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# Announcements

## New announcements

1. [NSERC announce improvements to Alliance grants programs](#_NSERC_announces_improvements)
2. NSERC Alliance Advantage (formerly Option 1) – Early Career Researcher Voucher
   * Vouchers are being offered through a pilot program to make it easier for early career researchers to participate in Alliance Advantage grants and to involve partner organizations. The pilot program will provide vouchers to up to 200 eligible researchers. You must submit a Letter of intent through the NSERC online system (see Alliance Advantage — [Letter of intent and redemption: voucher for early career researchers](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/voucher-bon_eng.asp)). The Letter of intent involves providing basic information about yourself and attaching your personal data form with CCV (no partner organization or research proposal required at this stage). You must submit your Letter of intent by February 22, 2024.
   * If NSERC receives more than 200 Letters of intent, it will choose recipients through a random selection process.
   * If successful, you will have to submit a fill Alliance Advantage application **within 12 months** to redeem your ECR voucher.
3. [Mitacs Accelerate: Special Call](#_Mitacs_Accelerate:_Special) - a new special Accelerate program call to offer enhanced leveraging for eligible projects in the agriculture/agrifood, biotech/life/health science, cleantech, AI, quantum and ICT sectors. This offer is only available for new projects (i.e. not yet submitted) and allows for enhanced partner matching if the projects fall into one (or more) of the identified target areas. The offer is available for projects submitted until February 9, 2024.

## Reminders

1. [Convergence Portal Update – Multi-Factor Authentication](#_Convergence_Portal_Update): Over the next few months, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) will be implementing multi-factor authentication (MFA) in Convergence, as mandated by Government of Canada security policies. Visit the [multi-factor authentication page](https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en/secure-your-accounts/multi-factor-authentication#defn-multi-factor-authentication) for more information.
2. Mitacs is launching a new quantum technology offer for the [Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA)](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/globalink/globalink-research-award). For internships starting in Spring 2024, please submit your application by January 12, 2024. For internships starting in Summer 2024, please submit your application by March 31, 2024. Please see [full details below](#_Quantum_Technology_GRA).
3. [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)
4. [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.
5. 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](mailto: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** |
| Department of National Defence [Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security – Collaborative Networks](https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/programs/minds/funding-opportunities.html) | January 8, 2024 | January 15, 2024 |
| Ontario Tech University – [SSHRC Small Grants Program – SSHRC Explore and SSHRC Exchange](#_SSHRC_Insight_Development_1) | January 17, 2024 | N/A |
| Public Safety Canada – [Search and Rescue New Initiatives Fund](https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/mrgnc-mngmnt/rspndng-mrgnc-vnts/nss/nif-en.aspx) – [Call for Proposals](https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/mrgnc-mngmnt/rspndng-mrgnc-vnts/nss/nif-prpsls-en.aspx) | January 17, 2024 | January 24, 2024 |
| Ministry of Transportation (MTO) – [Highway Infrastructure Innovations Funding Program (HIIFP)](#_Ontario_Ministry_of_2) | January 24, 2024 | January 31, 2024 |
| CIHR - [Planning and Dissemination Grants – Institute/Initiative Community Support](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4046&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | January 25, 2024 | February 1, 2024 |
| CIHR – [Project Grant](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3961&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) – Spring 2024 Competition – [ORS Information and Deadlines](#_SSHRC_Insight_Development_1) | Comprehensive review:  February 21, 2024  Admin review: February 28, 2024 | Registration: February 7, 2024  Full: March 6, 2024 |
| Transport Canada - [Enhanced Road Safety Transfer Payment Program Call for Proposals](https://tc.canada.ca/en/programs/funding-programs/enhanced-road-safety-transfer-payment-program/applying-enhanced-road-safety-transfer-payment-program-erstpp-2023-2026-call-proposals) | February 1, 2024 | February 8, 2024 |
| CIHR - [Operating Grant: National Women’s Health Research Initiative: Innovation Fund](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4041&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true)  Webinar: January 10, 2024 @ 1:00 pm [Join](https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F_%23%2Fl%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%3Ameeting_ZjRjNGUxY2QtNWQzZi00NWM5LTg2ZGMtM2VkODBlMTRmMzI5%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257B%2522Tid%2522%253A%25221ebfccd6-7d44-4806-8ffc-bb521f3acc24%2522%252C%2522Oid%2522%253A%25224299ace9-ee7d-45fe-b0a8-36995294952a%2522%252C%2522IsBroadcastMeeting%2522%253Atrue%252C%2522role%2522%253A%2522a%2522%257D%26btype%3Da%26role%3Da%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=aa534722-0b3b-4976-91a0-3174703fbf4d&directDl=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true) | Full: March 6, 2024 | Registration: February 13, 2024  Full: March 13, 2024 |
| CIHR – [Catalyst Grant: Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) Report](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4026&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true)  (Supporting research on the knowledge generation opportunities identified in the Chief Public Health Officer’s 2023 Annual Report) | February 15, 2024 | February 22, 2024 |
| NSERC – Alliance Advantage (Formerly Option 1) – [Early Career Researcher $10,000 Voucher Lottery](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/voucher-bon_eng.asp) |  | February 22, 2024 |
| Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) - John R. Evans Leaders Fund – 2024 Competition – [Internal Call for Proposals](#_Internal_Call_for) | February 26, 2024 | N/A |
| Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) – Innovation Fund (IF) – [Internal Call for Proposals](#_Internal_Call_for) | February 26, 2024 | N/A |
| Natural Resources Canada – [Critical Minerals Infrastructure Fund 2023-34 Call for Proposals](https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/critical-minerals-in-canada/federal-support-for-critical-mineral-projects-and-value-chains/critical-minerals-infrastructure-fund/applicant-guide-cmif-2023-24-call-for-proposals.html#a2b) | February 22, 2024 | February 29, 2024 |
| SSHRC – [Partnership Engage Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_engage_grants-subventions_d_engagement_partenarial-eng.aspx) | March 8, 2024 | March 15, 2024 |

## **Current Funding Opportunities**

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| **Agency-Program** | **Internal Deadline** | **First Agency Deadline** |
| [OSSTF/FEESO Research Grant for Emergent Issues and Priorities](https://www.osstf.on.ca/services/awards-scholarships-grants-and-bursaries/grants-in-support-of-members-and-non-members/osstf-feeso-research-grant-for-emergent-issues-and-priorities.aspx)  Theme: How identity-based hate speech impacts school climate and student/staff mental health | January 2, 2024 | January 5, 2024 |
| 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, 2024  Full: July 3, 2024 | LOI: January 9, 2024  Full: July 10, 2024 |
| 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, 2023~~  LOI: December 4, 2023  Full: TBD | ~~NOI: October 24, 2023~~  LOI: January 10, 2024  Full: September 5, 2024 |
| Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative (OAFRI) - [2023-24 Call for Proposals](https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-agri-food-research-initiative) | January 4, 2024 | January 11, 2024 |
| Government of Canada - [Government of Canada Travel Grants for the 8th World Conference on Research Integrity (8WCRI)](https://rcr.ethics.gc.ca/eng/news-nouvelles_2023-11-01.html) | N/A | January 22, 2024 |
| Spencer Foundation – [Research Grants on Education: Large](https://www.spencer.org/grant_types/large-research-grant) | Full: February 20, 2024 | NOI: January 24, 2024 @12:00  Full: February 27, 2024 @ 12:00 |
| Banting Research Foundation – [Discovery Award Program](https://www.bantingresearchfoundation.ca/discovery-award-program/) | January 17, 2024 | January 24, 2024 |
| WSIB - [2023 Grants Program Strategic Initiative: Occupational exposure to diesel engine exhaust (DEE) and lung and bladder cancers (Systematic Review)](https://www.wsib.ca/en/research-and-grants-program) | January 22, 2024 | January 29, 2024 |
| 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 |
| SSHRC – [Connection Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/connection_grants-subventions_connexion-eng.aspx) | January 25, 2024 | February 1, 2024 |
| SSHRC – [Insight Development Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx) – [ORS Information and Deadlines](#_SSHRC_Insight_Development_1) | Comprehensive Review: January 8, 2024  Admin review: January 25, 2023 (mandatory) | February 2, 2024 |
| SSHRC - [Partnership Grants (Stage 1)](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_grants_stage1-subventions_partenariat_etape1-eng.aspx) – 2024 Competition – [ORS Information and Deadlines](#_SSHRC_Partnership_Grant)  Please let Ewa Stewart ([ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)) know if you are interested in applying by December 8, 2023. (mandatory) | Comprehensive Review: January 15, 2024  Admin review: January 29, 2024 (mandatory) | February 12, 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 |
| NSERC- French Agence nationale de la recherche (ANR) [call for proposals on quantum technologies](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/ANR-ANR/Apply-Presentation_eng.asp) | March 14, 2024 | March 28, 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, 2023~~  Full #2: April 8, 2024 | ~~Full #1: October 26, 2023~~  Full #2: April 15, 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](mailto:Felipe.Rubio@ontariotechu.ca) |
| **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](mailto:Felipe.Rubio@ontariotechu.ca) |
| **NSERC Alliance**   * [NSERC Alliance](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/innovate-innover/alliance-alliance/index_eng.asp) – [Internal ORS Info – (currently being updated)](#_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) |
| **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) |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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) |
| **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_–) |
| **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) |
| **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 |

