticipated launch summer 2023)

**RESOURCES TO SUPPORT APPLICANTS IN PREPARING DMPs**

**Tri-Agency**

The agencies are collaborating with stakeholders to co-develop resources to support applicants in preparing DMPs. Information about these resources will be provided when the funding opportunities are launched. The agencies are also exploring approaches to DMP assessment. Details on how DMPs will be considered in the adjudication process, as well as resources to support assessment of DMPs, will be provided when the funding opportunities are launched. For more information on RDM and DMPs, consult the [Frequently Asked Questions](https://science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_97609.html) for the Tri-Agency RDM Policy or visit the [RDM services page](https://alliancecan.ca/en/services/research-data-management) of the [Digital Research Alliance of Canada](https://alliancecan.ca/en).

**Ontario Tech Library**The Library offers an array of supports to Ontario Tech researchers, including help in:

* Finding existing research data
* Understanding the data management requirements of different funding agencies
* Creating a DMP
* Choosing an appropriate repository for the research data
* Understanding best practices for disseminating and archiving data

Additional information can be found on the Library’s [online RDM guide](https://guides.library.ontariotechu.ca/rdm#s-lg-box-4805578) . Researchers are encouraged to  [book an online appointment with](https://calendly.com/research-appointments-ot-library/kaelancaspary?month=2022-07) or email our [Data Librarian, Kaelan Caspary](https://guides.library.ontariotechu.ca/prf.php?account_id=144203) for a one on one research consultation.

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# Funding Opportunity Details

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| Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA) |
|  Mitacs is back with another thematic call for applications! We are now accepting proposals for the [**Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA)**](http://contact-us.mitacs.ca/c/7/eyJhaSI6NzM2NDM2MTUsImUiOiJld2Euc3Rld2FydEBvbnRhcmlvdGVjaHUuY2EiLCJyaSI6ImNvbnRhY3QtNjhkZmMwMzY1YmFjZWIxMTgyMzYwMDBkM2FlOGI1NjMtMWM0YTQ3ODMwMWNiNGJlNDkzYmRjMzk0NjgxM2IzZTUiLCJycSI6IjAyLWIyMzI1Ni03MDJlYTA1NTFjN2U0ZWQwYjBjN2E5MmRhOGZjMGM1YyIsInBoIjpudWxsLCJtIjpmYWxzZSwidWkiOiIyIiwidW4iOiIiLCJ1IjoiaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWl0YWNzLmNhL2VuL3Byb2dyYW1zL2dsb2JhbGluay9nbG9iYWxpbmstdGhlbWF0aWMtY2FsbD9fY2xkZWU9d2JuTjFhbE9SbmpGWk1YY0tMOVMtWDJmWWlJVEdVSE1QSjY5Q2lUY00tdEV2YmNlMUNOOThhZXZXdDcyaDJmYiZyZWNpcGllbnRpZD1jb250YWN0LTY4ZGZjMDM2NWJhY2ViMTE4MjM2MDAwZDNhZThiNTYzLTFjNGE0NzgzMDFjYjRiZTQ5M2JkYzM5NDY4MTNiM2U1JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Q2xpY2tEaW1lbnNpb25zJnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPUNhbGxzJTIwZm9yJTIwUHJvcG9zYWxzJmVzaWQ9OGI2NjNlNDAtZTk0MS1lZTExLWJlNmUtMDAyMjQ4M2M3MDgyIn0/uKTbRMu3EM0-W8Q_tCMcxA). Through GRA, senior undergrads, grad students, and postdoctoral fellows receive a **$6,000 award** to conduct a **12 to 24-week** research project in an international academic institution. **This year’s themes:** |
| * **Advanced computing** (e.g., artificial intelligence, quantum, robotics, and cybersecurity)
* **Clean technologies** (e.g., electric vehicles)
* **Health innovation** (e.g., biomanufacturing)
* **Open theme for social and scientific innovation** (all kinds of projects)
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| **About GRA:** |
| * **Open to all** academic institutions in Canada
* Most projects can have **up to five interns**
* **Eligible partners** are in the following countries and regions: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, South Africa, Taiwan, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom
* Applications will **not** require a financial contribution from the Canadian institution or a Contribution Agreement
* Projects are **not** counted in each institution’s GRA allocation
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| **Professors are requested to submit applications by November 17, 2023, 5 p.m. PT.** [**Please visit our website**](http://contact-us.mitacs.ca/c/7/eyJhaSI6NzM2NDM2MTUsImUiOiJld2Euc3Rld2FydEBvbnRhcmlvdGVjaHUuY2EiLCJyaSI6ImNvbnRhY3QtNjhkZmMwMzY1YmFjZWIxMTgyMzYwMDBkM2FlOGI1NjMtMWM0YTQ3ODMwMWNiNGJlNDkzYmRjMzk0NjgxM2IzZTUiLCJycSI6IjAyLWIyMzI1Ni03MDJlYTA1NTFjN2U0ZWQwYjBjN2E5MmRhOGZjMGM1YyIsInBoIjpudWxsLCJtIjpmYWxzZSwidWkiOiIzIiwidW4iOiIiLCJ1IjoiaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWl0YWNzLmNhL2VuL3Byb2dyYW1zL2dsb2JhbGluay9nbG9iYWxpbmstdGhlbWF0aWMtY2FsbD9fY2xkZWU9d2JuTjFhbE9SbmpGWk1YY0tMOVMtWDJmWWlJVEdVSE1QSjY5Q2lUY00tdEV2YmNlMUNOOThhZXZXdDcyaDJmYiZyZWNpcGllbnRpZD1jb250YWN0LTY4ZGZjMDM2NWJhY2ViMTE4MjM2MDAwZDNhZThiNTYzLTFjNGE0NzgzMDFjYjRiZTQ5M2JkYzM5NDY4MTNiM2U1JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Q2xpY2tEaW1lbnNpb25zJnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPUNhbGxzJTIwZm9yJTIwUHJvcG9zYWxzJmVzaWQ9OGI2NjNlNDAtZTk0MS1lZTExLWJlNmUtMDAyMjQ4M2M3MDgyIn0/QdphAyiDFDzlaOIaODIOrg) for eligibility requirements, how to apply, and FAQs. All applicants must check with their academic institutions about their policies on international travel prior to submitting an application. For further questions, contact us at **international@mitacs.ca**. |

## [Tri-Agency New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) – 2024 Transformation Competition](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2022/competition-concours-eng.aspx)

**\*Please notify your Grants Officer as soon as possible if you are interested in applying\***

**Description**

The objective of the Transformation stream is to support large-scale, Canadian-led**interdisciplinary** research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize **real and lasting change**. The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental or health impact. Projects are expected to be world-leading, drawing on **global** research expertise, when relevant.

Transformation stream grants will support projects that:

1. tackle a **well-defined** problem or challenge;
2. propose a **novel world-leading** approach that is different from the current state-of-the-art approaches to the issue;
3. are **interdisciplinary**, bringing different perspectives to the defined problem; and
4. have the potential to be **transformative**, defined as the potential to **create a significant and real change or impact** - a noticeable leap or tangible breakthrough rather than an incremental advance

**Highlights**

* **A minimum of five (5) confirmed members (nominated principal investigator, co-principal investigator and co-applicant, but not collaborators; see** [**link**](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4) **for definitions) is required** at the NOI stage. Additional members can be added at each stage of the competition process and throughout the term of the grant. All core members of the team are expected to be confirmed when the letter of intent to apply (LOI) is submitted.
* **Early career researchers (ECRs) must be included as confirmed members in all teams**. ECRs are defined as individuals who have five years or less experience since their first academic appointment as of June 2023 (with the exception of career interruptions, including delays due to COVID-19). All eligible leaves (e.g., maternity, parental, medical, bereavement) are credited at *twice the amount of time taken*.
* **Award holders may serve as NPI or co-PI on only one Transformation grant.** If an individual is listed as a NPI or co-PI on more than one application, they will be required to remove themselves from all but one at the *full application stage.* An individual’s status as an applicant or grantee of other NFRF competitions (Exploration or International) does not affect their eligibility for the Transformation stream.
* Funds can be transferred to any organization within Canada or internationally, except for-profit companies or federal, provincial or municipal governments.
* To meet the minimum requirement to be considered interdisciplinary, the proposed research project must include elements from at least two different disciplines (as defined by a [group-level classification](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/CRDC_Web_EF.xlsx) based on the [Canadian Research and Development Classification](https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/subjects/standard/crdc/2020v1/index) codes). **Projects that fall under the mandate of only one federal research funding agency (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) are not eligible.**

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| **Notice of intent (NOI) to apply deadline****(not adjudicated)** | **Mandatory ORS deadline to submit your NOI in the Convergence Portal (no RGA required): Monday, October 23 at 9 am**Agency Deadline: Tuesday, October 24, 2023  |
| **Letter of intent (LOI) to apply deadline** | ORS deadline for comprehensive review: Monday, December 4, 2023**ORS deadline for administrative review –** **mandatory**: **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**ORS deadline to submit in Convergence Portal (and send RGA form): Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 9 amAgency Deadline: Wednesday, January 10, 2024***The internal LOI deadlines are subject to change depending on volume and timing around the University holiday closure*** |
| **Full application deadline (by invitation only)** | Internal ORS deadlines: TBDAgency deadline: September 5, 2024 |
| **Value** | Minimum $2,000,000 per year (including indirect costs)Maximum $4,000,000 per year (including indirect costs)**Indirect costs must be included at a rate of 25% of the direct costs****Therefore, the maximum budget for the direct costs of the research project is $3,200,000 per year, and the minimum budget is $1,600,000** |
| **Duration** | Up to six years |
| **Competition budget** | $144,000,000 over six years |
| **Number of grants** | Number of awards depends on the amounts requested in successful application |
| **Results announced** | February 2025 |
| **Grant Start Date** | March 2025 |
| **How to apply** | All applications must submit a [notice of intent to apply (NOI)](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/guide_NOI-guide_AIPD-eng.aspx) and [letter of intent to apply (LOI)](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/guide_LOI-guide_LI-eng.aspx). Only successful LOIs are invited to submit a full application (full application instructions are not posted yet).Refer to the [Best Practices in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research Guide](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx) and [evaluation matrices](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx) for additional information on how to complete the application process. |
| **Webinars** | ***NOI stage:***August 31, 1 pm – 3 pm    Link will posted [here](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx) approximately one hour before the scheduled start time.*LOI and application stage:* TBDWebinars will be recorded and presentations will be available following the session.  |
| **For more information** | Consult the [program website](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx), [FAQs](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/faq-eng.aspx), or contact the program officer or your Faculty Grants Officer:EAS: joanne.hui@ontariotechu.ca BIT, SSH, EDU: ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.caHSC, SCI: raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca |

