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# Announcements

## New announcements

1. CIHR – Reviewer in Training Program (RIT): The [Reviewer in training program (RiT)](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=zOJ8H82atjwy1ncmpGrCglOG2E1poilfAw0VP833KUjACs3rYk0tPAPA1bISBzdAMxe7VqFXUNA3ZSFgzSqijw7pGQFQKoygfOMZf2sGlGM8cZcQVO7glYF2RMoj1nIonat7oRCfx5XvN9_r0jEgCbamm6X2709mDpYMePL5MRwYlqWh3d6CfX-VNVQlvLYe) offers early career researchers the opportunity to learn about the peer review process at CIHR while gaining valuable experience participating in high-quality reviews. Early career researchers (ECR) can participate in the RiT program in one of two roles: Mentee and ECR Reviewer. Applications will be accepted from July 9 to August 6th.
2. [Mitacs Accelerate program update and internal ORS process](#_Mitacs_program_update) - Due to financial constraints in the 2024/25 fiscal year, Mitacs has issued a submission allowance for the Accelerate program. This allowance in effect limits the total number of internship units that can be submitted for the 2024/25 fiscal year by an academic institution. As a result, there is now a limit for Accelerate internship units for Ontario Tech researchers. Please see [full ORS announcement](#_The_Royal_Society) for details.
3. SSHRC Insight Grant – October 2024 Competition – Information sessions
   1. ORS is holding a virtual information session featuring a brief program overview, followed by an in-depth discussion and Q&A session with SSHRC IG Merit Review Committee Member Dr. Meghann Lloyd, Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences (Committee 435-12A: Education).

**Date:**  Thursday, August 15, 2023 - 1:00-2:30 pm via [GoogleMeet](meet.google.com/dgo-ripf-gdg)

* 1. SSHRC Webinar

**Date:** Thursday, August 22, 2024 - 1:00 to 2:30pm via [WebEX](https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/wbxmjs/joinservice/sites/sshrcvideo-fr/meeting/download/c73f4973fd7744b5aa941acc0c8dfa28?siteurl=sshrcvideo-fr&MTID=mffa61ac63558a49a1d3055e6dc3b7d08)

1. CIHR – Project Grant – Fall 2024 Competition – Information Sessions

**Duration:** 60 minutes  
**When:** Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 11:00 AM ET | [Join](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGJkNjc2NmUtZDVlOC00MzI4LWJjNDEtODhlMzA5YmIwMjlm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%221ebfccd6-7d44-4806-8ffc-bb521f3acc24%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%223d64eee5-bf04-43c1-a102-ed5734f3d4c7%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a)  
**When:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 1:00 PM ET | [Join](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MmFjNDI2OGUtYTQxNS00Mzg3LTkxZjMtMDFmM2M4Y2FmOTRl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%221ebfccd6-7d44-4806-8ffc-bb521f3acc24%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%223d64eee5-bf04-43c1-a102-ed5734f3d4c7%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a)

1. NSERC – Discovery Grants – Submission of an application Q&A Sessions

**Live sessions**

* [Live Q&A session September 5, 2024](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODYwOGNiY2UtOTY3MC00YjI0LWFiNjUtMjFlYTlhNTdkYTc2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%223aec6054-629e-4ad0-abac-54d5251ba316%22%7d)
* [Live Q&A session September 24, 2024](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZmFkNmUyZmItM2FiOS00NDYzLThiYWMtOTY2YWU0YjM2MDdm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%223aec6054-629e-4ad0-abac-54d5251ba316%22%7d)

**Submit questions in advance**

* [Link to questionnaire, September 5, 2024](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mAfv--Mg50u9yDcgMmEPZXR4et5LoJdNlBVl4Yw2X-ZURTNJTThFSzhGQVJCNENMRzJEQzNRS0FaUy4u)
* [Link to questionnaire, September 24, 2024](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mAfv--Mg50u9yDcgMmEPZXR4et5LoJdNlBVl4Yw2X-ZUM1Q2U0cwWlVPNTI3TEpOVVBCSzFWSDdRRS4u)

[Pre-recorded videos](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6ox0GB7vXYmNGBKEAuMPb5H3Yaiw62Sf)

1. NSERC – Research Tools and Instruments – Submission of an application Q&A Sessions

**Live sessions**

* [Live Q&A session September 5, 2024](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODYwOGNiY2UtOTY3MC00YjI0LWFiNjUtMjFlYTlhNTdkYTc2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%223aec6054-629e-4ad0-abac-54d5251ba316%22%7d)
* [Live Q&A session September 24, 2024](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZmFkNmUyZmItM2FiOS00NDYzLThiYWMtOTY2YWU0YjM2MDdm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%223aec6054-629e-4ad0-abac-54d5251ba316%22%7d)

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* [Link to questionnaire, September 24, 2024](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mAfv--Mg50u9yDcgMmEPZXR4et5LoJdNlBVl4Yw2X-ZUM1Q2U0cwWlVPNTI3TEpOVVBCSzFWSDdRRS4u)