# 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](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)

FEAS – [Joanne Hui](mailto:joanne.hui@ontariotechu.ca)

FHSci, FSci – [Raluca Dubrowski](mailto:Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca)

# 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,-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](mailto: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](mailto:kaelan.caspary@ontariotechu.ca) 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

version française suit.\_ \*\*Hello/Bonjour Ewa Stewart,\*\* \_Over the next few months, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) will be implementing mu…

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  | | --- | | NSERC is pleased to announce the launch of several improvements to its Alliance grants program. This update is in response to feedback received and builds on our experience with the program over the last four years.  Alliance grants were launched in 2019 to encourage university researchers to collaborate with partner organizations from the private, public or not-for-profit sectors. By partnering with organizations that can use their work, researchers can turn their discoveries into impact.  In 2022–23, NSERC evaluated the program through surveys, consultations and interviews with stakeholders. The perspective of the community, along with NSERC’s experience to date, shaped the changes described below.  These changes aim to make the Alliance grants program even more simple, flexible, modernized and responsive. They will help to:   * remove barriers to collaboration * champion more research partnerships * provide efficient and responsive proposal assessment * strengthen relationships with the research community * ensure inclusive research support   NSERC will offer [webinars](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uRc9k__u7wrRYD03SbtA6SsyUl4DSyrWjUGbZ0R0x4_KwoHsN_uNiBkbmtY6_0FGFnWAUt-cvr50sAsSIhyfRzxQfl9LZYYgTVcbEOBuYByMrf8Aqv6axwZ6DQbz1j-tuahxaAoA4tQf2FUAjzcZbhcsMHif7OBNdz804PUF4eHD8VAl7IVuxnlI780iKKJJ8aJMqRdNdj_rCzRbCjr2kmLYVm0pfqRYAvGeFWkFZp3LdBCe18NX3Q==&c=sVzc7TzicMNQzoNw2_pNT1-LdYq9bzB2yMyi-wnnZ8Xzgw8Z_HIjZg==&ch=vYAp9xrmw-EkA4CC1XLNgCC7MndYkEoSVe4KM2dlUG2A0DR2bhkOow==) for research grants officers and potential applicants to present these changes on January 23 and 31, 2024 (in French) and on January 24 and 30, 2024 (in English). | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  | | --- | | **Extensions with funding**  **﻿**  One of the barriers to continued collaborations is the time limit on grants. To date, NSERC has extended grants automatically for one year (and by request in extenuating circumstances), but these extensions did not involve additional funding. Now, Alliance Advantage grants may be extended for an additional year with funding, to allow universities and their partners to take advantage of new research directions that arise during a project. For more information, see [Alliance Advantage – During your research project](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uRc9k__u7wrRYD03SbtA6SsyUl4DSyrWjUGbZ0R0x4_KwoHsN_uNiBkbmtY6_0FGbzZmwB5bhOyOOq_l8nwXo_RWsL4dv2K_VzzP770W9cUH1g0jiv_irN5_vYUj8XlC3p7b6uzlF02tuldguMpclIWGRlUCB5qAOxjOUwX5Q0lgYSJoZ8pabVTataxqIg6KxHXXy5h6fwbLyDMMy1JC4X_KF5Pfkn6ZYvJErjEWCbpFGyPHK-T-tw==&c=sVzc7TzicMNQzoNw2_pNT1-LdYq9bzB2yMyi-wnnZ8Xzgw8Z_HIjZg==&ch=vYAp9xrmw-EkA4CC1XLNgCC7MndYkEoSVe4KM2dlUG2A0DR2bhkOow==).  **Broadening the range of partner organizations recognized for cost sharing**  A greater range of partners can now be recognized for cost sharing in Alliance grants. Potential partner organizations now include:   * all registered charities * unions * registered companies   Additionally, industrial associations and producer groups have been more clearly differentiated to better recognize the unique role that each type of organization plays in the research and innovation ecosystem.  The requirement that partner organizations must operate from their own offices or facilities has been relaxed in light of the expansion of virtual work. Provided the partner can exploit the research results and interact with highly qualified personnel, NSERC will consider a partner organization that works virtually.  For more information, see [Alliance Advantage – Partner organizations](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uRc9k__u7wrRYD03SbtA6SsyUl4DSyrWjUGbZ0R0x4_KwoHsN_uNiBkbmtY6_0FGw_v5ekpGmUfyiN67p5yYEOOdqHJ8H2SAaZLnRjmdbReYaYVHz8903DrtoHnzj3pVgRTxKUgya3uo4WKK-rB9KyUP9wESrd5rxE8PZfzROjZNnOntFuWBXApOV_YVfagkj8FRSO6p7tHDxTAbMTHsLGJSo2u6Dx565CoYoU8q2T5IZ1jYWqpGEA==&c=sVzc7TzicMNQzoNw2_pNT1-LdYq9bzB2yMyi-wnnZ8Xzgw8Z_HIjZg==&ch=vYAp9xrmw-EkA4CC1XLNgCC7MndYkEoSVe4KM2dlUG2A0DR2bhkOow==) or [Alliance Society – Partner organizations](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uRc9k__u7wrRYD03SbtA6SsyUl4DSyrWjUGbZ0R0x4_KwoHsN_uNiBkbmtY6_0FGucWIz7DI4lL9QIfDdEQXT-eVMU0nrEM0aaHPFjTJ5ajS6j-yHvr0vh83BTz_6pn8sIWVQvq4a6Tq0zYc65kPOUNPucVcl1JP0512iRDhtWrZ5zyHwM3Cdd9GOJoKROEvcuLwC3FCuHM0ePy19FSGrTVCn97gyfEqbqJX7CEauOwx_vEXaTVz8eiS4Iod1In3raWFdYb2oCc=&c=sVzc7TzicMNQzoNw2_pNT1-LdYq9bzB2yMyi-wnnZ8Xzgw8Z_HIjZg==&ch=vYAp9xrmw-EkA4CC1XLNgCC7MndYkEoSVe4KM2dlUG2A0DR2bhkOow==).  **Conflict of interest guidelines**  These guidelines have changed to provide flexible access to NSERC Alliance grants while ensuring that funds are used responsibly and that all research participants are protected. Institutions will now manage conflicts of interest and put mitigation plans in place according to their own policies. For more information, see [Alliance Advantage – Partner organizations](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uRc9k__u7wrRYD03SbtA6SsyUl4DSyrWjUGbZ0R0x4_KwoHsN_uNiBkbmtY6_0FGw_v5ekpGmUfyiN67p5yYEOOdqHJ8H2SAaZLnRjmdbReYaYVHz8903DrtoHnzj3pVgRTxKUgya3uo4WKK-rB9KyUP9wESrd5rxE8PZfzROjZNnOntFuWBXApOV_YVfagkj8FRSO6p7tHDxTAbMTHsLGJSo2u6Dx565CoYoU8q2T5IZ1jYWqpGEA==&c=sVzc7TzicMNQzoNw2_pNT1-LdYq9bzB2yMyi-wnnZ8Xzgw8Z_HIjZg==&ch=vYAp9xrmw-EkA4CC1XLNgCC7MndYkEoSVe4KM2dlUG2A0DR2bhkOow==) or [Alliance Society – Partner organizations](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uRc9k__u7wrRYD03SbtA6SsyUl4DSyrWjUGbZ0R0x4_KwoHsN_uNiBkbmtY6_0FGucWIz7DI4lL9QIfDdEQXT-eVMU0nrEM0aaHPFjTJ5ajS6j-yHvr0vh83BTz_6pn8sIWVQvq4a6Tq0zYc65kPOUNPucVcl1JP0512iRDhtWrZ5zyHwM3Cdd9GOJoKROEvcuLwC3FCuHM0ePy19FSGrTVCn97gyfEqbqJX7CEauOwx_vEXaTVz8eiS4Iod1In3raWFdYb2oCc=&c=sVzc7TzicMNQzoNw2_pNT1-LdYq9bzB2yMyi-wnnZ8Xzgw8Z_HIjZg==&ch=vYAp9xrmw-EkA4CC1XLNgCC7MndYkEoSVe4KM2dlUG2A0DR2bhkOow==). | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  | | --- | | **Cost sharing voucher for early career researchers**  In support of early career researchers (ECRs), NSERC is launching a pilot initiative to offer 200 vouchers of $10,000 each to replace some or all of the required cash contributions from partner organizations in an Alliance Advantage grant. Since NSERC matches partner contributions in a 2:1 ratio, the $10,000 voucher will be matched with $20,000, for a total of $30,000. The deadline to signal interest for a voucher is February 22, 2024. If more than 200 ECRs express interest, NSERC will randomly select 200 recipients. For more information, see [Alliance Advantage – Funding your research project](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uRc9k__u7wrRYD03SbtA6SsyUl4DSyrWjUGbZ0R0x4_KwoHsN_uNiBkbmtY6_0FG1iN9HCn7gOv-L2H6OwS3xBvHSPf8iFDFxVWrMK7lSNeIq36TEObt69kuBAhzAhTOojewySDjFR5tc3xZBn7saUmvWp6bbG6C4OJcubWcZgn6MxEkgHPkTlZmu31gwksBfsVduVLPm7ZAXE7xeRiNF6CBafMgIT-22h5tTLxdyCQFgCzsglzqXg==&c=sVzc7TzicMNQzoNw2_pNT1-LdYq9bzB2yMyi-wnnZ8Xzgw8Z_HIjZg==&ch=vYAp9xrmw-EkA4CC1XLNgCC7MndYkEoSVe4KM2dlUG2A0DR2bhkOow==).  **Promoting participation of early career researchers in Alliance Advantage**  To help more ECRs participate in Alliance Advantage grants, they will no longer be required to hold an active peer-reviewed grant from NSERC as a condition for internal review when they are co-applicants for small Alliance Advantage grants (now up to $75,000 annually). This will encourage established researchers to mentor ECRs as co-applicants and provide ECRs opportunities to build relationships with partners. For more information, [see Alliance Advantage – Review of your application](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uRc9k__u7wrRYD03SbtA6SsyUl4DSyrWjUGbZ0R0x4_KwoHsN_uNiKFcf813dLNfmETX7cGBiZZjhE_kQPBICjNgOC36id54ULiBRFjJezI3zP_yn0fG8Ni4_PQMvQkT8QS-bzCfSjNxReinufmFw6X-TupDzZsnhlcLP1hblF5vORIcLmiWLDpqrTK7ISNI6Ir8QnR25Vhp2cDl1TsrPRbW__Nthg1o3Od8AFhYkss=&c=sVzc7TzicMNQzoNw2_pNT1-LdYq9bzB2yMyi-wnnZ8Xzgw8Z_HIjZg==&ch=vYAp9xrmw-EkA4CC1XLNgCC7MndYkEoSVe4KM2dlUG2A0DR2bhkOow==). | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |

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| *Over the next few months, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) will be implementing* [*multi-factor authentication (MFA)*](https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en/secure-your-accounts/multi-factor-authentication#defn-multi-factor-authentication) *when signing into the Convergence Portal.*  **What is multi-factor authentication (MFA)?**  Multi-factor authentication is a tactic that requires additional verification to access your devices and accounts, adding a supplementary layer of online security.  **Why?**  The implementation of MFA will ensure compliancy with [Government of Canada Cloud Guardrails](https://canada-ca.github.io/cloud-guardrails/), providing an additional layer of protection to our research community while improving the Agencies’ overall cyber security posture.  **How will this impact me?**   |  | | --- | | * Once MFA is enabled, you will need to provide additional authentication to sign into your Convergence Portal account. * To support ongoing business requirements, you will have the option to select your preferred method of authentication (email, text message or through the authenticator app). * Additional information will be shared prior to the implementation date. |   **Who can I contact for questions?** For technical inquiries or assistance, please visit the [Have questions?](https://www.convergence.gc.ca/en/questions-questions/) page within the Convergence Portal. |

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## Mitacs Accelerate: Special Call

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

**Program Availability: November 20, 2023 – February 9, 2024**

**Description**

Mitacs has just launched a new special Accelerate program call to offer enhanced leveraging for eligible projects in the agriculture/agrifood, biotech/life/health science, cleantech, AI, quantum and ICT sectors. This offer is only available for new projects (i.e. not yet submitted) and allows for enhanced partner matching if the projects fall into one (or more) of the four sector categories.:

Eligible Project Sectors\*:

1. Agriculture, Agri-food & Aquaculture
2. Biomanufacturing, Biotechnology and Life & Health Sciences
3. Clean Technology
4. Digital (AI, Quantum, ICT)

\**Sector definitions and examples provided below*

**Project Conditions:**

* Programs: Accelerate (domestic) only
  + Includes Accelerate Entrepreneur & Master’s/PhD Fellowships
  + Excludes NSERC Alliance/Accelerate, BSI, Elevate, GRA
* Only named interns can receive enhanced funding models
  + Maximum 6 enhanced leverage IUs per intern
  + Interns can have more than 6IUs (up to their allocation limit)
  + Internships beyond 6IUs are at standard costing
  + Intern changes on enhanced funded IUs will be allowed post-submission
* To be determined (TBD) interns can be included in the application at standard costing
  + TBDs will not receive any enhanced leverage once named, at any time
* Maximum 50 IUs per project (including enhanced leverage and TBD standard units)
* Not retroactive – new submissions only
* Available nationally: cross-provincial projects allowed
* Submit via paper application through Mitacs advisor (no portal submission for special offer)

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| **Deadlines** | **This special call is only available: November 20, 2023 – February 9, 2024** |
| **Value** | Available Funding Models:   1. **$15,000 CAD/Internship Unit** = ($5,000 CAD + tax from partner organization) + ($10,000 CAD from Mitacs) 2. **$17,500 CAD/Internship Unit** = ($7,500 CAD + tax from partner organization) + ($10,000 CAD from Mitacs)   Note:   * Maximum of 6 enhanced leverage Internship Units (IU) per intern   + Internships beyond 6 IUs are at standard costing (1:1 cash matching)     - E.g. $15,000 CAD/IU = ($7,500 CAD + tax from partner organization) + ($7,500 CAD from Mitacs) * Maximum 50 IUs per project (including enhanced leverage and TBD standard units) |
| **Duration** | Each internship unit is 4-6 months in duration |
| **How to apply** | Notify your Grants Officer of your intent to apply and contact our Mitacs Business Development (BD) Advisor, Hayley McKay ([hmckay@mitacs.ca](mailto:hmckay@mitacs.ca)), to begin the process. Projects will be vetted by the Mitacs BD for project eligibility and proposals are to be submitted via paper application through the Mitacs BD (i.e. no portal submission) |
| **For more information** | Contact the Mitacs Business Development (BD) Advisor: Hayley McKay ([hmckay@mitacs.ca](mailto:hmckay@mitacs.ca)) or your Faculty Grants Officer:  EAS: [Joanne Hui](mailto:joanne.hui@ontariotechu.ca)  BIT, SSH, EDU: [Ewa Stewart](mailto:Ewa.Stewart@ontariotechu.ca)  HSC, SCI: [Raluca Dubrowski](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca) |

**Call Sector Descriptions & Examples:**

1. **Agriculture, Agri-food & Aquaculture**

Definition: This sector encompasses the entire agricultural process from farm to table, including crop and livestock production, agricultural biotechnology, food processing, and sustainability practices. It focuses on improving food security, enhancing nutritional value, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

* Examples of valid projects: Innovations in crop yield enhancement, sustainable farming technologies, development of nutritionally enhanced food products, agricultural waste management solutions.
* Examples of invalid projects: Projects unrelated to food production, such as general retail food distribution or non-agricultural land development. Projects in biomass/forestry (more relevant to Cleantech) are also excluded.