[**Selection Criteria**](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx#7)

**NOI**

* Not adjudicated

**LOI**

* interdisciplinarity (pass/fail)
* EDI-RP/ECRs (pass/fail)
* high risk (20%)
* high reward (60%)
* feasibility (20%)

**Full application**

* interdisciplinarity (confirm pass from LOI stage)
* EDI-RP/ECRs (confirm pass from LOI stage)
* high risk (25%)
* high reward (25%)
* feasibility (50%)

**Resources**

* [NOI Instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/guide_NOI-guide_AIPD-eng.aspx)
* [LOI Instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/guide_LOI-guide_LI-eng.aspx)
* [Evaluation matrices](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx)
* [NFRF Best Practices in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx)
* [FAQs](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/faq-eng.aspx)

## **[Tri-Agency New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) – 2023 Exploration Competition](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/exploration-eng.aspx)**

**\*Please notify Raluca Dubrowski (****raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca****) if you are interested in applying\***

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| **Program Summary**  |
| **Deadlines** | **Notice of Intent (NOI) (not adjudicated):** **ORS internal deadline:** **October 10, 2023 at 9am** (Mandatory – no RGA required)**Agency deadline:** October 11, 2023 at 8pm EST**Full Application:**ORS deadline for comprehensive review: November 21, 2023**ORS deadline for administrative review -** **mandatory**: **Tuesday, December 5, 2023**ORS deadline to submit in Convergence Portal (and send RGA form): Monday, December 11, 2023 at 9 a.m.Agency Deadline: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)  |
| **Value** | Up to $125,000 per year (including indirect costs) |
| **Overheard/Indirect Costs** | 25% of direct costs  |
| **Duration** | Up to two years (Grant start date March 31, 2024) |
| **Results announced** | By March 31, 2023 |
| **How to apply** | All applicants must complete the notice of intent to apply and submit a full application.See the [Notice of Intent to Apply Guide](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2023/guide_NOI-guide_AIPD-eng.aspx) and the [Full Application Guide](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2023/guide_application-guide_demande-eng.aspx) for more information. Other useful resources to assist in the completion of your application include [Best Practices in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx) and the [evaluation matrices](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2023/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx). |
| **For more information** | See [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2023/faq-eng.aspx) or email NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaires.gc.caOr email Grants Officer Raluca Dubrowski (raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca). |

**Description**

The goal of the Exploration stream is to inspire **high-risk**, **high-reward** and **interdisciplinary** research.

Exploration grants support research that pushes boundaries into exciting new areas. Researchers are encouraged to think “outside of the box,” undertake research that would defy current paradigms, and bring disciplines together in unexpected ways and from bold, innovative perspectives. With the Exploration stream, there is recognition that innovation often carries risk; proposals for high-risk research projects that have the potential to deliver game-changing impacts are strongly encouraged.

Exploration stream grants support projects that:

* **bring disciplines together** beyond traditional disciplinary or common interdisciplinary approaches;
* propose to **explore something new**, which **might fail**; and
* have the **potential for significant impact**.

**Eligibility**

**Researchers at all career stages are invited to apply to this round.**

To encourage projects that push the boundaries in terms of interdisciplinarity, proposals must be submitted by research teams composed of **at least two individuals**. In addition to a [nominated principal investigator](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2022/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4c) (NPI), the team must include either a [co-principal investigator](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2022/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4d) (co-PI) or a [co-applicant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2022/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4e). Teams may include **one co-PI** and **any number of co-applicants and/or**[**collaborators**](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2022/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4f).

To ensure that Exploration grants support high-risk, high-reward projects across the broadest spectrum of disciplines, individuals can participate in **only one application of the NFRF Exploration grants stream** at a time, as either an NPI, co-PI or co-applicant. If an NPI, co-PI or co-applicant also had such a role on a previous Exploration grant-funded project, they must have submitted their final report for the previous project at least one month before the full application deadline for the present competition. These restrictions do not apply to collaborators, to the NFRF Transformation and International streams, or to special calls. An individual may simultaneously apply for or be an award holder as NPI, co-PI or co-applicant for grants under separate streams (Exploration, Transformation, International and special calls).

A proposal is considered to be led by early career researchers (ECRs) if both the NPI and co-PI (if applicable) are ECRs. An ECR is a researcher within five years from the start date of their first research-related appointment, minus the length of any eligible delays in research (e.g., illness, maternity, parental), as of the first day of the month in which the competition is launched (May 1 2022, for this Exploration competition).

**Subject Matter**

Exploration grants support projects that are high risk, high reward and interdisciplinary. They may involve disciplines, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for funding across the three agencies.  **Applications are encouraged from all Faculties.**

To meet the minimum requirement to be considered **interdisciplinary**, a proposed research project must combine elements from at least two different disciplines (as defined by a [group-level classification](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/CRDC_Web_EF.xlsx) based on the [Canadian Research and Development Classification](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/crdc-ccrd-eng.aspx)). **Note that projects that integrate two disciplines with a long and established tradition of working together (e.g., biology and chemistry or psychology and education) may satisfy the above requirement but not meet the expectations of the program.** The onus is on the applicant to explain the novelty of the interdisciplinary approach to justify the fit to program. Interdisciplinarity is evaluated by a multidisciplinary review panel.

Applications for projects that are the same or similar, in whole or in part, to ones that have been funded by other federal research granting agency programs should not be submitted to the NFRF program. **Applications for projects the same as or similar to projects that have been unsuccessful in receiving funding from other agency programs may be submitted to the NFRF program in cases where the lack of success is due to the high-risk and/or interdisciplinary nature of the project, rather than limited funds in a highly competitive pool.**

**Webinar**

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 1:00:

[Join link](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=vrGWOp9Fc4H0L94D6APQ-nIA7OyQzQOMSISWU-l_AoqsYJKvOIELBU5SkbGk9SrHz4mhcawo7CDuut8cg-AkoK4Gujgi6UTTg4fUGrUZUPJe-RqfVU0pmrO96GqRCog6EkxZCaZVmyuGi5p0YEFPFTnwHrBeTNTkE4sePspHMtUdSOBXug10Qncm_MkGaCmhK5SB34iNPapTijJdEMyA4dyb1gUwLs1hyqZXJ12slbzFq7E7LPeQq3FekeAsdlzZ)Webinar number: 2772 264 7118

Webinar password: PpFZKJTx332

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Join by phone: +1-613-714-9906 Canada Toll (Ottawa), Access code: 277 226 47118.

**Resources**

* [Notice of Intent to Apply Guide](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2023/guide_NOI-guide_AIPD-eng.aspx)
* [Full Application Guide](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2023/guide_application-guide_demande-eng.aspx)
* [2023 Exploration Review Manual](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2023/reviewers_manual-guide_de_l_evaluateur-eng.aspx)
* [Best Practices in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx)
* [Evaluation Matrices](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2023/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx)
* [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2023/faq-eng.aspx)

## Tri-Agency Open Access (OA) Policy on Publications Review

Canada’s federal research granting agencies – the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) (“the agencies”) – have [announced a review of the *Tri-Agency Open Access (OA) Policy on Publications*](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=lr3kz_cYydAPQyynYqw26w-Lys3iRkS32VrAI3ByxwxgUzf1PMq2laG_3DaIns8ueTAWBT6S_HWhZ8zl2E7hwX3lH8R_nz0IE8SRS8as-Cw-_WXOrAS4hNlh4AH9omyePYRXAwj_-pt3v8w4GgRznDe3Hsai16AshQj5HfYMCCLYOAadwqdAN5c6Q0HPQwm8fPBuYMZ1LEEkF81OmS2CqZHrnSwuowqhP5tVKM32ddLtqd3yrTNubdBKMzF_ZHFnHeqB5VZMdAU_xYc5GYZ7ZCIesRyE-m6vYe9I8NmGFW6l3Oxts23N1nz5fzHQfkTZuvg725kCrB0JgYaMheKeXKRvLC44BBHmbYQwS70fyWOV9OPTgLhfFv5mzzg0PkY0PxR8qmXEe6e130nVcRb52g==) (“OA Policy”), with the goal of requiring that any peer-reviewed journal publications arising from agency-supported research be freely available, without subscription or fee, at the time of publication. The renewed OA Policy will be released by the end of 2025.

The agencies are committed to increasing the dissemination of research results and accelerating knowledge mobilization by ensuring peer-reviewed articles resulting from agency-funded research are freely and immediately available.

Over the coming year, we will engage with a wide range of partners within the research community (e.g., researchers, research libraries, federal and provincial partners, scholarly associations, and publishers) to identify the key features of an effective, comprehensive, sustainable and equitable immediate OA Policy for peer-reviewed articles, and the incentives and supports required for the Policy’s successful implementation.

Our partners are essential to the success of the OA Policy update and we will work closely with them during this process. As a first step, the agencies invite members of the community to complete a short, [online survey](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=kALvQaLlXgwLJ7SMMp2oF0V8hv_JYaGH8F4nwln-Igrb0I8Dtk4s6TPcBWgfDDQ5-XwtMRJnqAuplGSZiFLKrivpMgW1s_FoIYUThOzpjLQc6HjZ9GPG6Ph8TioneMr7nmbIGgoAa7a8_bBjD3OxqJxIgARE9Qu0aJSuJjXxX-nceR1pHlTFszdkmbc6POg0cPWIYZ_pFc6BeM6TnRRM8MVmD5Jh8zMTsEnGcXMb1rXmDCDvU5mrncFbIO34waT8) to help inform the updating of the OA Policy. The agencies will continue to consult over the next year, as we revise the Policy to immediate OA for publications, as one component of advancing Open Science practices in Canada.