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## Reminders

1. [ORS Announcement:](#_Changes_to_Points) Changes to Points of Contact – Research Partnerships Team
2. [Tri-agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee moves beyond pilot phase:](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/news_room-salle_de_presse/latest_news-nouvelles_recentes/2024/tri-agency_interdisciplinary_peer_review_committee-comite_d-evaluation_par_les_pairs_interdisciplinaire_des_trois_organismes-eng.aspx) NSERC, SSHRC, and CIHR are pleased to announce that the Tri-agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee (TAIPR) will continue as a regular feature of the three agencies’ flagship funding opportunities. Researchers applying to NSERC’s Discovery Horizons competition can continue to direct their interdisciplinary applications to this committee for review.
3. [Action plan for Black social sciences and humanities researchers](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/edi/plan_black_noir_phase-1-eng.aspx): Based on findings and recommendations from SSHRC’s Advisory Committee to Address Anti-Black Racism in Research and Research Training, and dozens of engagement sessions, it provides strategies within and beyond SSHRC to achieve fair access, equitable participation and intersectional approaches to research and research assessment; and to advance Black Studies and social sciences and humanities research on anti-Black racism.
4. [CIHR will be implementing multifactor authentication in ResearchNet on September 18, 2024](#_Multifactor_authentication_is).
5. **NFRF – Exploration webinar recordings and slides**: The links to the recordings of the NOI webinar presented on May 22nd for the 2024 Exploration competition can be found below, alongside a link to the slides used during the presentation.

**Recordings**

English : [https://youtu.be/8tR\_4UUfaPI](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=CjXeseC0Toz9CMJN6jZ2U-VptOBmEUl4FnMwd-tuwmJfK0CHHYmyZ4fQ6ad17Fqt6IOgCDTumculU9t8wQYoR_MGYZ2MY6XqQpRCdICTWwusNIC8TMYdZM7eLgs80QYMyXgshIXTN_O0fBNmaFQA13MhDoUtMEjbURA2DbWplDM=)

French : [https://youtu.be/fVkmo9cXFew](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=YEo013HvoAdX7PzqHyDUZWYZdkPWEFgs8jxwUvO5BhJ5CUffb62WEXpcVirE0ilR2-xvlMSxDIls3j-LfSOegKx_zHNHFg3J8R4-nm_3CCyGPSViqhfNev6B-EPtH7yHTh-3vTxyc4NvzubVS_qRBhD1s8lt4CVlCVXLp_KZmsc=)

**Slides**

English : [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aG63djRpNPbUpGVR-CKAvdzE0dRJnkJD/view?usp=sharing](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=fIkzFqALN0TKU0dD2IawnZjY-OrVlWUfCZzzBJwieSuPMmxmhDpLkF_waUzjMoz83oBbX74a4M5GEnBM6nx4IR7jMMTGJQTuSYOHCPrE939qjQ4Yh8DTCDK8W8HjwE_ODpR-DUBs5crkYcZ9zR9blhiMjI1oiOcFn-MdGc5AtQsGQWwh0rwROS1I4Bhse95TquAOHV1h_cFE-TSHmcF30xbRt0R5HwkPEdmeTqprWrD-wkmi7jl225TF2SYVKEty)

French : [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J8rcOWjUBM4FOsqg5egiOmffVOU9lCq6/view?usp=sharing](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=KSx0-D2MiTJ13I4SOibMDdplD31_FliR9IbvRVwX5vRg5NnJaF4GeXd0wFK1Sw84kuAarLjRz4kOCZvXehaQ7_C4tGTZr2M4DYzCVlmkKuESY0ScuI1T8i53BUdL3zZeXXletGTVioyeLuJ1P613YD97ogYiMu3-50xOAEpXxPw4W47LjsLkb8IVhbvxJ5S1xLA1HRt4aIN1k4_vv82n3TW8gl3A3LmKHmFq1XuZ-4LRcCqx_N3LnEQL2aVWOXZF)

As a reminder, the NFRF Exploration 2024 competition was launched in May 2024 ([see info below](#_Tri-Agency_New_Frontiers_3)). The NOI stage is mandatory and it is due on August 27 2024. If you have any questions about this competition, please contact [raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca).