1. **Biomanufacturing, Biotechnology and Life & Health Sciences**

Definition: This sector integrates biological systems, organisms, or derivatives to develop or create different products, focusing on medical therapies, diagnostic tools, and sustainable manufacturing of biological products.

* Examples of valid projects: Development of gene therapies, biologically-derived sustainable materials, diagnostic tools based on biotechnology.
* Examples of invalid projects: General pharmaceutical sales, traditional manufacturing processes without biotechnological integration, non-biologically based healthcare services.

1. **Clean Technology**

Definition: Research, development, or novel implementation of innovative technologies or processes to positively impact land, air, or water. This includes key areas in the following sectors: transportation, energy generation and storage, waste, and sustainable materials, built environment, agriculture, and food services.

* Examples of valid projects: Development of renewable energy solutions like solar or wind power systems, innovations in energy storage technologies like advanced batteries, waste-to-energy conversion processes, and water purification technologies.
* Examples of invalid projects: Projects that primarily rely on fossil fuels, technologies that lead to significant environmental degradation, or processes that offer marginal or no improvements in energy efficiency or waste reduction.

1. **Digital (AI, Quantum, ICT)**
2. **Artificial Intelligence**

Definition: This sector involves the development and application of AI technologies, including machine learning, neural networks, and data analytics, to solve complex problems, automate tasks, and create intelligent systems.

* Examples of valid projects: Development of AI algorithms for healthcare diagnostics, AI-driven predictive maintenance in manufacturing, AI-based personalization in e-commerce.
* Examples of invalid projects: General software development without AI integration, traditional data processing without machine learning or AI application.

1. **Quantum Technologies**

Definition: Quantum technology applies the principles of quantum mechanics (Quantum Science) — primarily quantum entanglement, superposition, or tunneling — to build new technologies whose performance depends on one or multiple quantum principles. The three main verticals include:

1. Quantum computation (hardware), algorithms, and software
2. Quantum communication, networks, and cryptography
3. Quantum metrology, sensing, imaging, and materials.

* Examples of valid projects: Development of quantum computing algorithms, quantum encryption methods for cybersecurity, quantum sensor applications in environmental monitoring.
* Examples of invalid projects: Traditional computing hardware developments, classical encryption techniques, and non-quantum sensing technologies.

1. **ICT: Information and Communication Technologies**

Definition: This sector covers technologies primarily used for processing, storing, and transmitting information digitally. It includes telecommunications, software and hardware development, cybersecurity, and the internet of things (IoT).

* Examples of valid projects: Development of advanced cybersecurity solutions, IoT applications for smart cities, innovative telecommunications technologies.

Examples of invalid projects: General website development, basic IT support services, consumer electronics without novel ICT applications.

**Participant Eligibility**

**Intern eligibility criteria**

* Full-time graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at Mitacs partner colleges and universities in Canada
* Students must have a supervisor at their academic institution who is willing to supervise them on this project and administer the funds through the institution
* Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and international students over the age of 18
* The intern cannot be a current employee of the partner organization
* All academic disciplines

**Academic supervisor eligibility criteria**

* The academic supervisor must be at the same institution as the intern
* The academic supervisor must be eligible to hold tri-council funding at their institution
* All academic disciplines

**Partner organization eligibility criteria**

* Registered not-for-profit or charitable organizations operating in Canada
* The partner organization cannot be a post-secondary institution
* The partner organization cannot be a federal or provincial government agency
* The partner organization must be an active partner on the project—providing mentorship/on site work experience to the intern for a minimum of 25% of the time for the duration of the project
* The partner organization must be willing to be named in future success stories and knowledge dissemination activities related to the project
* If the application is successful, the partner organization must commit to funding the partner contribution toward the student intern’s stipend (either $5000 or $7,500 plus tax—depending on the selected funding model). This contribution will be invoiced in cash and cannot be in-kind support.

Project partners and the scope of work outlined in the proposal must be eligible to participate in the Mitacs Accelerate program. **For more detail about eligibility, please see the**[**Mitacs Accelerate program website**](https://www.mitacs.ca/our-programs/accelerate-core-professors/)**. If you are uncertain of your eligibility, please contact our Mitacs Representative Hayley McKay (**[**hmckay@mitacs.ca**](mailto:hmckay@mitacs.ca)**).**

[](https://www.mitacs.ca/fr/programmes/globalink/page-de-la-campagne-de-lappel-thematique-brg)

## Quantum Technology GRA

Mitacs is launching a **new quantum technology offer** for the [Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA)](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/globalink/globalink-research-award)!

* Open to all Canadian universities
* **No cofunding is required** of the Canadian university
* These projects **don’t count toward universities’ GRA allocation**
* Possibility to have **2 internship units**, meaning longer internships
* Enhanced funding
* Applicable to the list of 54 countries and regions eligible for GRA
* Up to **5 interns per project**

Under this offer, undergraduates, graduates, and postdocs receive the following:

* **$6,000 award** to carry out a research project over **12 to 24 weeks**
* **$12,000 award** to carry out a research project over **24 to 36 weeks**

**WITH a** **Mitacs international partner** attached, that becomes:

⬆️  **$9,000 award** to carry out a research project over **12 to 24 weeks**

⬆️  **$15,000 award** to carry out a research project over **24 to 36 weeks**

Participating Mitacs international partners:

* Brazil: Fundação Araucária Foundation
* France: French Embassy in Canada
* France: Université Grenoble Alpes
* France: Université de Lorraine
* Germany: Forschungszentrum Jülich (FZJ Helmholtz Association)

For each participating international partner, specific eligibility criteria may apply. Please refer to the International Partners Information under the [GRA page](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/globalink/globalink-research-award).

* For internships starting in **Spring 2024**, please submit your application by **January 12, 2024.**
* For internships starting in **Summer 2024**, please submit your application by **March 31, 2024.**

Interested professors should [contact a Mitacs Advisor](https://www.mitacs.ca/contact-us/business-development) to discuss the project and start writing the proposal through the [GRA Registration and Application Portal](https://gra.mitacs.ca/).

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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.-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) |
| **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 |
| **Professors are requested to submit applications by November 17, 2023, 5 p.m. PT.**    [**Please visit our website**](http://contact-us.mitacs.) 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**](mailto:international@mitacs.ca). |

## 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](mailto:openaccess@sshrc-crsh.gc.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](mailto:grantsadministration@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) / [grantsadministration@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto: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,](mailto: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.

## Ontario Tech University SSHRC Small Grants (SSG) Program – 2024 Competition

* SSHRC Explore Grants
* SSHRC Exchange Grants

**Deadline: Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

On behalf of Ontario Tech University, the Office of Research Services applied for, and received, funds from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Institutional Grant program. These funds are intended to support research activities undertaken by SSHRC-eligible researchers with the goal of strengthening research capacity in the social sciences and humanities.

More specifically, these funds will be used to support research activities that will enhance the research programs and expertise of Ontario Tech researchers, leading to the development of competitive applications to SSHRC programs, or to effectively mobilize social sciences and humanities research knowledge within and beyond the academic community.

**In the 2024 round, there are two types of grants available: SSHRC Explore and SSHRC Exchange**. Faculty members may only apply to one of these streams as the Principal Applicant.

**SSHRC EXPLORE GRANTS**

SSHRC Explore Grants are meant to:

* support social sciences and humanities researchers with modest research funding requirements at any stage of career;
* allow for small-scale innovation and experimentation by providing funding to develop a research project or conduct pilot work; and
* enable researchers to hire students at any level to participate in their research projects thereby contributing to their professional development.