If you have any questions about the OA Policy review, please contact us at openaccess@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

## Collaboration Opportunity from the Japan Science and Technology Agency for NSERC-Supported Researchers

The Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) has launched a new large-scale call for international joint research **and there are potential benefits for NSERC-supported researchers at all career levels in the following fields: AI and Information, Biotechnology, Energy, Quantum, Materials, Semiconductors and Telecommunications**. The inaugural [**ASPIRE call**](https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/aspire/en/program_e/announce_e/announce_aspire2023_e.html) (deadline August 17, 2023) is open to Japan-based researchers intending to conduct collaborative research with counterpart researchers from select countries (including Canada) who are currently receiving or expecting to receive support for their research from eligible funding agencies, such as NSERC (any size and any length of grant). Please note that NSERC has not dedicated special funding for this. Proposals will be accepted by JST in the areas mentioned above. ASPIRE has three streams: Top Scientists, Top Teams, and Early Career Researchers (ECRs). Top Scientists/Top Teams streams will jointly fund a total of twenty, 5-year projects of up to 100 million yen/year (approx. 1 million CAD/year), and the Rising Scientists stream will fund thirty 3-year projects of up to 30 million yen/year (approx. 300K CAD/year). For more information,including how career stages are defined for each stream,contact **aspire@jst.go.jp**

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|  Mitacs Elevate Program Updates Getting a postdoc fellowship in Canada just got easier! As of today, the **Mitacs Elevate program will be** **open** **all year round** to provide more flexibility — and unlock more opportunities — for postdoc researchers across the globe!  Plus, our evergreen Elevate program now offers the following benefits: |
| **✓  No more deadlines — apply anytime**Elevate proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis. **✓ A more efficient and accessible application process** Proposals can now be submitted through the [**Registration and Application Portal (RAP**](http://contact-us.mitacs.ca/c/7/eyJhaSI6NzM2NDM2MTUsImUiOiJsYXVyYS5yZW5kbEB1b2l0LmNhIiwicmkiOiJjb250YWN0LTZjNjE5ZDcwZDc1NmVhMTFhODExMDAwZDNhZjNhZmNkLTViNzBkZWNhNDlmMjQyNzE5NTQzYTIyYjZiOTg5YTgyIiwicnEiOiIwMi1iMjMxNTEtNDExNzc1OTYyNTJjNGZkODk2NmRjZDk4NTg2MzI1OWIiLCJwaCI6bnVsbCwibSI6ZmFsc2UsInVpIjoiMiIsInVuIjoiIiwidSI6Imh0dHBzOi8vYXBwbHkubWl0YWNzLmNhLz9fZ2E9Mi45MDUzNzgxOC4xMTE4ODQ0MTcwLjE2ODM1NDg2MzgtMjA0NTAxNDI0NS4xNjY4NDQ4NzAwJl9jbGRlZT1tVHFWM3FHWFQyT250S1hOM2dWQ1dZWjVOcDh5N19HcVNnMW9oWEU5bFM3ZTBub3hwdFptMHNmdnowaW1LWmxnJnJlY2lwaWVudGlkPWNvbnRhY3QtNmM2MTlkNzBkNzU2ZWExMWE4MTEwMDBkM2FmM2FmY2QtNWI3MGRlY2E0OWYyNDI3MTk1NDNhMjJiNmI5ODlhODImdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1DbGlja0RpbWVuc2lvbnMmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249Q2FsbHMlMjBmb3IlMjBQcm9wb3NhbHMmZXNpZD00MTA0Mzc4Ny0yOGZiLWVkMTEtOGY2ZS0wMDIyNDgzZGQ5NzQifQ/VsYe0eO6GXmEPGIJD0TSkw)**)** for quick and easy access. **✓ Agile research projects, $60K/year in funding**One-year projects will now be accepted for a standard **$60,000** award per year to allow more researchers to participate in training and gain valuable experience. **✓ Open to all sectors and disciplines**To simplify requirements, the thematic award will no longer be offered. This means postdocs from any sector or academic discipline can apply anytime.  |
| This evolution is part of an ongoing effort to make Mitacs Elevate a more inclusive and accessible program — and support academic-industry collaboration through the seasons. **Gain hands-on industry experience and turn your passion into a career!** |
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| [**Learn more >**](http://contact-us.mitacs.ca/c/7/eyJhaSI6NzM2NDM2MTUsImUiOiJsYXVyYS5yZW5kbEB1b2l0LmNhIiwicmkiOiJjb250YWN0LTZjNjE5ZDcwZDc1NmVhMTFhODExMDAwZDNhZjNhZmNkLTViNzBkZWNhNDlmMjQyNzE5NTQzYTIyYjZiOTg5YTgyIiwicnEiOiIwMi1iMjMxNTEtNDExNzc1OTYyNTJjNGZkODk2NmRjZDk4NTg2MzI1OWIiLCJwaCI6bnVsbCwibSI6ZmFsc2UsInVpIjoiMyIsInVuIjoiJTdCJTI1MjJVcmxJZE9mZnNldCUyNTIyJTI1M0ExJTdEIiwidSI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3Lm1pdGFjcy5jYS9lbi9wcm9ncmFtcy9lbGV2YXRlP19jbGRlZT1tVHFWM3FHWFQyT250S1hOM2dWQ1dZWjVOcDh5N19HcVNnMW9oWEU5bFM3ZTBub3hwdFptMHNmdnowaW1LWmxnJnJlY2lwaWVudGlkPWNvbnRhY3QtNmM2MTlkNzBkNzU2ZWExMWE4MTEwMDBkM2FmM2FmY2QtNWI3MGRlY2E0OWYyNDI3MTk1NDNhMjJiNmI5ODlhODImdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1DbGlja0RpbWVuc2lvbnMmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249Q2FsbHMlMjBmb3IlMjBQcm9wb3NhbHMmZXNpZD00MTA0Mzc4Ny0yOGZiLWVkMTEtOGY2ZS0wMDIyNDgzZGQ5NzQifQ/Qc9nqYhVk0LCKQ6J-AIynw) |

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| If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at **elevate@mitacs.ca**. |

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## Update to the extension request process for grant extensions due to pandemic delays

We are pleased to provide an update to the NSERC – SSHRC COVID grant extensions in-time without funds (C19 time extension) for 2023. The process for approving these extensions is changing and we will only continue to accept institution-approved extensions via the spreadsheet lists, posted in the [Grants and Scholarships Administrative Portal (GSAP)](https://gsap-pasb2.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/sites/5000/L3000/P001.aspx), **until April 28, 2023** for grants ending on or before March 31, 2023.

Friendly reminder that this extension provision is not to be confused with any other initiative offered by the agencies to extend grants due to the pandemic or other, such as the [NSERC Discovery Grants one-time one-year extension with funds due to COVID-19](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/FAQ-FAQ/DG-SD_eng.asp) or other funded extension initiatives, agency scholarships & fellowships provisions, etc.

As of April 1, 2023, grantees wishing to receive an extension period for the authority to use grant funds due to delays caused by the pandemic must be requested by submitting a [grant amendment form](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/Tri-Agency/TAFAG/Grant_Amendment_Form_e.pdf) to receive agency approval. If the criteria below are satisfied, the approval process will be expedited.

Eligibility criteria includes:

1. Extension requests may only be submitted for grants in their final year (including the [automatic](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp#25) one year extension, and any other extensions included where applicable).
2. A Tri-agency Guide on Financial Administration (TAGFA) [grant amendment form](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/Tri-Agency/TAFAG/Grant_Amendment_Form_e.pdf) must be completed with a brief but explicit justification that this request is due to delays to research activities as a result of the pandemic.
3. The grant’s [annual statements of account](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp#28) (Form 300) must be up to date in the agency databases. For College and Community Innovation Program (CCI) grants, the annual statement of accounts (Form [301](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/pdf/F301_e.pdf)), must have been completed and submitted to the agency. Requests for extensions will not be reviewed/approved if there are outstanding annual statements of account.
4. The grant holder must continue to maintain an eligible position at the administering institution for the duration of the grant including possible extension(s).

Special notes that may impact eligibility for the extension:

* If the agency has already approved a transfer to the General Research Fund (GRF) or has requested the return of residual funds for a given grant, an extension request **will not** be accepted or processed.
* Based on the most recent Statement of Account (SOA) and subject to agency approval, if the grant account has **$501-$2,000 remaining in funds**, the C19 time extension will be the final extension for period of use approved for this grant. If the grant account has **less that $500**, grant holders are not eligible for another extension for period for the authority to use grant funds.
* Requests for longer than 12 months will not be accommodated; the agency will automatically adjust the duration to 12 months for eligible requests.
* Grants with scheduled installments remaining are not eligible for this extension; However, if the grant holder has a build-up of funds in their grant account and they determine that the scheduled instalment for the next financial year will not be needed at that time, they are responsible for informing their administering institution that a [deferral](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp#24) of the next instalment is necessary which will enable them to extend the authority to use the grant funds.

For more information and guidance, including the eligibility criteria, eligible programs, and notes outlined above, visit the relevant agency webpage here:

SSHRC: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/news_room-salle_de_presse/latest_news-nouvelles_recentes/2023/extension_of_the_period_for_use_of_sshrc_grants-prolongation_de_la_periode_d-utilisation_des_subventions_du_crsh-eng.aspx>

NSERC: <https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Media-Media/NewsDetail-DetailNouvelles_eng.asp?ID=1139#April03-2023>

Completed Grant Amendment Forms must be submitted via the administering institution's research grant office or equivalent to grantsadministration@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca / grantsadministration@nserc-crsng.gc.ca. Clearly indicate 'C19 time extension' in the subject line for all submitted forms and all questions related to this initiative.

Message circulated on behalf of the NSERC – SSHRC Awards Administration Team

## CIHR – Mock Review Toolkit

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is pleased to announce the launch of the [Mock Review Toolkit](https://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53189.html). The Toolkit is designed to allow individuals to familiarize themselves with CIHR’s peer review process by simulating the Project Grant competition. Using the Toolkit as a resource, users will be able plan, organize and run mock peer review sessions, from a light round table to a full mock review panel.

**Who is it for?**

The Toolkit is intended to accommodate a wide range of audiences, from university administrators looking to host a mock peer review session at their institution, to trainees, such as PhDs and postdocs, looking to learn more about CIHR’s peer review process.

**What’s in the Toolkit?**

The Toolkit contains the resources needed to allow a user to run mock peer review in a relatively independent manner, including:

* three simulation models that users can follow from start to finish - with more planned for the future
* template spreadsheets to plan logistics, including Reviewer and application assignments and the tracking of timelines and deadlines
* template invitation emails and promotional materials for the mock review simulation
* a conflict of interest and confidentiality agreement for both facilitators and participants
* pre-simulation training materials and pre-recorded presentations for participants available on demand
* mock applications, reviews and Scientific Officer notes available on demand

**Have questions or want to get started?**

We encourage you to read through the [Mock Review Toolkit](https://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53189.html). If you have any questions, please contact college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca, or use the Toolkit’s online booking app to meet with the College to discuss how we can best support you in using the Toolkit.

## NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) 2024 Competition

**\*Please notify** **ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca** **if you are interested in applying\***

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| **Program Summary**  |
| **Deadlines** | ORS Comprehensive Review (optional): October 4, 2023ORS Administrative Review (mandatory): October 18, 2023**RTI Deadline: October 25, 2023** |
| **Value** | Up to $150,000 |
| **Duration** | 1 year |
| **Results announced** | April 2024 |
| **How to apply** | 1. Notify Ewa Stewart, Grant Officer (ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) of your intention to apply
2. Review the [program guidelines](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors-professeurs/rtii-oiri/rti-oir_eng.asp) and [application instructions](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/RTIInstruct-SOIInstruct_eng.asp)
3. Create and complete an application in [Research Portal](https://portal-portail.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/). Update and link your [Canadian Common CV](https://ccv-cvc.ca/indexresearcher-eng.frm) (each co-applicant must also link their CCV).
4. Applicants should include two quotations for items over $25,000 (before taxes) or for any systems to be purchased from a single supplier and costing more than $25,000 (before taxes). If the required number of quotations cannot reasonably be submitted, applicants must provide a clear justification in the Budget justification section. Getting quotations can take time so it’s best to start requesting these in well advance.