1. [Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEas)](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024) – New challenges launched by the Canadian Safety and Security Program – Apply by September 18, 2024
2. Introducing new measures to safeguard research in Canada. The federal government has tasked the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the other research granting agencies with implementing new measures to safeguard research done in Canada, with an emphasis on protecting it against risks to national and economic security. Two new measures are coming into force at CIHR as of May 1, 2024. The first measure, the [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=j1KfTekrzxG3eUnHWEePdixZNlB-Co0K3iyXKpxUuSo03tBaN4lJGom-9XP1D1EAr2Ci_GlJ_8HKApj2FcoSptfqXTTN7zjRovDnFC266hAF7rSpunbL8mydpEG16JPNeHFG117vA8BG78HJucDuOqDofbP0P16YsiEnlHHOJ9-ZFuIKa0U-gSyCksnQtOXTacYBmBf_5P-ImyQ5B9tXjjY4dTgcXwfUUeaThPHwtkDSktehK0UfHRG_yt4_5EpcSM2Frtn48B3AjDO0rpuflajZy70CeWl4EIfnxa6E_b3syKg9P4tpOnXATsd5RC51uupzhBQZ2eHdWEp7BJZYJp1joISoyTI5a-1ERU1uSTCbFJtWDOF7Vb42qb0AaZFPSGz8blHvf1QiI3pLI7rfVb9sOP7MVvhFus7v5NHnzsGJ5yyatohmxsJduqv_u3qc), applies to research proposals that involve partner organizations from the private sector. The second measure, the [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=-1GoDV7MD1HkpsVdmzvIUaccC7EVm9E-kGyOQWwjn3NQw8a-HLeutVeCXGvBXqx-DgsSx53IKUHF2LKEw2ryKMpSgTjOdq4n0SlTghZY7GTVgQ9Nbb4nCMN8QgYfqgd6C8LX3po0iDhmBTW6qPgLtbOtNQK1os8okXJ1oNfgRfdGV6nCY7UIsp2QrUCZfuZ0E9qLfJUvrkYUKN3yaE3aVCfCpKRLkYMxJdfmZUUco4LUMAzY2Nlv3D--wIHU90NKJBvVuDuhhDufbDaPj4qcIIbYBHzxyGR5BaYcbS_-6NgGJ0pu3gGxr9yOlf_V2sy7C-X2JZ0HhFytE0ZfCwTwO6pcn9VXv5NJiL5dCL9uk0M=), applies to research that aims to advance a [sensitive technology research area](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=7hFH_SG34DZom8IY1_U8JG-zK4HoxKDM6wSZtEK6wrxDGoNYxQ3GAt5kGPuS98npF7NjWpSflOJ4rPyln7PJWwR2SBRWc0328mJQLEF-Yyp-ZnslcCYb6FZTcCL0T5bA0I6eF7FbayTx2wqRgDoC18Ww3TxDq71Mch9ZpwDVSCTXPgzcXe2mynMo-q1ueETHb_05AeP-KUQPuw2PAQ_ug0fPGsVeMgxhMKHEAFdK0H2GgJZepkjBDXFPPb2TJmvsTnmrdlaX6G1X2dmStuXX04twEnX-J13HN9JJb3EgGYFWepClSH65xjAIH98l_yZKFEmkw-77zL_NB-VRjoTb4Q==). Please see [full announcement](#_Introducing_new_measures) below.
3. [Convergence Portal](https://prod.auth.convergence.gc.ca/1091c6d2-112c-4bef-bed9-74fcccd35700/b2c_1a_shz_signup_signin_mfa/oauth2/v2.0/authorize?client_id=06355998-a224-46e5-a6a9-fa5e6272fe2f&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.convergence.gc.ca%2Fsignin-aad-b2c_1&response_type=code%20id_token&scope=openid&state=OpenIdConnect.AuthenticationProperties%3D0Ru-OTJHkPkmkK6x8LHllUUjcaK-fywJYhPhYUJwCF2WYjiD5Fp0bC6lLm51muKiZqft0fnDdJ1vVRay-FbBHv4ITK5pm5kUUs2WB0DdrziNIZBTyyokIzesIeliFaC-ZzXZpIiDz2DCK9A_jwWm_pliR2D6ZL4RMcfYu8aqfoXWB2608TDIAtRmm8afFoG7O8rDHpPdp2vqHhgzhycAszY0xEvyeQ1IgD3IHhp00Q0sQy3WevwimGb7jaSEck62cJGV3WevP-oF87c02m9l_8Bc4ulBK-RJZeToldfJfnkKg-qijCgrwvwUChUmWIMHnZEf73ISnvSjZyRDaH220mdbmYsrwILB8KnM85_SYNJMf5nL3PQvAQSVDetWecRuH1JneJWJ1K9q2WFXF1tYq5zgvCrZ2EJXnTB8606vGA_dgEV3U_W88nZBO_VPjIDmHg1dV_k9pke9bolK7xhhv8BZcD_cdqcyfjO9F494xJs&response_mode=form_post&nonce=638491428197169687.YmVjMzdkODUtNWUyOC00MGJiLWJlMTctN2NjNTVmNjlmMjY2M2UwMDQ1MzYtMGY0Zi00ZGJhLWI1ZjEtMWQwZjE2ZWM5MjNi&ui_locales=en-US&x-client-SKU=ID_NET472&x-client-ver=6.35.0.0) – Multi-Factor Authentication: Effective May 2, 2024, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) will be implementing Multi-Factor Authentication as a mandatory requirement for Convergence Portal access, as required by Government of Canada security policies. Visit the [multi-factor authentication](https://www.convergence.gc.ca/mfa-faq) page and the [announcement details below](#_Multi-Factor_Authentication_in) for more information.