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| **Amount** | Up to $7,000 |
| **Duration** | One year (April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025) |

To apply for a SSHRC Explore Grant, follow these steps:

1. Review the [program guidelines](https://research.ontariotechu.ca/faculty/funding/internal-funding.php), and ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements.
2. Complete the SSHRC Explore Grant Application Form and obtain the required signatures.
3. Prepare the required attachments according to the instructions.
4. Submit the application and attachments by email to [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) by 5pm on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

**SSHRC EXCHANGE GRANTS**

SSHRC Exchange Grants are meant to:

* support the organization of small-scale knowledge mobilization activities, such as workshops and seminars (both in-person and virtual), in order to encourage collaboration and the dissemination of research results both within and beyond the academic community.
* allow researchers to attend or present their research at scholarly conferences and other dissemination venues that align with SSHRC’s mandate in order to advance their careers and encourage the exchange of ideas and research results at the national and international level.

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| Amount | Up to $2,000 |
| Duration | One year (April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025) |

To apply for a SSHRC Exchange Grant, follow these steps:

1. Review the [program guidelines](https://research.ontariotechu.ca/faculty/funding/internal-funding.php) and ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements.
2. Complete the SSHRC Exchange Grant Application Form and obtain the required signatures.
3. Prepare the required attachments according to the instructions.
4. Submit the application and attachments by email to [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) by 5pm on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

The total number of awards in each stream will depend on the funding available in any given year.

## Ontario Ministry of Transportation’s (MTO) **2024-25** Highway Infrastructure Innovation Funding Program (HIIFP)

The objective of HIIFP is to encourage Ontario’s academic community to research projects that contribute to generating solutions to current technical challenges encountered by MTO in the construction and maintenance of the provincial highway infrastructure network. These research projects are funded through HIIFP.

A diverse range of specific research topics have been developed by MTO that outline: 1.) the background of the research requirement, 2.) the challenge or problem to be addressed, and 3.) the anticipated outcome and/or research deliverables.

An eligible institution may choose from one of the MTO provided specific research topics or submit their own research topic (i.e., an open research topic).

Research projects awarded the HIIFP grant shall submit a written technical report to be published in the MTO Online Library Catalog. The research team will also present their findings to an MTO Technical Committee interested in the specific subject area.

The deadline date for all applications is: **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 5:00pm**.

MTO will consider application packages for research project proposals that are multi-year, meaning funding may be required for the current and future fiscal year(s). In such cases, MTO will endeavour to provide funding beyond the first fiscal year, however, MTO cannot guarantee funding in future years. **There is no limit for the Total Budget per year. MTO will consider the number of approved applicants and the available budget.**

Please see 2024-25 MTO HIIFP Program Guide for the following information: 

* Program Guide
* Attachment A – Detailed Description of Specific Research Topics
* Attachment B – Open Research Topic Form (23-B)
* Attachment C – Project Progress Report (23-F)
* Attachment D – HIIFP Application Form (23-A)
* Attachment E – Research Proposal Summary (23-C)
* Attachment F – 
* Attachment G – Budget Details Form (23-E)
* Attachment H – 

## CIHR Project Grant – Spring 2024 Competition

\*Please contact Raluca Dubrowski ([raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca)) if you are interested in applying for this competition.

The Project Grant is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential for important advances in fundamental or applied health-related knowledge, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes by supporting projects of research proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers in all areas of health. The Project Grant program is open to applicants in all areas of health research that are aligned with the CIHR mandate.

**Objectives**

The Project Grant program is expected to:

* Support a diverse portfolio of health-related research and knowledge translation proposals at any stage, from discovery to application, including commercialization;
* Promote relevant collaborations across disciplines, professions, and sectors; and
* Contribute to the creation and use of health-related knowledge.

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| **Registration deadline** | **February 7, 2024**  Registration is mandatory; applicants cannot submit an application if they do not register.  For registration, applicants are required to have a CIHR PIN and an account with [ResearchNe](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnetsso/ssologin?language=en)t. |
| **Application deadlines** | **February 21, 2024 (comprehensive review)**: ORS internal deadline for a comprehensive review. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications via email to [Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca) for a comprehensive review of the application.  **February 28, 2024 (mandatory internal deadline)**: ORS internal deadline for administrative review. Please submit the pdf of your ResearchNet application along with a complete and signed RGA form via email to [Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca).  **March 6, 2024 (mandatory funder deadline)**: external CIHR deadline for full application. Applications must be submitted in the ResearchNet system by 9:00 am. The grants officer will conduct a final review for completeness and submit it to the funder. The funder deadline is 8pm. |
| **Eligibility** | An individual or an organization cannot submit more than two Project Grant applications per competition as a Nominated Principal Applicant. Check additional eligibility requirements [here](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3961&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true). |
| **Grant budget** | There is no minimum or maximum limit per year or in total for the Project Grant. |
| **Grant duration** | There is no actual duration limit for the Project Grant. Most grants range between 2 and 5 years. |
| **Partnership requirements** | This is not a partnered grant and there are no formal requirements for partnering; however, depending on the nature of the research proposal, a commitment from interested or engaged knowledge user(s) or other partners will be reasonably expected by peer reviewers. |
| **How to apply** | 1. Notify Raluca Dubrowski ([Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca)) of your intent to apply to the Spring 2024 competition as soon as possible. Raluca will meet with you, as needed, to discuss the proposed research; grant requirements; letters of support; questions related to the ResearchNet portal, budget, CCV, co-applicants and collaborators; help develop the KT section of the grant, etc. 2. Review the [grant requirements](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3961&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true#howtoapply), [peer review manual](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/49564.html), and the [evaluation criteria](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=3961&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true#evaluation). 3. Complete or update your [CCV](https://ccv-cvc.ca/) (CIHR Biosketch version). 4. Register for the Project Grant Spring 2024 competition, in the [ResearchNet](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnetsso/ssologin?language=en), by the February 7 2024 deadline. 5. Complete your application in the [ResearchNet](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnetsso/ssologin?language=en) portal and submit your application for review to Raluca Dubrowski by the deadlines outlined above. |
| **Anticipated notice of decision** | July 17, 2024 |
| **Grant start date** | October 1, 2024 |
| **Questions** | If you have any questions, please contact Raluca Dubrowski ([raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca)). |

**Information Session/Webinars**

To support applicants prepare their applications, ORS prepared an information session for the CIHR Project Grant. The invited guest for the information session is Dr. JoAnne Arcand from the Faculty of Health Sciences, Ontario Tech University. Dr. Arcand has served as a reviewer for the CIHR Project Grant for several years and holds an active CIHR Project Grant. The recording of the information session can be accessed [here](https://research.ontariotechu.ca/faculty/resources/index.php).

In addition, CIHR will organize a Project Grant webinar in the new year. ORS will share those details once available.

**Consultant Honorarium Program**

ORS review is often well complemented by the review of a disciplinary expert who can assess the technical aspects of your proposal. You are therefore encouraged to solicit colleagues to act as peer reviewers to help refine your grant proposal. ORS will offer a $150 honorarium to external consultants in the applicant’s field with previous success in the CIHR Project Grant. Consultant review should focus on the methodology of the application from the perspective of a disciplinary expert. Note that there is a limit of **one** honorarium per applicant. Please contact Raluca Dubrowski if you wish to take advantage of this program.

**Supporting Resources**

* [Grant: Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Funding Opportunity](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?progCd=11275&language=E&org=CIHR)
* [CIHR Biosketch CV – Quick Reference Guide](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/48437.html)
* [Sex and Gender in Health Research](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50833.html)
* [Learning for Applicants](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/47021.html)
* [How to complete the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Self-identification Questionnaire](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50959.html)
* [Peer Review Manual – Project](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/49564.html)
* [San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51731.html)
* FAQ for the Project Grant (contact [Raluca.Dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Raluca.Dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca))
* Two knowledge translation resources to help with the development of the knowledge translation/mobilization plan. (contact [Raluca.Dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Raluca.Dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca))

## CFI John R. Evans Leaders Fund – 2024 Competition - Internal Call for Proposals

**\*Please notify your** [**Grants Officer**](https://research.ontariotechu.ca/contacts.php) **if you are interested in applying. See program guidelines and attached resources for more information\***

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| **CFI Allocation** | Ontario Tech’s CFI allocation for the upcoming 2024 competition is $525,000 (CFI portion only representing a maximum of 40% total project value). **For this round the CFI request per application must be between $75,000 and $400,000.** |
| **Timeline** | **February 26, 2024**: Deadline for internal applications – submitted to [research@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:research@ontariotechu.ca)  **March 2024:** Internal selection committee meeting  **March 2024:** Notification of Results  **June 15, 2024**: external CFI deadline for successful internal applicants  **TBD:** ORF-LIF deadline - following the CFI-JELF submission, applicants will be required to also submit an application to the ORF-RI program |
| **How to Apply** | Refer to the attached guidelines and internal application form |
| **ORS Information Session** | Thursday December 14, 2024  10:00 – 11:00 am  This session will be recorded and circulated to those unable to attend. Please contact your Grants Officer for a link to the recording. |

**About the CFI JELF Program**

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) [John R. Evans Leaders Fund](https://www.innovation.ca/awards/john-r-evans-leaders-fund) (JELF) offers institutions the opportunity to acquire foundational infrastructure to support cutting-edge research. JELF is an allocation-based fund whereby CFI predetermines the maximum amount of funding for which each eligible university may apply.