**Important:** in the Budget Justification attachment, applicants provide a clear breakdown of the items requested indicating the subtotal(s), the institutional tax r ate, the total tax and, if applicable, the currency exchange rate(s) and the converted currency total(s) in the table format shown below (as found in the [application instructions](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/RTIInstruct-SOIInstruct_eng.asp)). * For the institutional tax rate, please be sure to use **3.41%** - as this is the equivalent HST rate that Ontario Tech pays after our tax rebates.
* To calculate the exchange rate, use the monthly Bank of Canada Exchange Rates: <https://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange/monthly-exchange-rates/>
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| **For more information** | Ewa Stewart, Grants Officer:Ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.caNSERC Program Officer:resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca Research Portal tech assistance:webapp@nserc-crsng.gc.ca or 1-855-275-2861  |

**Description**

[Research Tools and Instruments (RTI)](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors-professeurs/rtii-oiri/rti-oir_eng.asp) grants foster and enhance the discovery, innovation and training capability of university researchers in the natural sciences and engineering by supporting the purchase of research equipment.

The RTI grants program provides the primary avenue for university researchers in the natural sciences and engineering to obtain up to $150,000 in support for research tools and instruments with a net cost between $7,001 and $250,000. Net cost is defined as the purchase cost of the equipment after any discount from the vendor and before taxes, customs and importation fees, transportation and shipping charges, and assembly and installation costs.

NSERC will only accept the following requests:

* for tools and instruments that form a comprehensive system intended to support NSERC-funded research in the natural sciences and engineering:
	+ a comprehensive system is one in which each tool or instrument forms part of an integrated system of operation to support the research program(s)
	+ requests that bundle unrelated tools and instruments together will not be accepted
* for the purchase of new, used or refurbished equipment, for the repair, upgrade or rental of equipment or for the fabrication of equipment that is not readily available off the shelf
* for equipment that is purchased or rented after the application deadline

**Note**: Equipment and items that are part of laboratory infrastructure or intended to render other equipment compliant with health and safety standards are ineligible for RTI support.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible to apply for and to hold RTI funds, applicants and co-applicants must each

* meet [NSERC’s eligibility requirements for faculty to apply for or hold grant funds](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Eligibility-Admissibilite/faculty-corpsprof_eng.asp)
* hold at least one of the following NSERC research grants (either as an applicant or co-applicant): [\*](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors-professeurs/rtii-oiri/rti-oir_eng.asp#note)
	+ Alliance grant
	+ Canada Excellence Research Chairs (NSERC)
	+ Canada 150 Research Chairs (NSERC)
	+ Canada Research Chairs (NSERC)
	+ Collaborative Research and Development grant
	+ Discovery Development grant
	+ Discovery Grant
	+ Discovery Horizons grant
	+ Industrial Research Chairs grant
	+ Strategic Partnership grant

\*Applicants and co-applicants may apply for any of the above grants while concurrently applying to the RTI program. However, if any applicant or co-applicant does not hold one of the above grants by the RTI award start date, or is not successful in obtaining one of these grants while concurrently applying to the RTI program, the applicant and/or co-applicant will be deemed ineligible and removed from the application.

**RTI grant applicants and co-applicants who were successful in the previous year’s RTI competition are ineligible to apply for one year. Eligibility will be reinstated the following competition year.**

Researchers can submit one RTI application per competition, either as an applicant or a co‑applicant but not both.

**Webinars**

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| **English sessions** |
| **Dates** | Tuesday, September 5, 2023Thursday, September 28, 2023 |
| **Time** | 1 to 2 p.m. (ET) |
| **Open to** | Members of the research community across Canada |
| **Links** | This link will take you to another Web site [Live Q&A session September 5, 2023](https://tinyurl.com/3punudut)This link will take you to another Web site [Live Q&A session September 28, 2023](https://tinyurl.com/9yxut6sz)This link will take you to another Web site [Pre-recorded videos](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6ox0GB7vXYnVnGUKq96dmP9_mCos23IR) |

**Resources**

* [Frequently asked questions — Research Tools and Instruments grants program](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/Professors-Professeurs/RTIFAQ-OIRFAQ_e.pdf)
* [Guidelines on the assessment of contributions to research, training and mentoring](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Policies-Politiques/assessment_of_contributions-evaluation_des_contributions_eng.asp)
* [Research Tools and Instruments peer review manual](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/Reviewers-Examinateurs/RTI-OIR_eng.pdf)
* [“How to Apply” pre-recorded videos](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6ox0GB7vXYnVnGUKq96dmP9_mCos23IR)
* NSERC Guide on [Equity, diversity and inclusion considerations at each stage of the research process](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Policies-Politiques/EDI_guidance-Conseils_EDI_eng.asp#a1)
* [NSERC Guide on Equity, diversity and inclusion considerations for research teams](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Policies-Politiques/EDI_guidance-Conseils_EDI_eng.asp#a2)
* ORS RTI Tip Sheet (attached)

## NSERC Discovery Grants – 2024 Competition

**Deadlines:**

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| **Office of Research Services (ORS) Comprehensive Review** ORS offers in-depth review and feedback on all the application components. ORS review is often well complemented by the review of a disciplinary expert who can assess the scientific merit of your proposal. You are therefore encouraged to solicit colleagues to act as peer reviewers to help refine your grant proposal.**\*IMPORTANT\*:*** If you are reapplying after an unsuccessful submission, please include your past Evaluation Group comments along with your draft.
* Due to a high volume of applicants, we are only able to offer only **ONE** comprehensive review per researcher.
 | **Monday, September 18** |
| Time permitting, applications received after the comprehensive review deadline of **September 18** will be offered a high-level review of the application to flag major issues that need to be addressed prior to submission.  |
| **Internal Faculty Review/Deadlines**  | **TBD** |
| **Mandatory ORS Final Review** Administrative check of application for completeness - **mandatory** if you have not already submitted to ORS for review.Administrative Review:* + Check that all sections are complete and that the necessary attachments have been uploaded and in the correct format (e.g. CCV, Proposal, leaves of absence, other support sources, references, samples, etc.)
	+ Review budget and budget justification for inconsistencies and ineligible expenses

At a minimum, Discovery Grant applications must be submitted to ORS by this deadline for final review. Your grant must be accompanied by a [Research Grant Authorization Form](https://shared.ontariotechu.ca/shared/department/research/documents/policies-and-procedure-form/rga-form-e-signatures.docx) signed by your Dean. | **Monday, October 23** |
| **NSERC DG Deadline (mandatory)*** Applications must be submitted in the NSERC online system first by the applicant; then, full submission to NSERC is done by the Office of Research Services
* Please submit applications in the online system by **9 am** to avoid last minute delays
 | **Wednesday, November 1 at 9 am** |

**ORS Services:**

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| **What** | **Who** | **When** |
| **1:1 meeting:** recommended for **new and previously unsuccessful** applicants; to discuss strategy, comments from previous/current application, etc. | Grants officer + researcher | rolling |
| Dissemination of tips and templates | Grants officer | rolling |
| **Subject matter review:** ORS will offer a $150 honorarium to external consultants in the applicant’s field.*Note: there is a limit of****one****honorarium per applicant. Refer to the Consultant Honorarium Program attachment for more information.* | External expert reviewer | rolling |
| **ORS Live Q&A session** | Grants officer + Evaluation Group member | **Monday, August 21, 2023** at 9:30 – 11:00 am.[meet.google.com/hby-fjfs-bkp](https://meet.google.com/hby-fjfs-bkp)Or dial +1 647-733-4453 PIN: 933 591 676# |
| **ORS review**  | Grants officer | Full Review – Monday, September 18, 2023Administrative – Monday, October 23, 2023  |

**NSERC Webinars:**

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| **NSERC Live Q&A:** “Submission of an application” Webinar | NSERC Program Officer | **English Session:**Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 1 to 2 p.m. (ET)[Live Q&A session August 22, 2023](https://tinyurl.com/2epfn3dv)Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 1 to 2 p.m. (ET)[Live Q&A session September 21, 2023](https://tinyurl.com/mr3a2jpz)**French Session:**Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 1 to 2 p.m. (ET)[Live Q&A session August 24, 2023](https://tinyurl.com/msbefkxk)Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 1 to 2 p.m. (ET)[Live Q&A session September 19, 2023](https://tinyurl.com/yc3ywwjv)  |
| **NSERC Live Q&A:** “How to prepare a Discovery Grant Webinar for Small Institutions” Webinar | NSERC Program Officer  + Evaluation Group member | **TBD** |

## SSHRC Partnership Development Grant - November 2023 Competition

**\*Please notify Ewa Stewart, Grants Officer (****ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca****) if you are interested in applying.\***

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| **Program Summary**  |
| **Deadlines** | ORS Comprehensive Review (optional): October 30, 2023 ORS Administrative Review (mandatory): November 8, 2023**SSHRC Deadline: November 15, 2023** |
| **Value** | $75,000 to $200,000 |
| **Duration** | 1 to 3 years |
| **Results announced** | March 2024 |
| **How to Apply** | 1. Notify Ewa Stewart, Grant Officer (ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) of your intention to apply
2. Review the [program guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_development_grants-subventions_partenariat_developpement-eng.aspx) and [application instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/pdg-sdp/applicant-candidat-eng.aspx)
3. Create and complete an application and SSHRC CV in the [SSHRC Web Portal](https://webapps.nserc.ca/SSHRC/faces/logon.jsp?lang=en_CA)
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| **For more information** | Ewa Stewart, Grants Officer:Ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.caSSHRC Partnership Development Grant Program Officer:partnershipdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca |

**Description**

Partnership Development Grants provide support over one to three years to teams/partnerships, led by a project director, to:

* develop research and/or related activities in the social sciences and humanities—these can include [knowledge mobilization](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#km-mc) and the meaningful involvement of students and [emerging scholars](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a12)—by fostering new partnerships with existing and/or potential partners; or
* design and test new partnership approaches for research and/or related activities that can result in best practices or models—these can either be adapted by others or have the potential to be scaled up to a regional, national or international level.

Partnership funding is intended for formal partnerships between postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types. For more information, see the definitions for [formal partnership](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a10) and [partner organization](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a13).