1. Updated Process for Externally-led Proposals for the 2025 CFI Innovation Fund (IF): Ontario Tech researchers who are participating in a CFI Innovation Fund proposal being led by another institution where a contribution from Ontario Tech's CFI envelope is being requested by the lead institution must submit an internal Letter of Intent (iLOI). Please review the full [ORS announcement](#_Updated_Process_for) below.
2. [Announcing Mitacs Accelerate’s new online application portal](#_Mitacs_Accelerate_New)
3. [*What We Heard: A Report from the Three Federal Research Funding Agencies’ Ad Hoc Working Group on Indigenous Citizenship and Membership*](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=-GH_O1Kl1ZxRAl8lOziQtNeh2VEv-WrEsCROc478ZnKT8bcaM-KaVilt_uJLQllwfWCmpB8wMSMGuv_5jbwubB6SsbDiiog_bom7oll1fC74CT4ewHz1hHWfttF5BI4TYThMWpHDtN7FtIQ0cts-kstnAQlY5mK92ZwOXwzzEpthkE8DLAOnSKdD3FA0pUwcEwGhns5N019Vf4Nls_N6hgzWcBM__h2J1CcUoixpfgiAa1CPChncVpACQuwXrh3n4-d8cuuhZ6lyTImgGjpWka6iXdQCAtxNSSUwmEw2F24=): The report stems from a commitment under [Setting new directions to support Indigenous research and research training in Canada](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=Zzb3klFCwCr7WKzisAuIXbbo45OgwpOi32pop7q5iK3i7nywifK0kRNBa_dDGv9N5aEr3-pD9zSmfwYf-FXtnfh9D4nQbYq244MBdM6HQkDtYnJJ8bpDlms5vTwBmpWtx4O28KbPgIkGSjUaHCacTsNXlSmm_cAYpQpW5AUmTtCZrcR9zgpC6tS1CXuGtTstT0KkJsrOz-FI0rytN_i9grZ2ZWm8zmlZjoS2MTic4199dRWAniGMnbq53NyWlWY1PYyY9EC5CP7SF8GiVrOPjH_Ss8n6C6IrucSaaN7A44Q=), the Canada Research Coordinating Committee’s strategic plan identifying how better to support Indigenous research and research training in Canada. The resulting strategy’s implementation will be guided by the [Indigenous Leadership Circle in Research](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=yYmRxD8rfQQ00envCGBGNfqFUBcis0eRagQm8J_2OzD700LY_udcMf-CA60S6AnONRL2Wg26xjYH7VHJihKnrz7EadOGWO_fsh0PFXM3nOjyOCsaD-NDwY2Mwf916S7DIEmFvq3XvYA4VI9qp3IWbWFreOGwOQudNsYkFHhdCw9vu8e7bpKm09z2PdS2HPBXAhwund-DzZNg6joESyBJkLOw4GX9xYx5OJ1UH1laARNGQaM4vqareUpIM-qTzQYUJB2arL34r9oko1eLaDBf5jA3R_Yv-iTmEuJDtVNMrA1MBSCWhEt3MoNRYTLCxN-3). The report reflects on recent developments in postsecondary spaces as institutions embark on similar journeys and outlines key principles that will inform future work in these areas by the agencies. Further, the report provides the context for developing a policy on the issue to better support Indigenous researchers to access opportunities intended for them. Contributors to the What We Heard report include Indigenous academics, researchers and administrators, as well as institutions’ leaders.
4. New Requirements for Federal Research Funding - [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC)](https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/policy-sensitive-technology-research-and-affiliations-concern). Additional information can be found [here](#_Release_of_the_1) and in the [FAQ](https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/frequently-asked-questions-faq-policy-sensitive-technology-research-and-affiliations-concern).
5. Updates to the [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/national-security-guidelines-research-partnerships) that are effective immediately:
   1. The [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships’ Annex A](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/national-security-guidelines-research-partnerships#annex-a) has been updated to align with the new list of [Sensitive Technology Research Areas](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/sensitive-technology-research-areas). The list includes technologies at various stages of development; however, the focus is on the **advancement** of a listed technology or its capabilities during the course of the proposed research project, rather than merely its use.
   2. In addition, for any NSERC Alliance grant applications that are referred for advice from Canada’s national security departments and agencies following the [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships’ Risk Assessment Review Process](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/risk-assessment-review-process), the national security assessment conducted will consider research affiliations of concern.
6. [NSERC announce improvements to Alliance grants programs](#_NSERC_announces_improvements)
7. [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)
8. [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.

1. [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. [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 10 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** |
| CIHR – [Project Grant – Fall 2024 Competition](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/49051.html) – [ORS Info and deadlines](#_CIHR_Project_Grant) | Comprehensive review:  August 19, 2024  Admin review:  September 4, 2024 | Registration:  August 14, 2024  Full: September 11, 2024 |
| Samsung Advanced Institute of Technology – [Global Collaboration 2024](https://www.sait.samsung.co.kr/saithome/about/collabo_overview.do) | August 5, 2024 | August 19, 2024 |
| Heart & Stroke Foundation – [Grants-in-Aid](https://www.heartandstroke.ca/-/media/research/docs/2025-26/gia_submissionguidelines.pdf?rev=8de3dc171cfd44f7aec46f776ef4fb88) | August 15, 2024 | August 29, 2024 |
| [NSERC - UKRI call for proposals on quantum technologies](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/UKRI-UKRI_eng.asp)   * For Canadian researchers working in partnership with a UK researcher in the areas of quantum sensing and/or quantum communications. * Full application is submitted by the UK project lead; Canadian applicants submit Modified Alliance International Collaboration Application | August 15, 2024 | August 29, 2024 |
| Heart & Stroke Foundation – [New Investigator Award](https://www.heartandstroke.ca/-/media/research/docs/2025-26/ni_guidelines.pdf?rev=8d85a7b898c742e8a18a7facda491030) | August 22, 2024 | September 5, 2024 |
| CIHR - [Catalyst Grant: Moving Upstream: Structural Determinants of Health](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4170&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true&language=E) | Full: September 25, 2024 | Registration: September 11, 2024  Full: October 9, 2024 |
| The Spencer Foundation – [Research grants on Education: Small](https://www.spencer.org/grant_types/small-research-grant) | September 4, 2024 | September 11, 2024 |
| The Spencer Foundation – [Research-Practice Partnerships: Collaborative research for educational change](https://www.spencer.org/grant_types/research-practice-partnerships) | Full: October 17, 2024 | NOI: September 13, 2024  Full: October 31, 2024 |
| [Sony Research Award Program](https://www.sony.com/en/SonyInfo/research-award-program/?#SubmissionGuidelines) | September 3, 2024 | September 15, 2024 |
| Canadian Safety and Security Program – [Call for Proposals 2024](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024)   * [Wildfire intelligence – A common picture for detection and suppression](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024#1) * [Building stronger communities – Understanding and improving mass care in emergencies](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024#2) * [Identify and protect – Biometrics for defence and security](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024#3) * [Upholding Canada’s sovereignty – Border security and domain awareness](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024#4) * [Navigating the future – Fortifying Canada’s critical infrastructure with next gen positioning and timing](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024#5) * [Unmask the threat – Advancing technologies for the detection and identification of threat materials](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024#6) * [Shields up – Responding to neglected, emerging, and re-emerging diseases](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024#7) * [Safeguarding – Identifying and mitigating the risks of small modular reactors and radioactive sources](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024#8) | September 4, 2024 | September 18, 2024 |
| The Simons Foundation – [Simons Fellows in Mathematics 2025/26](https://www.simonsfoundation.org/grant/simons-fellows-in-mathematics/?tab=rfa) | September 18, 2024 | October 2, 2024 |