The CFI JELF is a matching program:

* 40% requested from the CFI JELF
* 40% requested from the Ontario Research Fund – Research Infrastructure (ORF-RI) Program
* 20% matching funds - vendor deep discounts beyond normal academic pricing (in-kind), cash (Note: Tri-Agency funds are not eligible match) or a combination of cash and in-kind.

JELF applicants will also submit a separate proposal to the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities to request matching funds for the CFI award. The [Ontario Research Fund – Research Infrastructure (ORF-RI) program](https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-research-fund-research-infrastructure) provides up to 40% of total project costs as a match to the project.

The infrastructure funded by the CFI includes state-of-the-art facilities, laboratories, equipment, computer hardware, software, and databases necessary to conduct leading-edge research. Construction costs to renovate existing space, (including fitting out existing space), which is essential to house and use the infrastructure effectively, is also an eligible cost. The CFI does not cover the cost of students, research personnel or other research operating costs (supplies, consumables, travel, etc).

**Applicant Eligibility**

Ontario Tech **full time faculty members with tenured or tenure-track positions** in all disciplinesare invited to submit an application. Applicants must secure the required minimum 20% matching funds in order to apply.

The JELF is intended to serve the infrastructure needs of individual faculty, or groups of faculty members where there is a need to share infrastructure. **A maximum of three applicants can be listed on the JELF application.** When more than one candidate is listed, the justification of the need for the infrastructure must be articulated for each candidate.

The applicants listed on the proposal must be:

* current faculty members with a full-time tenured or tenure-track position;
* recognized as innovative leaders in their field of research or have demonstrated the potential for excellence in the proposed research field;
* engaged in, or embarking upon research or technology development that is innovative, high quality and meets international standards; and
* have active peer-reviewed Tri-Agency funding.

**Exclusions:** Individuals may not apply to this round if:

1. they have been awarded CFI funds in the past two years (2022-2023); or
2. they are part of a CFI JELF application currently under review (as project leader or co-applicant).

An Ontario Tech researcher may only participate in one JELF application as a Project Leader but may participate in multiple applications as a co-applicant. If a researcher participates in multiple proposals, there can be no overlap in funds or infrastructure requested among the applications.

**Resources:**

* CFI Internal Guidelines
* CFI Internal Application Form
* Vendor CFI Guidelines

(Resources were sent out in an email from the research inbox. Please contact your Grants Officer if you did not receive these documents.)

**Questions?**

Connect with your Grants Officer:

FBIT, FSSH, FEd – [Ewa Stewart](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)

FEAS – [Joanne Hui](mailto:joanne.hui@ontariotechu.ca)

FHSci, FSci – [Raluca Dubrowski](mailto:Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca)

## Internal Call for Proposals – 2025 CFI Innovation Fund (IF)

**\*Please notify your** [**laura.rendl@ontariotechu.ca**](mailto:laura.rendl@ontariotechu.ca) **if you are interested in applying. See program guidelines and attached resources for more information\***

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| **Timeline** | **February 26, 2024**: Deadline for internal applications – submitted to [laura.rendl@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:laura.rendl@ontariotechu.ca)  **March 2024:** Internal selection committee meeting  **March 2024:** Notification of Results  Spring 2024: CFI Launches 2025 Innovation Fund  **October 2024**: anticipated external CFI Notice of Intent deadline for successful internal applicants  **February 2025:** anticipated external CFI IF deadline  **March 2025:** anticipated ORF-LIF deadline - following the CFI-IF submission, applicants will be required to also submit an application to the ORF-LIF program  *\*\*This framework is based on the estimated CFI timeline and previous Innovation Fund and ORF\_LIF competitions. This timeline is subject to change as new information is provided by the CFI.* |
| **How to Apply** | Please review the attached materials thoroughly for details on the internal call for proposals, eligible teams and projects, and how to submit an internal letter of intent. |
| **ORS Information Session** | An information session was held by the Office of Research Services on December 18 to provide an overview of the Innovation Fund program, and detail Ontario Tech’s internal process for this round. Please email [Laura.Rendl@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Laura.Rendl@ontariotechu.ca) for a link to the recording. |

**About the CFI Innovation Fund Program**

The [Innovation Fund (IF)](https://www.innovation.ca/awards/innovation-fund) provides funding for **large-scale transformative, multi-institutional research infrastructure projects**, from all research disciplines, that will underpin cutting-edge globally competitive research.

The **objectives of the CFI IF** are to:

* **Enable internationally competitive research or technology development** through the equitable participation of expert team members;
* **Enhance and optimize the capacity** of institutions and research communities to conduct the proposed research or technology development program(s); and,
* Lead to **social, health, environmental and economic benefits** for Canadians**.**

The CFI JELF is a matching program:

* 40% requested from the CFI JELF
* 40% requested from the Ontario Research Fund – Research Infrastructure (ORF-RI) Program
* 20% matching funds - vendor deep discounts beyond normal academic pricing (in-kind), cash (Note: Tri-Agency funds are not eligible match) or a combination of cash and in-kind.

**Institutional Envelope and Project Value**

**Proposals to the CFI IF must request a minimum of $1M in total project costs ($400,000 from the CFI).**

The CFI IF is an allocation-based fund whereby CFI predetermines the maximum amount of funding for which each eligible university may apply. For the previous 2023 IF competition, Ontario Tech’s CFI envelope was $2.9M. While the total allocation for the 2025 CFI IF has not yet been announced, we anticipate Ontario Tech’s CFI envelope will be similar and tentatively the Ontario Tech CFI IF 2025 allocation will be managed as follows:

**CFI envelope for Ontario Tech-led proposals: $1.5M\***

* CFI IF proposals led by Ontario Tech researchers can request up to $1.5M in CFI funds ($3.75M total project costs).
* **CFI IF proposals must be multi-institutional, with collaborating academic institutions contributing a portion of their CFI envelope to the total project costs.** Proposals fully funded by Ontario Tech’s CFI envelope will not be considered.
* Priority will be given to one – two proposal(s) that demonstrate the CFI IF objectives, assessment criteria, and a track record of high-quality, on-going research collaborations and established relationships with research end-users.

**CFI envelope for externally-led proposals: $1.5M\***

* A portion of Ontario Tech’s CFI envelope will support the participation of Ontario Tech researchers in IF proposals that are externally-led (i.e. the Team Leader resides at another CFI-eligible academic institution).
* Requests for a contribution from Ontario Tech’s CFI envelope will be considered for externally-led proposals where an Ontario Tech researcher is participating as a primary Team Member and a portion of the infrastructure is to be housed at Ontario Tech.
* **Externally-led proposals requesting a commitment from Ontario Tech’s CFI envelope must submit an internal letter of intent for consideration as per the internal call for proposals instructions and timeline**

Collaborating institutions may have different requirements, processes and timelines, including internal application deadlines earlier than Ontario Tech’s deadline; please check specific institutional websites for more details, or have your collaborators reach out to their Research Office.

*\*The 2025 CFI IF envelope anticipated is based on Ontario Tech’s envelope in the 2023 IF competition, and may be subject to change as new information is provided by the CFI. The actual allocation of CFI envelope between Ontario Tech-led and externally-led projects may change based on demand in each category and the merit of the projects submitted.*

**Resources:**

(These documents were sent out from the research inbox. Please email [**laura.rendl@ontariotechu.ca**](mailto:laura.rendl@ontariotechu.ca)for a copy if you did not receive them)

* CFI IF – Ontario Tech Internal Call for Proposals
* CFI IF – Ontario Tech Letter of Intent Form and Proposal Instructions
* Major Space Considerations Checklist

**Questions?**

Please review the attached materials carefully.