SSHRC invites [applicants](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a1) and their partner organizations who wish to propose formal disciplinary, interdisciplinary, interinstitutional, international and/or cross-sector partnership arrangements to apply for support through this funding opportunity. Funds are available to support a variety of formal partnership development initiatives in all the disciplines and themes that meet [SSHRC’s subject matter eligibility guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/background-renseignements/selecting_agency-choisir_organisme_subventionnaire-eng.aspx#af2).

SSHRC’s [Partnerships Tool-Kit](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/partnerships-partenariats/toolkit-trouse_d-information-eng.aspx) offers tools and resources to assist with the planning and implementation of your partnership.

**Types of partnerships**

There are two categories of partnerships that can request support:

* **existing partnerships**to foster new research and/or research-related partnership activities that are distinct from the partnership’s previous/ongoing partnership activities; and
* **new partnerships**to foster new research and/or research-related partnership activities that are undertaken by partnerships in their initial stages.

**Eligibility - Subject matter**

Most SSHRC funding is awarded through open competitions. Proposals can involve any disciplines, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for SSHRC funding. See [subject matter eligibility](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/background-renseignements/selecting_agency-choisir_organisme_subventionnaire-eng.aspx) for more information.

Projects whose primary objective is curriculum development, program evaluation, preparation of teaching materials, digitization of a collection, or creation of a database are not eligible for funding under this funding opportunity.

**Eligibility - Applicants**

Applications can be submitted by a team of researchers (consisting of one [applicant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a1) / project director and one or more [co-applicants](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a4) and/or [collaborators](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a5)). The applicant / project director prepares the application on behalf of the [partner organizations](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a13) of the [formal partnership](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a10).

Applicants (except postdoctoral researchers and students) must be affiliated with a Canadian institution that meets the [institutional eligibility requirements](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/policies-politiques/statements-enonces/institutional_eligibility-admissibilite_etablissements-eng.aspx) at the time of application and before funding can be released. Researchers who maintain an affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution, but whose primary affiliation is with a non-Canadian postsecondary institution, are not eligible for [applicant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a1) status.

Applicants who have received a SSHRC grant of any type but have failed to submit an [achievement report](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/using-utiliser/achievement-realisation/reports-rapports-eng.aspx) by the deadline specified in their Notice of Award are not eligible to apply for another SSHRC grant until they have submitted the report.

**Postdoctoral researchers** are eligible to be applicants if they have formally established an affiliation with an eligible institution within five months of the grant start date, and maintain such an affiliation for the duration of the grant period. **Before applying**, **postdoctoral researchers must confirm with our office that the institution can administer the funding if awarded. This will usually depend on the terms of your appointment and the source of your PDF salary. Please contact** **Ewa.Stewart@ontariotechu.ca** **to confirm eligibility prior to starting your application.**

**Partner organizations**

Partner organizations can be Canadian or international institutions or organizations (public, private, not-for-profit) of any type.

* **If the PDG grant is awarded, the university requires that you enter into a Research Collaboration agreement with the partner organization.** Please contact ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca if you have any questions about the research collaboration agreement.
* The Office of Research Services has dedicated Research Partnerships Officers who are able to help identify suitable partner organizations and facilitate contact with them; please contact ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca if you would like to arrange a consultation with a Research Partnerships Officer.

**SSHRC Webinars**

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| [Partnership Development Grants](https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=me0a197253d602c348e4bc074a098e863)**Webinar Number:** 2331 826 2506**Password:** SSHRC2023 | English | Wednesday, September 27, 202311:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |

**Resources:**

* [Program guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_development_grants-subventions_partenariat_developpement-eng.aspx)
* [Application instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/pdg-sdp/applicant-candidat-eng.aspx)
* [SSHRC Partnership Toolkit](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/partnerships-partenariats/toolkit-trouse_d-information-eng.aspx)
* [SSHRC Guidelines for Effective Research Training](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/effective_research_training-formation_en_recherche_efficace-eng.aspx)
* [SSHRC Guidelines for Effective Knowledge Mobilization](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/knowledge_mobilisation-mobilisation_des_connaissances-eng.aspx)
* [Help: Online Application Form Support](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/forms-formulaires/help_forms-aide_formulaires-eng.aspx)
* [SSHRC Manual for Merit Review Committee Members](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/merit_review-evaluation_du_merite/adjudication_manual-guide_comite_selection-eng.aspx)
* For examples of previously successful applications, please contact Ewa Stewart
* For assistance with identifying and contacting partner organizations, please contact Ewa Stewart

**Questions? Contact:**

Ewa Stewart, Grants Officer:

Ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca

SSHRC Partnership Development Grant Program Officer:

partnershipdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

SSHRC Online Application Help:

[Resource Center](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/resource_centre-centre_de_ressources-eng.aspx)

[Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/forms-formulaires/help_forms-aide_formulaires-eng.aspx)

Phone: 613-995-4273

E-mail: webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

## NSERC-SSHRC Sustainable agriculture research initiative

**Please notify your grants officer as soon as possible if you are planning on applying**.

**Internal Deadlines**

**~~Preparatory Funding Requests:  May 1, 2023~~**

**Full Application Internal Deadline: October 4, 2023**

**Description**

This initiative is a joint effort between the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), in collaboration with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC). This initiative will help reinforce, coordinate and scale up Canada's domestic agriculture research capabilities through partnerships among universities, colleges and organizations from the private, public or not-for-profit sectors. This partnership will fund multidisciplinary, collaborative networks of researchers, mobilizing expertise and technologies in the social and natural sciences, engineering and in areas that broaden the traditional network of agriculture research partners.

This funding will support both fundamental and applied research to accelerate transformative alternative practices, technologies and their adoptions, as well as to and build reliable and consistent measurement tools and performance metrics.

**Research objectives and topics**

**Objectives:**

* Support fundamental and applied research to develop a technical path to a more sustainable and resilient agricultural sector in a net-zero economy.
* Develop metrics to better understand and report on environment and climate impacts of different production systems and of producers' efforts in adopting innovative practices.
* Improve ways to transfer science and technology knowledge effectively to the agricultural sector, with a view to accelerate change.

Proposals should focus on developing transformative solutions towards significant reduction of agriculture GHG emissions and propose research required to develop a technical path to a sustainable and resilient sector in a net-zero economy, in **research topics** such as, but not limited to:

1. Identification of practices and technologies to enable the sector to sequester carbon effectively (e.g., nature-based climate solutions or technologies that enhance soil carbon sequestration)
2. Alternative input management tools and technologies (e.g., novel pesticides/fertilizers, improved delivery methods, precision agriculture)
3. Innovative plant health solutions that reduce the need for added amendments (e.g., biofertilizers, plant gene-editing, nanotechnology)
4. Diverse production systems (crop, soil, livestock, grassland and nutrient management systems) that maximize environmental outcomes in future climate change scenarios
5. Development and testing of improved methane and nitrous oxide emission factors, measurement tools and models
6. Fundamental socio-economic and behavioral research towards increased adoption of practices and technologies that support greenhouse gas mitigation in the agriculture and agri-food sector
7. Development of metrics to better understand and report on environment and climate impacts, including biophysical and socio-economic

More detail about the NSERC-SSHRC Sustainable agriculture research initiative and application process can be found in the [call for proposals](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/SARI-ISRAD/index_eng.asp).

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| **ORS Deadlines**  | **Please notify your grants officer as soon as possible if you are planning on applying.** **Preparatory Funding Requests Internal Deadline**: Please send your grants officer the application for the Preparatory Funding Request along with the RGA by **May 1, 2023.****Full Application Internal Deadline**: Please send your grants officer the full application along with the RGA by **October 4, 2023.** |
| **Preparatory Funding Request** | **Sponsor Deadline: May 8, 2023** To facilitate partnerships and build successful multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral collaborations required to establish strong teams and relevant proposals, preparatory funds are available to NSERC- and SSHRC-eligible researchers. Up to $50,000 can be requested to support application-related expenses. Only one application for preparatory funding can be submitted per team and it is expected that ~20 awards will be available. The award start date for preparatory funds is expected to be June 1, 2023.Preparatory funds may be used for application-related expenses, such as:* Meetings costs (the use of conference calls is encouraged whenever possible)
* Travel and accommodation expenses of academic participants as well as local community advisors, such as Indigenous elders or agricultural producers, for any face-to-face meetings required to develop the proposal (partner organizations are expected to demonstrate commitment to the project by covering their own costs)
* Communication, secretarial, clerical and coordination services over and above what is available from the universities involved and the partner organizations; salaries of technical writers may be requested but only up to a maximum of $15,000

**Preparatory Funding Instructions**Log in to [NSERC's online system](https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm) and choose *Create a new form 101*.1. Select *Research partnerships programs*, then *Alliance grants*.
2. For the *Proposal type* field, select *Letter of intent*.
3. For the *Type of call* field, select *Preparatory funds for sustainable agriculture* from the drop-down menu.