## **Current Funding Opportunities**

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| **Agency-Program** | **Internal Deadline** | **First Agency Deadline** |
| CIHR – [Planning and Dissemination Grants – Institute/initiative Community Support](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4169&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | July 24, 2024 | August 7, 2024 |
| NSERC – [Discovery Grants](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Grants-Subs/DGIGP-PSIGP_eng.asp) – ORS info and deadline (TBD) | Full: TBD | LOI: August 1, 2024  Full: November 1, 2024 |
| Tri-Agency - New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) – [2024 Exploration Competition](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx) – [ORS info and deadlines](#_Tri-Agency_New_Frontiers_3) | LOI: August 19, 2024  Full: TBD | LOI: August 27, 2024  Full: November 5, 2024 |
| SSHRC – [Insight Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_grants-subventions_savoir-eng.aspx) – [ORS info and deadlines](#_SSHRC_Insight_Grant) | Comprehensive review: September 4, 2024  Admin review: September 23, 2024 | October 1, 2024 |
| CIHR – Catalyst Grant: [Community Based Research in Climate Change Priority Areas](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4072&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true&language=E) | Full: September 5, 2024 | Registration: August 14, 2024  Full: September 12, 2024 |
| NSERC – [PromoScience](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Promoter-Promotion/PromoScience-PromoScience/Index_eng.asp) – [ORS info and deadlines](#_NSERC_PromoScience_1) | ~~NOI: July 22, 2024~~  Full: September 3, 2024 | Full: September 3, 2024 |
| UArctic – [Travel Fund](https://www.mun.ca/uarctic/travel-fund/) | ~~April 29, 2024~~  August 26, 2024  December 17, 2024 | ~~Intake 1: April 30, 2024~~  Intake 2: August 31, 2024  Intake 3: December 31, 2024 |
| CIHR – [Operating Grant: Data Analysis Using Existing CDN Databases and Cohorts (2024)](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4146&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | Full: September 26, 2024 | Registration: September 10, 2024  Full: October 3, 2024 |
| CIHR – [Catalyst Grant: Moving Upstream: Structural Determinants of Health](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4170&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | Full: October 2, 2024 | Registration: September 11, 2024  Full: October 9, 2023 |
| SSHRC – [Partnership Engage Grants](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_engage_grants-subventions_d_engagement_partenarial-eng.aspx) | September 9, 2024 | September 16, 2024 |
| IDEaS – [Canadian Safety and Security Program](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024) | September 9, 2024 | September 18, 2024 |
| CIHR – Operating Grant: [ECRs in Human Development, Child and Youth Health](file:///\\itdcfsv01.oncampus.local\department\OfficeOfResearchServices\ORS\Sponsored%20Funding\Funding%20Notices\2024\ECRs%20in%20Human%20Development,%20Child%20and%20Youth%20Health) | Full: September 17, 2024 | Registration: September 4, 2023  Full: September 24, 2024 |
| Canadian Space Agency - [Increasing equity, diversity and inclusion in the Canadian space sector](https://www.asc-csa.gc.ca/eng/funding-programs/funding-opportunities/ao/2024-increasing-equity-diversity-and-inclusion-in-the-canadian-space-sector.asp) | ~~Cycle 1: May 9, 2024~~  Cycle 2: September 25, 2024 | ~~Cycle 1: May 16, 2024~~  ~~October~~  Cycle 2: October 2, 2024 |
| NSERC - [Discovery Horizons Grants](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Grants-Subs/DH-HD_eng.asp) | ~~LOI: June 3, 2024~~  Full: TBD | ~~LOI: June 14, 2024~~  Full: October 18, 2024 |
| SSHRC – [Connection Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/connection_grants-subventions_connexion-eng.aspx) | October 21, 2024 | November 1, 2024 |
| SSHRC – [Partnership Development Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_development_grants-subventions_partenariat_developpement-eng.aspx) – [ORS info and deadlines](#_SSHRC_Partnership_Development)  \*Please notify [Ewa Stewart](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) if you are interested in applying.\* | Comprehensive review: October 28, 2024  Admin review: November 4, 2024 | November 15, 2024 |
| CIHR – [Operating Grant: Healthy Cities Research Initiative – Data Analysis Using Existing Databases and Cohorts](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4143&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | November 1, 2024 | November 7, 2024 |
| SSHRC – [Knowledge Synthesis Grants: Envisioning Governance Systems that Work](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/ksg_governance_systems-ssc_systemes_gouvernance-eng.aspx)  \*Please notify [Ewa Stewart](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) if you are interested in applying\*  SSHRC Webinar: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 @ 11:00 Register [here](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/envisioning-governance-systems-that-work-information-webinar-tickets-951498847667?aff=oddtdtcreator) | November 28, 2024 | December 12, 2024 |