For questions or to discuss your project, connect with [laura.rendl@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:laura.rendl@ontariotechu.ca)

## SSHRC Insight Development Grant

**\*Please notify** [**ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca**](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) **if you are interested in applying**

**Sponsor/Agency:** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

**Program:** Insight Development Grant

**Description:**

[Insight Development Grants](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx) support research in its initial stages. The grants enable the development of new research questions, as well as experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches and/or ideas. Funding is provided for short-term research development projects of up to two years that are proposed by individuals or teams.

Insight Development Grants foster research in its early stages but are not intended to support large-scale initiatives. Long-term support for research is offered through SSHRC’s [Insight Grants](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_grants-subventions_savoir-eng.aspx).

Proposed projects can involve, but are not limited to, the following types of research activities:

* case studies
* pilot initiatives
* critical analyses of existing research

Projects can also involve national and international research collaboration, and the exploration of new ways of producing, structuring and mobilizing knowledge within and across disciplines and sectors.

Funding is available for two distinct categories of scholars:

* [Emerging scholars](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a12) who will develop new research questions and/or approaches. Such projects can build on and further the applicant’s (or team’s) graduate work and/or represent a continuation of their overall research trajectory.
* [Established scholars](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a21) who will explore new research questions and/or approaches that are distinct from the applicant’s previous/ongoing research. Research projects should be clearly delimited and in the early stages of the research process. Insight Development Grant funding is not intended to support ongoing research for established scholars.

SSHRC welcomes applications involving [Indigenous research](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a11), as well as those involving [research-creation](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a22).

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| Program Summary | |
| Deadlines | **January 8, 2024**: ORS internal deadline for a comprehensive review.  **TBD (~January 22, 2024):** Faculty Internal Review Deadlines  **January 25, 2024**: ORS internal deadline for administrative review. Please submit a complete and signed RGA form at this time.  **February 2, 2024**: external SSHRC deadline for full application.  Applications must be submitted in research portal by **9:00 am.** |
| Value | $7,000 to $75,000 |
| Duration | 1 to 2 years |
| Results announced | June 2024 |
| How to Apply | 1. Notify [Ewa.Stewart@Ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Ewa.Stewart@Ontariotechu.ca) as soon as possible if you are interested in applying. Ewa is available for 1:1 project/application consultations, as well as to review applications and proposals (please see below for deadlines). 2. Review the [program guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx), including the evaluation criteria. 3. Create/update your [Canadian Common CV](https://ccv-cvc.ca/) following the [SSHRC CCV instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/forms-formulaires/instructions/ccv-eng.aspx). 4. Prepare and submit an application through the [Research Porta](https://portal-portail.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/)l following the [application instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/idg-sds/applicant-candidat-eng.aspx). |
| For more information | **ORS Grants Officer**  Contact [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)  **SSHRC Program Officer**  **Email:** [insightdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:insightdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) **Toll-free:** 1-855-275-2861 |

**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 the guidelines on [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, preparation of teaching materials, program evaluation, organization of a conference or workshop, digitization of a collection or creation of a database are not eligible for funding under this funding opportunity.

An application will be declared ineligible if it is determined that 30% or more of the requested budget has been allocated to non-eligible expenses.

**Applicants**

Applications can be submitted by an individual researcher or a team of researchers (consisting of one [applicant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a1) 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)).

Applicants (except postdoctoral fellows and PhD students) must be affiliated with a Canadian institution that holds [institutional eligibility](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 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 fellows** are eligible to be applicants for this grant. However, for SSHRC to release grant funds, successful applicants must formally establish an affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution that meets the requirements for [institutional eligibility](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/policies-politiques/statements-enonces/institutional_eligibility-admissibilite_etablissements-eng.aspx) within three months of the grant start date (i.e., by September 2024 for the current competition) and maintain such an affiliation for the duration of the grant period. **Additionally, if the salary of the postdoctoral fellow is paid from their supervisor’s tri-agency (SSHRC/NSERC/CIHR) grant, then the postdoctoral fellow is not eligible to hold any SSHRC grant as an applicant/co-applicant** (according to the regulations set out in the [Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/interagency-interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp)).

**Co-applicants**

Individuals (including postdoctoral fellows) are eligible to be [co-applicants](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a4) if they are formally affiliated with any of the following:

* **Canadian** eligible postsecondary institutions; or
* **International** postsecondary institutions.

International co-applicants must clearly outline, the rationale for international collaboration in the application.

**Postdoctoral fellows** and PhD candidates are eligible to be co-applicants under the same conditions as those described in the [Applicants](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx#4b) section.

**Collaborators**

Any individual who makes a significant contribution to the project is eligible to be a [collaborator](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a5). Collaborators do not need to be affiliated with an eligible Canadian postsecondary institution.

**Competition Timeline**

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|  | **DEADLINES** |
| **Office of Research Services (ORS) Comprehensive Review**   * ORS guarantees an in-depth review on all submitted proposal components (application form, proposal attachment, CCV, etc.). * ORS review is often well complemented by the review of a disciplinary expert who can further assess the merit of your proposal. You are therefore encouraged to also solicit colleagues to act as peer reviewers to help refine your grant proposal.   \*A Grants Officer will aim to review applications received after the above Comprehensive Review deadline up until the Final Review deadline; however, please note that the level of review will depend on the volume of applicants for this competition. At a minimum, ORS will review your application and flag any high-level issues that need to be addressed prior to submission. | **January 8, 2024\***  **(optional)** |
| **Faculty Internal Review Deadline**   * Send your complete application and RGA form to your dean for faculty review and internal approvals. | **TBD**  **(Likely January 22, 2024)** |
| **ORS Final Review**   * Administrative review of applications for completeness and to flag any issues that must be addressed prior to submission * Assistance with online submission   Complete, final applications must be submitted to ORS by this deadline for final review. Send a pdf of the complete application and all attachments by email to [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) or submit your application in research portal.  Applications 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. | **January 25, 2024**  **(Mandatory for all applicants)** |
| **SSHRC Deadline**   * When applicants submit through the online system, the application comes to ORS for institutional approval *prior to being submitted to SSHRC*. * Please submit applications in the online system **by 9 am** to allow time for any last-minute technical issues. | **February 2, 2024 at 9:00 am**  **(Mandatory for all applicants)** |

**Additional Information:**

**Multiple applications and holding multiple awards**

Individuals can apply, as an [applicant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a1), for only one Insight Development Grant at a time.

Researchers who applied **unsuccessfully** for an Insight Development Grant in February of a given year can apply for an Insight Grant in October of that same year. Therefore, researchers who apply for an Insight Development Grant in February 2024 and **are not successful** can apply for an Insight Grant in October 2024.

A researcher who applied for an Insight Grant in October 2023 can apply for an Insight Development Grant in February 2024, **provided that the objectives of the research are significantly different.**

See SSHRC’s [regulations regarding multiple applications and holding multiple awards](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/multiple_apps-demandes_multiples-eng.aspx) for more information.

**Merit Review and Evaluation Criteria**

Please read the [Program Guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx) for details regarding the merit review, including committee selection and the evaluation criteria.

**Resources/attachments:**

[Insight Development Grant Program Guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx)

[Application Instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx)

ORS SSHRC IDG Program Information (will be circulated soon)

ORS SSHRC IDG Tip Sheet (will be circulated soon)

[Guidelines for Effective Research Training](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/effective_research_training-formation_en_recherche_efficace-eng.aspx)

[Guidelines for Effective Knowledge Mobilization](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/knowledge_mobilisation-mobilisation_des_connaissances-eng.aspx)

[Guidelines for Support of Tools for Research and Related Activities](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/support_tools_soutien_outils-eng.aspx)

[Canadian Common CV FAQs](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/faqs-questions_frequentes/ccv_faq-foires_aux_questions_ccv-eng.aspx)

[Research Portal FAQs](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/faqs-questions_frequentes/portal_faq-foires_aux_questions_portail-eng.aspx)

SSHRC Manual for Merit Review Committee Members

**SSHRC Webinars**

[Insight Development Grants Funding Opportunity](https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/wbxmjs/joinservice/sites/sshrcvideo-fr/meeting/download/d56d755b457a41fd802c2f32f2079d55?siteurl=sshrcvideo-fr&MTID=m2026bcdc4d96b1da7dffe54c911c9a8d) - December 7, 2023 @ 1:00-2:30pm (Webex)

**ORS Information Session**

Please contact Ewa Stewart ([ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)) for a link to the 2023 ORS IDG Info Session recording. The session includes a Q&A with IDG evaluation committee members. Ewa is also available for individual consultations and for application reviews.