Taking into account the information for preparatory funding as outlined in the [Funding](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/SARI-ISRAD/Funding-Financement_eng.asp) section, complete the other required sections of your application. Your request for preparatory funding should include:* your summary for public release and ten keywords
* details on fit to the initiative, and the team, including the names of two or more co-applicants and potential partners (maximum 2 pages)
* a list of other sources of support and the amounts provided (if applicable)
* how the funds will be used (budget and budget justification)
* a form 100A and CCV for the applicant
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| **Full application**  | **Sponsor Deadline: November 8, 2023****Full Application Instructions**1. Log in to [NSERC's online system](https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm) and choose *Create a new form 101*.
2. Select *Research partnerships programs*, then *Alliance grants*.
3. For the *Proposal type* field, select *Full proposal*.
4. For the *Type of call* field, select *Sustainable agriculture* from the drop-down menu.
5. Following the [instructions for completing an Alliance grant application](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/101/alliance_eng.asp), fill out the [proposal template](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/Proposal_Template-Alliance_Grants_e.docx) and complete the other sections of your application. Delete the *Public impact value proposition* section from the proposal template. It does not apply to the Sustainable agriculture research initiative.
6. Submit your completed application and supporting documents, including a [personal data form with CCV attachment](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/100/100A_eng.asp) for the applicant and all co-applicants, via NSERC's online system. Your partner organization's contact person will be invited through the online system to provide information about their organization following the [Alliance grants partner organization instructions](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/Alliance_Partner-Alliance_Partenaires_eng.asp).
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| **Value** | Grant support from this initiative will range from **$500,000 to $2,000,000 per year, for four years**. NSERC and SSHRC will provide support for 100% of the eligible costs of research. ***Note****: Although partner organizations do not need to provide cash contributions to participate, they must actively play a role in the research project and support it through in-kind contributions.* |
| **Duration** | **4 years** Applications for projects less than four years will not be accepted. |
| **Partnerships requirements** | Grants awarded as part of this initiative will support large-scale proposals, and so applicants are encouraged to involve researchers across several universities, colleges and disciplines, and to include multiple partner organizations in their application. To maximize the potential impact, benefits and knowledge mobilization of the research, at least one partner organization is required, however, collaboration with additional partner organizations is encouraged. Even though NSERC and SSHRC will cover 100% of the project's eligible costs, **you must include at least one partner organization (from the private, public or not-for-profit sectors) whose cash contributions would have been recognized for cost sharing** (see [Alliance grants: Role of partner organizations](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/role_of_partner_organizations-role_des_organismes_partenaires_eng.asp#roleofpartner) for more details). |
| **How to apply** | Each applicant and co-applicant must [create an account](https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_register_e.htm) in NSERC's online system if they do not already have one. All applicants and co-applicants must complete and submit a form 100A, following the [relevant instructions](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/100/100A_eng.asp) to be included in the application. Social sciences and humanities researchers may use research subject code 8000 when indicating their expertise.NSERC and SSHRC will review all proposals to determine which agency's research areas they fall under. NSERC will provide funding for research primarily in the natural sciences and engineering fields, while SSHRC will support research primarily in the social sciences and humanities fields. NSERC funding will be provided as an Alliance grant, while SSHRC funding will be provided as a Partnership-type grant.***Note****: It is not necessary to apply for or receive preparatory funding in May to be eligible to put in a full proposal in November.* |
| **Eligibility** | Canadian university researchers from the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences or engineering fields, may apply for this funding opportunity. Specifically, eligible Canadian university researchers must apply as part of a team with two or more eligible co-applicants. To be an applicant or co-applicant, you must be working in a research area supported by NSERC or SSHRC and you must meet [NSERC's eligibility requirements](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/eligibility-admissibilite/faculty-corpsprof_eng.asp) at the time of application. You are limited to one application as the applicant, but you can be a co-applicant or collaborator on more than one application. |
| **For more information** | Contact your grants officer or reach out directly to alliance\_agriculture@nserc-crsng.gc.ca. |

## Mitacs Accelerate

***November 4, 2022 - Msg from Mitacs***

*As of today, Mitacs can now accept new Accelerate, Elevate and International program submissions in Ontario!*

*New proposals submitted to Mitacs will be reviewed and approvals will be determined per our standard course of business, with* ***funding start dates expected beginning from April 1, 2023****. All award approvals are subject to funding availability.*

*Please note the Business Strategy Internship (BSI) program remains on pause until further notice.*

**Deadline**: Continuous Intake

*\*A hard copy of the complete application package and a* [*Research Grant/Contract Authorization (RGA) Form*](https://shared.uoit.ca/shared/department/research/documents/Research-Grant-Authorization-August-2011.doc) *with all required signatures* ***must*** *be submitted to the ORS contact.*

**Description:** Through Mitacs-Accelerate, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from over 50 universities apply their specialized expertise to business-related research challenges. Armed with the very latest tools, techniques, and innovations, the intern (a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow) brings a new perspective to a problem faced by an industry partner.

* Interns spend approximately half of the time on-site with the industry partner; the remainder is spent at the university advancing the research under the guidance of a faculty supervisor.
* Open to all disciplines and all industry sectors, projects can span a wide range of areas, including: manufacturing, technical innovation, business prOCIsses, IT, social sciences, design, and more.

**Eligibility:**  The intern must be a graduate student or post-doctoral fellow enrolled at a Canadian university. Eligible PDF’s must (1) have completed all requirements of his/her first doctoral degree no more than five years before the application submission date; and (2) be officially accepted for post-doctoral studies at a Canadian university.

Effective January 2015, Accelerate is open to both for-profit businesses and not-for-profit (NFP) organizations, such as industry associations, charitable organizations, and economic development organizations. All projects in collaboration with an NFP partner must demonstrate an economic or productivity orientation. Examples include creating new jobs, reducing costs of goods or services, or increasing productivity in an industry. Eligibility of applications involving Not For Profit organizations should be discussed with Mitacs in advance of submission.

Organizations which are not eligible to be partners include:

* Funding agencies
* University-based research centres
* Foreign companies

**Value:** Each 4-month internship project receives $15,000 in direct funding, with the partner organization and Mitacs each providing $7,500. The $15,000 will be provided to the intern’s academic supervisor as a research grant. It is required that the intern receive a stipend of a minimum of $10,000 of the total grant per 4-month internship. Any funds over and above the intern stipend will be used to support research related to the internship.

**Details:** <https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/accelerate>

**Contact:** If you have any questions, or are interested in applying, please contact Hayley McKay, Mitacs Business Development Advisor at hmckay@mitacs.ca or your Faculty Grants Officer.

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## NSERC Alliance Grants

**Alliance webinar presentations now available online**

NSERC hosted webinar presentations to provide information on best practices in preparing an Alliance application. The webinar [video](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyTvoYRqd0T7w3HscS9STj2byExPwPIQtXQTVNezUEybiE3co1hnbdmY2DHvI1ePINglyObOHJ6CGNI2dVYQSKeteXn8-GtvYfQ==&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==) and slides ([with notes](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyTvoYRqd0T7wGgtfw7VxGlQzFOOI_2s-mm1PlXZYCfPc2q75p9aEmHttdr3lC-nqRXm7NctXGHUPmugQpyusgrTUmGMS2QvKpRpJy_r_n2CN-MDVPVlNxMHhUIc2zNcsj4T6yuAF2G0gE6itscgPHKrqRARpMSzCXFp2fnMAPLOe3EsjT2SRmfM=&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==) and [without notes](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyTvoYRqd0T7wUOrjg5az5WCGpSHSc6OppuLtlBvV_MrmPzQWz9LQ8dpJlHef2B42p-Gh-n28v5p6rXQyjNZjbnSx7VO2q7xm4Am3Y7e0LZVXauQX_qHxbHjE8dCZWUn5miwbEUhvcZ8sgrUXToidfOeFvTAdoHD7rlp9H38LXkCpqaWUKWIjYGk=&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==)) are available on the [Alliance resources webpage](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyW4bKU3Apw3eeCt_r3VpSrGLkYrgHV3h9YwTkKJXakapM-YAP8b-AIJSh3K4wYO_2MY8aaCYN4pyXjmeqyEP_25vgKoc-uqC7fiV7GGfu2CWmgp114Mwixq0Tuwk4N5uZn1rYTbBF2uY1fvqLag1Wfe-WqaIUx5XKK6S6EKbOtApOF9N4cL2XDmTri5kmqVlfA==&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==). We would also like to remind you of the other [resources](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyW4bKU3Apw3eeCt_r3VpSrGLkYrgHV3h9YwTkKJXakapM-YAP8b-AIJSh3K4wYO_2MY8aaCYN4pyXjmeqyEP_25vgKoc-uqC7fiV7GGfu2CWmgp114Mwixq0Tuwk4N5uZn1rYTbBF2uY1fvqLag1Wfe-WqaIUx5XKK6S6EKbOtApOF9N4cL2XDmTri5kmqVlfA==&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==) that are available to support you in preparing an Alliance proposal, which are outlined below. In addition to our [Frequently asked questions](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyTvoYRqd0T7wowsatPq88A2yWu7fj8W2VhO1egjCfN3KetbRBwryV2wWulYAggmbQLzYniA40dPSK28AMe8mZzCcZywanE7pkkL0odqOWJg1pBPoAWt1MZQOwgylY9huCpYOEm7mn1leJAfiaJKyXhzxBgjhJEIq7BACQTM6QN2x&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==) webpage, NSERC staff also remain available to answer any questions you may have.

[Alliance grant application checklist](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyW4bKU3Apw3eAihSWU4HNuIVjcc7RSjTmvXxVlkHov0VjsRRXmnHHj-aQAuL0aXxzTpR38QuDmixeV-Miaz6zz-lV3Ko-pCjAa-qs9en_W_i8oawv9hHVvKFALiyyRX6I8Nhz-LXvw_sJQxoQpc_k_g_-51gMyNbGQ==&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==)

[Equity, diversity and inclusion in the training plan](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyW4bKU3Apw3eha3u5ApsI7yECaAwzTBibm7JGnWbkpyvPo5MBQJVFjKmCVtTuBJmJAIvN7F0IyabWF_no9jNz3lskzOVJ4Ll-9BsH1qec0KumKpGojJy23JqJ90CwZ_YlY0t0REEeKpDrYqyM-siqCc=&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==)

[Partner organization self-assessment tool](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyW4bKU3Apw3etMHIF2mcrKOIrAwrkRq-BIsUyMgfFfHGwzv1j94jieK6hK4U6d5FNWolUl-exFI7v-7Tq_qvsUo39rx91uNZyYrZMZocFGRf5hpqXZ6tt8ZrQAdh7tESmPMObhLTr0SdHJpUXUQDlNJQ41vFSgeoE9KmLOh0pf0Z&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==)

[Instructions to external reviewers and members of *ad hoc* committees](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyWYTWmPB30ceceXSd2AZFZV4yqvye0E6RgOxOoVETQWmdUGItOjwzxXQh34lblUzzq-UE8IY-HzCkwAOBhnl5IsDjITLrw5h_TSWskP69EH-JaOVFyS83tcKP8_741giARZPAp8fHuxkm0CZ2F3JozRkWZAXXN5qyg==&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==)

**Resources related to** [**option 2**](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/funding-financement_eng.asp) **now available**

A document summarizing key details about Alliance option 2 has been added to the [Resources](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyW4bKU3Apw3eeCt_r3VpSrGLkYrgHV3h9YwTkKJXakapM-YAP8b-AIJSh3K4wYO_2MY8aaCYN4pyXjmeqyEP_25vgKoc-uqC7fiV7GGfu2CWmgp114Mwixq0Tuwk4N5uZn1rYTbBF2uY1fvqLag1Wfe-WqaIUx5XKK6S6EKbOtApOF9N4cL2XDmTri5kmqVlfA==&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==) webpage to help applicants and partner organizations determine whether the project they are envisioning meets the requirements. In addition, the Public Impact Value Proposition (PIVP) Selection Committee Review Instructions are now available online. This will help applicants understand how the committee determines whether Alliance option 2 applications meet the characteristics and whether they will proceed to the next step of the evaluation.