**Ongoing Opportunities – No Deadline**

**Notify ORS of your intention to apply a minimum of 3 weeks before you intend to submit your proposal (unless otherwise specified).**

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| **Agency-Program** |
| **City Studio Durham:** [**matching students with real-world projects**](https://www.durham.ca/en/citystudio/index.aspx)   * Contact [anna.kristoffersen@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:anna.kristoffersen@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 [anna.kristoffersen@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:danielle.saney@ontariotechu.ca) |
| **NSERC Alliance**   * [NSERC Alliance](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/innovate-innover/alliance-alliance/index_eng.asp) – [Internal ORS Info](#_Mitacs_Funding_Update_1) * [NSERC Alliance International](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/AllianceInternational-AllianceInternational/index_eng.asp) – [Internal ORS Info.](#_NSERC_Alliance_International) |
| **NSERC** [**Idea to Innovation**](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/I2I-Innov_eng.asp) **Grant**  The objective of Idea to Innovation (I2I) grants is to accelerate the pre-competitive development of promising technology originating from the university and college sector, and to promote its transfer to a new or established Canadian company. I2I grants provide funding to college and university faculty members to support research and development projects with recognized technology transfer potential. This is achieved through defined phases by providing crucial assistance in the early stages of technology validation and market connection.   * Notify IP Officer[**Walter Chan**](mailto:Walter.Chan@ontariotechu.ca)as soon as possible if you are interested in applying. * Applications must be submitted to ORS **a minimum of one month** before the NSERC deadline. * Please review [ORS information and deadlines](#_NSERC_I2I_GRANTS) below |
| **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) * [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](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 **six to eight weeks** 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 ten 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

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## Mitacs program update and internal process - Accelerate internship unit limits for Ontario Tech researchers

**About the Mitacs Accelerate Program:**

The [Mitacs Accelerate](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/accelerate) program matches an industry or not-for-profit partner’s contribution to the cost of a collaborative internship project. Students and/or PDFs can receive up to $15,000 in funding for each internship unit (IU). Each IU represents $7,500 in funding from the project partner (subject to applicable tax) matched with $7,500 from Mitacs per each 4-6 month period of work completed.

The Mitacs participant completes half of their internship on-site with the industry partner and the other half at the university under faculty supervision. The Mitacs participant is responsible for completing a report about the project that is reviewed by their faculty supervisor and presented to the industry partner.

**Recent Changes to the Mitacs Accelerate Program:**

Due to financial constraints in the 2024/25 fiscal year, Mitacs has issued **a submission allowance for the Accelerate program**. This allowance in effect limits the total number of internship units that can be submitted for the 2024/25 fiscal year by an academic institution. In addition due to the current financial constraints, **Mitacs is encouraging projects with a high proportion of named interns (over 50% named internship units) and which are less than 2 years in duration.**

For the 2024/25 fiscal year Ontario Tech is limited to submit a total of 100 internship units for the Accelerate Program. The 2024/25 fiscal year runs April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

**How will Ontario Tech administer the Accelerate allowance?**

Ontario Tech’s three year average participation in the Accelerate program was 142 internship units, with an average of 7 internship units per application. A large portion of the Ontario Tech research community have participated in and benefited from the Mitacs Accelerate program. We anticipate that the demand for internship units in the 2024/25 fiscal year will exceed our allowance.

To administer the Accelerate internship allowance equitably the Vice-President Research and Innovation has determined that **for the 2024/25 fiscal year each Ontario Tech researcher will be limited to a total of seven internship units for Accelerate projects.** The seven internship unit limit will apply as follows:

* Internship units will be allocated to projects as they are submitted on a first come first serve basis. Once Ontario Tech’s limit of 100 internship units has been reached, no further Accelerate projects may be submitted.
* Each researcher is limited to a total of seven internship units for Accelerate projects. **This is an overall limit for internship units submitted during the 2024/25 fiscal year, not a per project limit.** The limit can be requested during a single application or spread across multiple applications.
* The Accelerate internship unit limit applies across all Accelerate programs including: standard domestic Accelerate, Accelerate Entrepreneur, Accelerate International and the joint NSERC Alliance-Mitacs Accelerate program. The Accelerate internship unit limit will also apply to any funded extensions (where the partner and Mitacs are contributing additional money for additional IUs to the project) for current active Accelerate projects.
* The internship limit applies to all internship units submitted during the 2024/25 fiscal year, regardless of when the internship units will be activated. As a result, projects with named interns which can be delivered within this fiscal period are strongly encouraged. For multi year projects, it may be preferred to break the work up into phases and only apply for the first phase during the 2024/25 fiscal year.

We remain hopeful that Mitacs will successfully secure additional funding and that the allowance is not a permanent feature of the Accelerate program.

**\*\*Mandatory next steps *before* initiating a new Mitacs Accelerate application:**

Given the current constraints on the Mitacs Accelerate program, all researchers are asked to connect with their [Grants Officer](https://research.ontariotechu.ca/contacts.php) (refer to contact list below) in the Office of Research Services (ORS) ***before*** initiating any Accelerate application via their online application portal and/or drafting an Accelerate application. ORS will confirm the availability of the required IUs and then connect the researcher to our Mitacs Business Development Advisor to start working on the application.