## SSHRC Partnership Grant (Stage 1)

**\*Please notify** [**ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca**](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) **by December 8, 2023, if you are interested in applying**

**Sponsor/Agency:** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

**Program:** Partnership Grant (Stage 1)

**Description:**

Partnership Grants provide support for new and existing [formal partnerships](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a10) over four to seven years to advance research, research training and/or knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities. This is done through mutual co-operation and sharing of intellectual leadership, as well as through resources as shown by cash and/or [in-kind contributions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a15).

Partnership Grants are intended for large teams of postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types that work in formal collaboration. The quality of training, mentoring and employability plans for students and emerging scholars is an important part of the proposed initiative. The intellectual leadership and governance for a new or existing formal partnership can come from the research community and/or from partner organizations from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

The Partnership Grant program is highly competitive and only about 30% of projects are selected to move on to the Stage 2 application. Project Directors (Principal Investigator/Main Applicant) must be recognized leaders in their field and have experience managing large research projects, including multiple partner organizations. They must have a strong track record of impactful research contributions, and innovative knowledge mobilization, as well as made extensive contributions to student training.

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| Program Summary | |
| Deadlines | **Email Notice of Intent: December 8, 2023 (mandatory)**  Comprehensive Review: January 15, 2024  Admin review: January 29, 2024 (mandatory)  SSHRC Deadline: February 12, 2024 |
| Value | Stage 1: up to $20,000  Stage 2: Up to $2.5 million  Please note: Cash/inkind contributions from partners must be worth **at least 35% of SSHRC grant amount** over the life of the grant. |
| Duration | 4 to 7 years |
| How to Apply | 1. Notify [Ewa.Stewart@Ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Ewa.Stewart@Ontariotechu.ca) as soon as possible if you are interested in applying (**mandatory email NOI by December 8, 2023**). 2. Following the email notification to apply, ORS will set up a meeting with you to discuss your proposed partnership and project to ensure that it is at an appropriate readiness level to apply for the SSHRC PG (and to suggest suitable alternative funding opportunities if it is not ready to apply for SSHRC PG). 3. Work closely with ORS to develop your application. 4. Prepare and submit an application through the [SSHRC Online Portal](https://webapps.nserc.ca/SSHRC/faces/logon.jsp?lang=en_CA) following the [application instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/pg-sp-1/applicant-candidat-eng.aspx). 5. Only those applicants who are successful in Stage 1 will be invited to apply in Stage 2 (Due October 2024). |
| For more information | **ORS Grants Officer**  Contact [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)  **SSHRC Program Officer**  Email: partnershipgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca  Toll-free: 1-855-275-2861 |

**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 the guidelines on subject matter eligibility for more information.

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

**Applicants**

Applications must be submitted by an [eligible Canadian institution](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/policies-politiques/statements-enonces/list_eligible_institutions-liste_etablissements-admissibles-eng.aspx). The project director must be affiliated with the host institution (the applicant) and prepares the application on behalf of the host institution and the formal partnership. The term “institution” from this point on refers to both postsecondary institutions and not‑for‑profit organizations.

Project directors 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.

**Co-directors and co-applicants**

Individuals are eligible to be [co-directors](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a30) and [co-applicants](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a4) if they are formally affiliated with any of the following:

* Canadian eligible postsecondary institution; not-for-profit organization; philanthropic foundation; think tank; or municipal, territorial or provincial government.
* International postsecondary institution.

**Partner organizations**

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

**Additional Information:**

**Types of partnerships**

Two categories of partnerships 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.

Please see the [Program Guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_grants_stage1-subventions_partenariat_etape1-eng.aspx) for a full list of potential partnership approaches.

**Value and duration**

Partnership Grants undergo a two-stage merit review process. This funding opportunity description applies to Stage 1 applications. Only applicants successful in the Partnership Grants—Stage 1 process are invited to apply in Stage 2.

**Stage 1**: Applications successful in Stage 1 are awarded grants valued at up to $20,000. These funds help applicants prepare the Stage 2 application.

**Stage 2 (by invitation only)**: Using the funds awarded in the successful Stage 1 application, Stage 2 applicants:

* further refine the question(s) to be addressed;
* establish partnership arrangements, a governance structure and/or an approach/methodology; and
* consolidate their collaborative activities.

Partnership Grants awarded in Stage 2 are valued at up to $500,000 per year over four to seven years, up to a total of $2.5 million.

**Quality and commitment of formal partnerships**

If invited to submit a Stage 2, applicants should include relevant documentation to allow informed evaluation of the quality and level of commitment of the proposed [formal partnerships](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a10).

Applicants must include evidence of formal partnership in their application. Evidence can include, but is not limited to:

* governance frameworks;
* agreements (intellectual property, conflict resolution, etc.);
* strategic plans; and
* other relevant documentation.

**Institutional and partner organization contributions**

**Stage 1**

In Stage 1, applicants include a proposed plan to secure, over and above the budget requested from SSHRC, a minimum of 35% in additional cash and/or [in-kind contributions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a15) from sources other than SSHRC during the term of the grant (four to seven years). For example, if $1 million is requested from SSHRC, a minimum of $350,000 in additional contributions must be secured from partner organizations, bringing the actual total project budget to $1.35 million. SSHRC recognizes that the project can grow beyond the original planned amount as additional partner organizations become involved over the duration of the grant.

**Stage 2**

Applicants invited to submit a Stage 2 application must show that they have already started to confirm the 35% minimum additional cash and/or in-kind contributions and indicate how they will secure the remaining resources during the term of the grant. The host institution must submit reports documenting both their partner organizations’ engagement and their progress in meeting the requirements for partner organization contributions. By the mid-term evaluation (halfway through the grant period), the 35% minimum additional cash and/or in-kind contribution must be confirmed for the rest of the grant period. If this amount is not secured by that time, SSHRC will withhold the remaining grant payments until it receives confirmation that the minimum additional contributions have been secured.

For more information, see SSHRC’s [Guidelines for Cash and In-Kind Contributions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/cash_inkind-especes_en_nature-eng.aspx).

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**Resources/attachments:**

[Partnership Grant Program Guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_grants_stage1-subventions_partenariat_etape1-eng.aspx)

[Application Instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/pg-sp-1/applicant-candidat-eng.aspx)

SSHRC’s [Partnerships Tool-kit](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/partnerships-partenariats/toolkit-trouse_d-information-eng.aspx)

[Guidelines for Effective Research Training](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/effective_research_training-formation_en_recherche_efficace-eng.aspx)

[Guide to Addressing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Considerations in Partnership Grant Applications](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/guides/partnership_edi_guide-partenariats_guide_edi-eng.aspx)

[Guidelines for Effective Knowledge Mobilization](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/knowledge_mobilisation-mobilisation_des_connaissances-eng.aspx)

[Guidelines for Support of Tools for Research and Related Activities](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/support_tools_soutien_outils-eng.aspx)

[Guidelines for Cash and In-Kind Contributions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/cash_inkind-especes_en_nature-eng.aspx)

## Mitacs Accelerate

**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](mailto:hmckay@mitacs.ca) or your Faculty Grants Officer.

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## NSERC Alliance Grants

**Please note: The Alliance Program is undergoing a “refresh” – the information and resources will be updated in the new year.**

**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](mailto:Alliance@nserc-crsng.gc.ca) 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](mailto: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 year  Collaboration grants: Limit of one application within a 12-month period as either applicant or co-applicant  Limits 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 $25,000  Collaboration grants: up to $100,000 per year |
| **Duration** | Catalyst grants: 1 year  Collaboration grants: up to 3 years |
| **International academic partner contribution** | Catalyst grants: N/A  Collaboration 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). |
| **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](mailto: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

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**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)