[Option 2 overview pamphlet](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyTvoYRqd0T7wtEcscu5ZTKJpv7LFfpOfE5SiOeKSk4t3CdItfXOKFAy3LgXY6AqL9FxT-bFSPEy2gL3wl3y-qH0pduL53vIj41qbbMwRA0l69673jS_Y5ARHuN6BMBIH883LAmMbza6ApFufGJfHDo9HrZRXo-Qqcw==&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==)

[Option 2 public impact value proposition (PIVP) selection committee review instructions](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0013oSUw36kEiNfZq3Dy9kD_PM5jHd2s4wGkaHgP0V3TyQQ7rG4-39ZyTvoYRqd0T7w7PW8rhaXddE8rhk73SfbhCRlCxvirn8CaF3VJeYTaz2gnmo6D1BkFyyjq7VQB1Gn4ApXZQFvW4SmVlQitkArLuzMUPX0SRrfdjLwoTRlaqPINkTqotufIP_QpFrYaHaFIKxQgLnzQTgWtrauTx8IXwOexbkBhuvtpgGIQHMpLq5Uuie6-EGJAg==&c=_xlVlPyN1RStxWmkYdbf1TJTB9VyMUEtHVfsb17ngFRUT7TlxocOcQ==&ch=C-9ylrYTz6GRO_jTf6Dx-CdJrzB6epkPG18namqZyCJkRUIVAnRG5Q==)

**Updates to Alliance literature**

The Alliance literature was recently updated on October 28, 2020. It aims to streamline and clarify various points, as well as to provide access to additional resources based on feedback and questions from the community. Key changes are summarized below, but we strongly encourage you to review the updated literature before submitting an application.

**Updates (see** [**link**](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/news-nouvelles_eng.asp) **for Latest news)**

* The **page limits for proposals** have been revised, as shown in the “Proposal sections and length” table in the [Instructions for completing an application](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001rTSzix1ImIZt6CWaivrMl462-4hH0V7XxsRIGNAAqeUeIeVhyPvXO15Bf0LSoNXgFh8YsMGSQdBAlr7YEOfL1aT0b6ynqr_Dtc-UkqysXTui3H-smtrO3lL1-H7ZD1GvtFbo2ueKCOcsn1ZOr3Ghkj_jmb3O1cHVMhUjCsKX1rlLttOH2xN8JOda5QAEV5GJmO7yezGpsd8Cy1snObzT3FNFGIAFlQcH0Us0VIQgMAN-jO9VzMoe3A==&c=FwrUeyp5ITwHl6gOOuSM43cntWVr4W-onjyh-WpwCVQrUzgXErgm7g==&ch=OUNp-eufRNFap8SJl3a_JKvEkq6Pc6CH0bXgpd-TlkXt_M-VA6w8Mw==)

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|  | **Average annual NSERC request** |
| Up to and including $30,000 per year | Up to and including $300,000 per year | More than $300,000 per year |
| **Section** | **Percentage of evaluation** | ***Suggested* number of pages per section** |
| Background and expected outcomes | 25% | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Partnership | 25% | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Proposal | 25% | 1.5 | 4 | 10 |
| Team | 0.75 | 1 | 4 |
| Training plan | 25% | 0.75 | 1 | 3 |
|  | ***Maximum* total number of pages (including NSERC template text)** |
| 5 | 10 | 25 |
| Option 2: Public impact value proposition (PIVP) | Add 3 pages to the maximum above for the PIVP |

* The [Alliance grant application checklist](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001rTSzix1ImIZt6CWaivrMl462-4hH0V7XxsRIGNAAqeUeIeVhyPvXO2BdA7yXaEi2CQwsatjxMrW4uvlyH4dswkGFUWNuSIuzFzsWqvhEFQ4tVFz11TBf8YFiAgXT34mFtmEBGDfXedlExepYdXh3vuh2wMGbRpb1AY6vj212uv3lAdwq5-TQl-wUJ6Du_dv1zNJu5_RqppobWZgX5GHX1g==&c=FwrUeyp5ITwHl6gOOuSM43cntWVr4W-onjyh-WpwCVQrUzgXErgm7g==&ch=OUNp-eufRNFap8SJl3a_JKvEkq6Pc6CH0bXgpd-TlkXt_M-VA6w8Mw==) has been updated. In particular, information regarding project management expenses was amended: Up to 10% of the total direct research costs of a project can be used towards project management expenses in a project **of any size** involving multiple universities and/or partner organizations.
* The [proposal template](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001rTSzix1ImIZt6CWaivrMl462-4hH0V7XxsRIGNAAqeUeIeVhyPvXO15Bf0LSoNXginmD1y9O4dlG4NBdZETUDgtzhfoC0TqmlUzw_44yl0v1GIZNtzERo2P9B71nBDNzA06-O1YAykwK-_6OLeKX1nMYkgE9a1FESDhN0gZjr9jI2kt7VxFlfgofHSpfKduNUpDlFCDyEy6XCcCxHYUqZ8nqIEzDvvmG4_k7AFQtyUQ=&c=FwrUeyp5ITwHl6gOOuSM43cntWVr4W-onjyh-WpwCVQrUzgXErgm7g==&ch=OUNp-eufRNFap8SJl3a_JKvEkq6Pc6CH0bXgpd-TlkXt_M-VA6w8Mw==) has been updated, in particular the General instructions at the beginning of the template (see attached).
* The maximum number of characters for the three parts of the free-form **Contributions to Research and Training Explanation section** of the Personal Data Form with CCV Attachment (Form 100A) has been increased to align with the current requirements for Discovery Grants applications. As a result, the maximum total number of pages for this section is now **five** instead of four. The [instructions on how to complete Form 100A](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001rTSzix1ImIZt6CWaivrMl462-4hH0V7XxsRIGNAAqeUeIeVhyPvXO15Bf0LSoNXgV89XPqPpO0oWf3UwRhPUf8_mEjaZo6cB6oLCWpkHJk91yEQ_ADLmLgqt2Mr3x3gFD1c7XcBkrta-yOBiG_oHZzEFXZgnXsYCsavp0-j4HjaAvQ1X-zAUiKN_GwBIlEW6Ppre4q78KFQEwAEYlpLQlflM3-qa6fzyicPBjEjwW37g1vhNzISUdQ==&c=FwrUeyp5ITwHl6gOOuSM43cntWVr4W-onjyh-WpwCVQrUzgXErgm7g==&ch=OUNp-eufRNFap8SJl3a_JKvEkq6Pc6CH0bXgpd-TlkXt_M-VA6w8Mw==) have been updated.
* The [Role of partner organizations](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001rTSzix1ImIZt6CWaivrMl462-4hH0V7XxsRIGNAAqeUeIeVhyPvXO15Bf0LSoNXgefYdAFNpVFL-bBF1ZCWbFsbrnkkuL3aRbKvgQq0FzW3G7vqwqtGWHcv1Xo2J_jiHEHGB_DtDXawrWk8zthgZzNDYR41nbndXrIdjvAdIPZAcqGjhvkNm-G8LISImiipoJAOdSHvxlSRU5iFbMAbbztymIw9AStZ2SZ1CZ-YdJXToJ7gOZEQOtmPt_6Tk3nLtPjgz7gdhoPmX_-1PpNcsjDbzZouENKUoIw2Asqs_lq9KxFryGGYL6WW1Df_PxtXK&c=FwrUeyp5ITwHl6gOOuSM43cntWVr4W-onjyh-WpwCVQrUzgXErgm7g==&ch=OUNp-eufRNFap8SJl3a_JKvEkq6Pc6CH0bXgpd-TlkXt_M-VA6w8Mw==) webpage has been revised to emphasize that each partner organization must play an active role in the project and must make in-kind contributions (with the exception of other funding agencies). The page was also amended to indicate that **Canadian producer groups and industrial associations** must be legally established under applicable federal, provincial or territorial statutes in Canada, replacing the previous requirement that they be incorporated in Canada.
* The [Frequently asked questions](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001rTSzix1ImIZt6CWaivrMl462-4hH0V7XxsRIGNAAqeUeIeVhyPvXO-VmzycF3-0_KYGRJo8Yd-4lD9fRV6oXj3Qp_FZSDJIWybv60N_nzobv9lrS1zkZJQ2Uc3Jgq_03SxnI4NBCtEf8Nug_N3jdFv_5bB1EhXLdeQ6ygwlvcgTTfE2BgBamKXPyyNY5FLRl1Umn_OZhewkQ5_f-jD3ES44Frc4M7qHn&c=FwrUeyp5ITwHl6gOOuSM43cntWVr4W-onjyh-WpwCVQrUzgXErgm7g==&ch=OUNp-eufRNFap8SJl3a_JKvEkq6Pc6CH0bXgpd-TlkXt_M-VA6w8Mw==) webpage was updated to address recurring questions received from the community.

If you have any questions or comments about Alliance grants please contact your Grant Officer or Alliance@nserc-crsng.gc.ca and sign up on the [Alliance webpage](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001rTSzix1ImIZt6CWaivrMl462-4hH0V7XxsRIGNAAqeUeIeVhyPvXO6RHqe4RDjouGu_fVHA3kcHEFs6vITh0cp-rbdng4dZMkk4EpBMVKpYKkraSKSOG9A1YFOgdUhOtantz90_gzCPFfffzCKbSSBkAjp7eW6S2HL0JZxXLakwz6QEIx87fqx4fm_GkrXS0pLichWvixFXN_UE7r4JWs68LH6-71LGH&c=FwrUeyp5ITwHl6gOOuSM43cntWVr4W-onjyh-WpwCVQrUzgXErgm7g==&ch=OUNp-eufRNFap8SJl3a_JKvEkq6Pc6CH0bXgpd-TlkXt_M-VA6w8Mw==) to be added to the mailing list so you can stay up to date on the latest information.

## NSERC Alliance International

**Description**

Alliance International will provide support for researchers in Canada to **work with leading international researchers from the academic sector**, and to establish and grow international research collaborations and projects that have a high potential for impact in NSE disciplines. The overall objectives are to: 1) allow Canadian researchers to initiate the development of international collaborations; and 2) provide support for Canadian researchers participating in international collaborative projects of global importance and benefit to Canada.

**Streams**

Alliance International offers two grant types:

* **Alliance International Catalyst grants** will provide up to $25,000 for one year to support Canadian researchers in initiating international research collaborations in the NSE disciplines.
* **Alliance International Collaboration grants** will provide up to $100,000 per year for up to three years, allowing Canadian researchers to participate in international projects and leverage the best international expertise to help address research challenges in the NSE disciplines of impact and benefit for Canada. The amount you can request for an Alliance International Collaboration grant will depend on the amount of funding obtained by your international academic collaborator(s) from their own national funding agency. The funding secured by your international collaborator(s) will be recognized for cost sharing purposes. This contribution must be at least equal to the amount requested from NSERC. Please note that all amounts are in Canadian dollars.