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**

**Does the internship unit allowance impact other Mitacs programs?**

The internship limit only applies to Accelerate programs. Mitacs Globalink, Elevate and BSI are not impacted.

**Does the Accelerate allowance and researcher limit of seven internship units apply to projects already approved or currently under review?**

The Accelerate allowance and research limit of seven internship units only applies to new Accelerate projects submitted during the 2024/25 fiscal year (i.e. April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025). Accelerate projects already approved or those that were previously submitted and currently under Mitacs review are not impacted.

**How long with the restriction on Accelerate internship units last?**

At present the Accelerate allowance only applies to internship units submitted in the 2024/25 fiscal year: April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

**Are there any exceptions to the researcher limit of seven internship units?**

For now the Mitacs allowance of 100 internship units is firm. For projects in development that require more than seven internship units per Ontario Tech researcher, a case for an exception will be considered by the Vice-President Research and Innovation in exceptional circumstances and subject to the availability of internship units in our remaining allowance. Requests for a one-time exception can be sent directly to [Les Jacobs](mailto:les.jacobs@ontariotechu.ca), Vice-President Research and Innovation.

**Who do I contact if I have further questions on the Accelerate internship unit limit or if I have an idea for an Accelerate project?**

Please direct any questions to the Grants Officers in the Office of Research Services:

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

[Raluca Dubrowski](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca) (FS, FHS)

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

## Introducing new measures to safeguard research in Canada

The federal government has tasked the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the other research granting agencies with implementing new measures to safeguard research done in Canada, with an emphasis on protecting it against risks to national and economic security.

Two new measures are coming into force at CIHR as of May 1, 2024. The first measure, the [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=j1KfTekrzxG3eUnHWEePdixZNlB-Co0K3iyXKpxUuSo03tBaN4lJGom-9XP1D1EAr2Ci_GlJ_8HKApj2FcoSptfqXTTN7zjRovDnFC266hAF7rSpunbL8mydpEG16JPNeHFG117vA8BG78HJucDuOqDofbP0P16YsiEnlHHOJ9-ZFuIKa0U-gSyCksnQtOXTacYBmBf_5P-ImyQ5B9tXjjY4dTgcXwfUUeaThPHwtkDSktehK0UfHRG_yt4_5EpcSM2Frtn48B3AjDO0rpuflajZy70CeWl4EIfnxa6E_b3syKg9P4tpOnXATsd5RC51uupzhBQZ2eHdWEp7BJZYJp1joISoyTI5a-1ERU1uSTCbFJtWDOF7Vb42qb0AaZFPSGz8blHvf1QiI3pLI7rfVb9sOP7MVvhFus7v5NHnzsGJ5yyatohmxsJduqv_u3qc), applies to research proposals that involve partner organizations from the private sector. The second measure, the [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=-1GoDV7MD1HkpsVdmzvIUaccC7EVm9E-kGyOQWwjn3NQw8a-HLeutVeCXGvBXqx-DgsSx53IKUHF2LKEw2ryKMpSgTjOdq4n0SlTghZY7GTVgQ9Nbb4nCMN8QgYfqgd6C8LX3po0iDhmBTW6qPgLtbOtNQK1os8okXJ1oNfgRfdGV6nCY7UIsp2QrUCZfuZ0E9qLfJUvrkYUKN3yaE3aVCfCpKRLkYMxJdfmZUUco4LUMAzY2Nlv3D--wIHU90NKJBvVuDuhhDufbDaPj4qcIIbYBHzxyGR5BaYcbS_-6NgGJ0pu3gGxr9yOlf_V2sy7C-X2JZ0HhFytE0ZfCwTwO6pcn9VXv5NJiL5dCL9uk0M=), applies to research that aims to advance a [sensitive technology research area](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=7hFH_SG34DZom8IY1_U8JG-zK4HoxKDM6wSZtEK6wrxDGoNYxQ3GAt5kGPuS98npF7NjWpSflOJ4rPyln7PJWwR2SBRWc0328mJQLEF-Yyp-ZnslcCYb6FZTcCL0T5bA0I6eF7FbayTx2wqRgDoC18Ww3TxDq71Mch9ZpwDVSCTXPgzcXe2mynMo-q1ueETHb_05AeP-KUQPuw2PAQ_ug0fPGsVeMgxhMKHEAFdK0H2GgJZepkjBDXFPPb2TJmvsTnmrdlaX6G1X2dmStuXX04twEnX-J13HN9JJb3EgGYFWepClSH65xjAIH98l_yZKFEmkw-77zL_NB-VRjoTb4Q==).

For the moment, the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships will only apply to the Fall 2024 Project Grant competition, launching on July 4, 2024. The Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern will apply to most grant funding opportunities (including the Project grant competition) launched as of May 1, 2024.

Both new measures may involve additional steps during the application process, depending on if an applicant’s research proposal is in scope.