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| **Deadlines** | Alliance International is a new, permanent stream of Alliance. There is no deadline to apply and grants will be awarded throughout the year.  |
| **Application limits** | Catalyst grants: Limit of one application within a 12-month period as either applicant or co-applicant. It is expected that a maximum of 100 grants will be awarded per yearCollaboration grants: Limit of one application within a 12-month period as either applicant or co-applicantLimits apply to each stream individually. Ie. you can apply for one Catalyst grant and one Collaboration grant in the same 12-month period |
| **Value** | Catalyst grants: up to $25,000Collaboration grants: up to $100,000 per year |
| **Duration** | Catalyst grants: 1 yearCollaboration grants: up to 3 years |
| **International academic partner contribution** | Catalyst grants: N/ACollaboration grants: Peer-reviewed funding at least equal to the amount requested from NSERC |
| **Applicant eligibility** | Principal applicants and Canadian co-applicants must hold an active peer-reviewed grant, as primary applicant, at the time of application |
| **Partner eligibility** | Non-academic partner organizations are not required |
| **How to apply** | 1. Notify your Grants Officer of your intent to apply. ORS will confirm partner and project eligibility.
2. Following the [instructions for completing an Alliance International application](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/101/allianceinternational_eng.asp), fill out the [proposal template](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/Proposal_Template-Alliance_International_Grants_e.docx) and complete the other sections of your application.
	* **This template is different from the regular Alliance application template; ensure you are using the correct template (see attached)**
	* Select “International” under “type of call” when completing Form 101 in the online system
3. Submit your completed application and supporting documents, including the [personal data form with CCV attachment](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/100/100A_eng.asp), for the principal applicant and all co-applicants through [NSERC’s online system](https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm).
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| **For more information** | Consult the [program website](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/AllianceInternational-AllianceInternational/index_eng.asp), contact allianceinternational@nserc-crsng.gc.ca or your Faculty Grants Officer: |

**Subject Matter**

You can apply to support any R&D project that seeks to respond to a research challenge in the natural sciences or engineering (see [Selecting the appropriate federal granting agency](http://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_FEE7261A.html?OpenDocument)). However, you cannot use Alliance International to support secret or contract research.

Developing and implementing policies or directly applying your research results may depend on socio-economic or other requirements, as well as scientific understanding beyond the natural sciences and engineering (NSE). You are encouraged to collaborate with academic researchers in fields other than the NSE. Such researchers may be co-applicants for Alliance International if they meet [NSERC’s eligibility criteria for faculty](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/eligibility-admissibilite/faculty-corpsprof_eng.asp). Research costs for these collaborations can represent up to 30% of the project costs and must be specifically identified in the project budget justification.

**Resources**

* [Completing an application — form 101 instructions](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/101/allianceinternational_eng.asp)
* [Personal data form with CCV attachment — form 100A instructions](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/100/100A_eng.asp)
* [Alliance International application checklist](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/Professors-Professeurs/AIChecklist_e.pdf)
* [Equity, diversity and inclusion in your training plan](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/EDI-TrainingPlan_e.pdf)
* [Safeguarding Your Research portal](https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_97955.html)

## NSERC Alliance – OCI C2C Joint Funding

NSERC and Ontario Centres of Innovation (OCI) recently announced a partnership that will enable joint leveraging of funds from Ontario-based small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) through the both [NSERC Alliance](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/VIP-BIP_eng.asp)and [OCI C2C](https://www.oc-innovation.ca/programs/voucher-for-innovation-and-productivity-vip/)(previously OCI-VIP) programs, via a single application.

This program is ideal for **natural science and engineering** projects with an **Ontario SME** who is providing **$10-15K cash** (plus overhead and an equal amount in-kind) for a **one-year** project. Note that Universities are only eligible for “C2C Alliance”.

Project details:

* Overall cash match of 4:1 (2:2:1 for NSERC:OCI:partner)
* Partner cash contribution: $10-15K (plus 35% overhead, as per Ontario Tech policy) plus an equal amount (or more) in-kind
* NSERC/OCI contribution: $20-30K **each**
* Total project cash: $50-75K
* Maximum project duration: 12 months

Applicant eligibility:

* Must hold an active NSERC or OCI peer-reviewed grant

Partner eligibility:

* For-profit SME with Ontario R&D and/or manufacturing operations related directly to the project, and the capacity to exploit the research results
* 5-499 global full-time employees
* In operation for a minimum of two years

How to apply:

1. PI discusses project idea with OCI Business Development Manager (BDM)
2. PI, partner, and OCI BDM complete one-page project summary
3. OCI BDM presents project opportunity at OCI-NSERC weekly meeting for discussion and evaluation
4. If invited to submit a full application, PI and partner complete proposal in [NSERC portal](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/onlineservices-servicesenligne/index_eng.asp)
	* [Form 101](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/101/alliance_eng.asp) – joint proposal template (available upon request)
	* [Form 100A](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/100/100A_eng.asp)
	* [Partner Organization Form](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/Alliance_Partner-Alliance_Partenaires_eng.asp)
5. OCI BDM opens application in OCI portal with basic information

Steps 1-3 are **mandatory**. Do not create a joint Alliance-C2C application in the NSERC portal until you are invited to do so.

Review process:

* 4-8 weeks
* NSERC and OCI will issue a joint decision

If you have any questions, or are interested in applying, please contact your Grants Officer.

## Honda Canada Foundation – Grants

**Internal ORS Deadline:** a minimum of 5 days prior to submission*\**
**External Sponsor Deadline**: Continuous Intake

*\*A hard copy of the complete application package and a* [*Research Grant/Contract Authorization (RGA) Form*](https://shared.uoit.ca/shared/department/research/documents/Research-Grant-Authorization-August-2011.doc) *with all required signatures* ***must*** *be submitted to the ORS contact by the internal deadline.*

**Description:** The Honda Canada Foundation's mission is to enhance the social well-being of Canadian communities through responsible investment in organizations that share our vision and values and focus on youth in our communities.

The Foundation is proud to be involved with charitable purposes that reflect the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of the Honda companies. These charities are:

* Imaginative / creative
* Youthful
* Forward thinking
* Scientific
* Humanistic
* Innovative

At the heart of its charitable focus, the Honda Canada Foundation values: education, environment, and engineering. The Foundation uses these three areas as guiding principles in its charitable focus on the belief that a healthy understanding of each area will help both individuals and communities flourish.

* Education: Takes many forms. Ideas that teach and then drive the desire for more knowledge are valuable.
* Environment: Includes both the natural environment and the human environment. We attach great importance to having a positive influence on our country and community from an environmental perspective.
* Engineering: Focuses on helping communities thrive in the future. We embrace the sciences and research as areas that help us understand our world and ourselves.

**Eligibility:** The Honda Canada Foundation will make grants to charitable groups with CRA status such as:

* Educational institutions (primary, secondary, college, university)
* Charitable non-profit organizations
* Scientific and educational charitable non-profit groups
* Education-research organizations
* Other, tax exempt, national institutions in the fields of education, environment, and engineering

**Value:** Not specified

**Details:** [Application Process](https://www.hondacanadafoundation.ca/apply-for-funding) ; [Application Instructions](https://grant.grantstream.ca/Honda/gsPageGuide.php3)

## Public Health Agency of Canada, Multi-sectoral Partnerships to Promote Healthy Living and Prevent Chronic Disease

*\*A hard copy of the complete application package and a* [*Research Grant/Contract Authorization (RGA) Form*](https://shared.uoit.ca/shared/department/research/documents/Research-Grant-Authorization-August-2011.doc) *with all required signatures* ***must*** *be submitted to the ORS Grants Office a minimum of 5 days before intended deadline.*

**Description:** The Public Health Agency of Canada (Agency) is pleased to invite eligible organizations to submit a “Letter of Intent” (LOI) to advance innovative, multi-sectoral approaches to promote healthy living and prevent chronic disease. Multi-sectoral approaches involving all segments of society - communities, academia, the charitable and not-for-profit sector and the private sector - are required to address complex social issues such as childhood obesity and the prevention of chronic diseases.

The [Integrated Strategy on Healthy Living and Chronic Disease (ISHLCD)](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fo-fc/mspphl-pppmvs_s10-eng.php#q1) provides a framework for the federal government to promote the health of Canadians and reduce the impact of chronic disease in Canada. The funding programs under the ISHLCD include the [Healthy Living Fund](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/hp-ps/hl-mvs/hlu-umvs/hlfund-fondspmvs-eng.php), the [Canadian Diabetes Strategy](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/cd-mc/diabetes-diabete/strategy_funding-strategie_finance-eng.php), the [Cancer Community-Based Program](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/cd-mc/funding-hlcd-mvsmc-eng.php) and the [Cardiovascular Disease](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/cd-mc/cvd-mcv/index-eng.php) program.

Projects to be funded under the ISHLCD must include a focus on at least one of the following:

* addressing healthy living and healthy weights through a primary prevention initiative
* addressing common risk factors (i.e. unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, tobacco use) applicable to a number of the aforementioned chronic diseases

As part of the Government of Canada's five-year renewal of the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy (FTCS) through Budget 2012, interventions under this program stream will target tobacco as a common risk factor for chronic diseases as reinforced in the [2011 United Nations Declaration on Non-Communicable Diseases](http://www.un.org/en/ga/ncdmeeting2011/pdf/NCD_draft_political_declaration.pdf). The Agency's tobacco investments ensure alignment with broader chronic disease prevention priorities, such as the stakeholder-led National Lung Health Framework.

Projects to be funded under the FTCS must include a focus on at least one of the following:

* building the capacity of tobacco cessation interveners
* reinforcing tobacco prevention and cessation in the workplace
* addressing the elevated risks of urban First Nations people living off-reserve, and Métis people and Inuit people living outside of their traditional communities

**Eligibility:**  Canadian not-for-profit voluntary organizations and corporations; for-profit organizations; unincorporated groups, societies and coalitions; provincial, territorial, regional, and municipal governments and agencies; organizations and institutions supported by provincial and territorial governments (regional health authorities, schools, post-secondary institutions, etc.); individuals deemed capable of conducting population health activities; and non-Canadian recipients may be considered on an exceptional basis; Aboriginal organizations

**Value:** The value of your Agency funding request must be a minimum of $100,000 per year over a minimum of a two-year period. Requests that reflect less than $100,000/year, or are under two years in duration, will not be considered. The maximum value of your Agency funding request cannot exceed $5 million per project. The funding duration must be between 24 months (2 years) and 60 months (5 years). A matched funding ratio of 1:1 is required for funding under the ISHLCD. A minimum of 1:3 matched funding is required for projects funded under the FTCS. Final determination of the matched funding ratio for any particular project rests with the Public Health Agency of Canada.

**Details:**

| [Submitting at Letter of Intent](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fo-fc/mspphl-pppmvs-eng.php#a4) | [Project Assessment](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fo-fc/mspphl-pppmvs-eng.php#a5) | [Official LanguagesRequirement](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fo-fc/mspphl-pppmvs-eng.php#a7) | [FAQ](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fo-fc/mspphl-pppmvs_s10-eng.php#a10)