Please see [CIHR’s new research security page](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=XBu12Cz0SQzkzKbefKyN2XnschDZlD9edMY9lqJ59BLsAnTagYiytwFSUs2J4ggUfBDM_eUCS0Bz31NDD86F5peds0_MWKBA8ogjRs4UT1nnQNU2NYov_2D1OUkgwjIflUFSNrJ4vB6mQJU04rPGF51cn3oCVxr9bbPdekHoYilsPkEODkXSq2yvWFzmJvxE) for answers to your most common questions. General information can also be found on the [Tri-agency guidance on research security page](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=Dq5BmWfRkd6pt3cs7wSMOIse6pknc30pAz9Wiv_VSbb4MPrUHdbdgz7ZfyOtkBgVk_fWHWBOaiJ8Z8hYzULIttJ9H2Oh1x4QL6GYEP4Qck96XEzrDpBNlGs5iWeO4R-_L_fG_dyf_wlxuDIsHP_SldJoFaSp0G8hqFz3L1vkBYF1kOBK8P_9gsbcX6TcLvbrsWk8drgMNQFumykoDjPAATu4-TOLF-kC0Qj_VcU5aNY=).

CIHR would be grateful for your help in spreading the word at your institutions and among your networks and is pleased to continue our research discussions at our monthly University Delegates meetings.

If you still have questions, please don’t hesitate to email [support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca).

Regards,

Sincerely,

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research

## Changes to Points of Contact - Partnerships Team

The Office of Research Services (ORS) is the central co-ordination point for Ontario Tech University’s research and innovation activities. ORS supports faculty members with the following support services: grants and award development, partnerships development, research contract negotiation and execution, intellectual property support, and research ethics (animal and human) and safety services (radiation and biosafety).

***ORS would like to inform Ontario Tech University faculty members and the relevant administrative offices of the following changes to the points of contact.***

**Partnership Development Support:**

**Manager of Partnerships:**

* **April 2024 – August 2024: Candi Thayer, Senior Legal Counsel**, will temporarily oversee the Research Partnerships Team in addition to managing the Research Legal Team.
* **August 2024 – June 2025**: **Julia Armstrong will be returning from maternity** leave and will be the Interim Manager, Research Partnerships.

The current Manager, Research Partnerships, Danielle Saney, continues her maternity leave.

**New Hires:**

**Effective July 2, 2024**, **Dr. Victoria Nash-Woolley**, joins ORS as a Research Partnerships Officer.  Victoria has a PhD in Life Sciences from the University of Warwick. She has worked at the University of Greenwich where she developed strategies to control insect pests on smallholder farms in East Africa and at Crop Health and Protection (CHAP), supporting innovation in the UK agri-tech sector.

**Effective July 8, 2024**, **Dr. Daniel Huizenga**, joins ORS as a Research Partnerships Officer.  Prior to joining Ontario Tech University, Daniel was the manager of Social Innovation Research at Centennial College.  He has a PhD in Sociolegal studies from York University, an LLM from Osgoode Hall Law School, and he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Human Geography at the University of Toronto Scarborough.

**Faculty Partnership Support:**

* **Effective July 2, 2024, Victoria Nash-Woolley, Research Partnerships Officer**, will be the point of contact for the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science.
* **Effective July 2, 2024, Anna Kristoffersen, current Research Partnerships Officer**, will be the main point of contact for the following Faculties:
  + Science
  + Health Sciences
  + Special projects: TeachingCity and CityStudio Initiatives
* **Effective July 8, 2024, Daniel Huizenga, Research Partnerships Officer**, will be the point of contact for the following Faculties:
  + Business and Information Technology
  + Education
  + Social Science and Humanities.

If you have an active file being managed by Candi/Research Legal Team or Anna, they will notify you of any transfer of such file(s) in accordance with the above referenced portfolios.

**Partnerships Team Faculty Divisions (effective July 2024):**

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| **Faculty** | **Victoria Nash-Woolley** | [**Anna Kristoffersen**](mailto:julia.armstrong@ontariotechu.ca) | **Daniel Huizenga** |
| **Business and Information Technology** |  |  | X |
| **Social Science and Humanities** |  |  | X |
| **Education** |  |  | X |
| **Health Sciences** |  | X |  |
| **Science** |  | X |  |
| **Engineering and Applied Science** | X |  |  |
| **CityStudio** |  | X |  |
| **TeachingCity** |  | X |  |

Queries regarding this transition may be directed to Candi Thayer, [candi.thayer@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:candi.thayer@ontariotechu.ca).

During this transition, we ask for your continued patience and understanding as we work to provide quality support and ensure continuity of services.

## Multifactor authentication is coming to ResearchNet

CIHR will be implementing multifactor authentication in ResearchNet on September 18, 2024.

Multifactor authentication (or MFA) is a way of confirming the identity of a user that involves checking two different proofs of identity before they are given access to a website or application. It is commonly used for online banking, social media accounts and other applications.

**What you need to know**

The MFA process will be triggered when a user signs into ResearchNet. In order to access the application, users will be required to enter a code that is sent to the email address connected to their ResearchNet account profile. Should their session be timed out after 60 minutes of inactivity, users will need to re-authenticate themselves using MFA.

It is important that everyone with a ResearchNet account double checks that they have access to the email address connected to their account profile before September 18. This will ensure users have uninterrupted access to ResearchNet and can log in without seeking assistance from the [Contact Centre](mailto:support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca). To verify the email address connected to your ResearchNet account, please refer to the steps outlined in the [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53938.html).

Applicants are reminded that they can use the Manage Access task in ResearchNet to delegate access to their application easily and securely to a set number of individuals. For additional information on the Manage Access task, please consult the [Frequently Asked Questions](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53537.html).

We would appreciate your help in spreading the word at your institution and among the members of your network. We will be looking to raise awareness of this coming change through a newsletter and social media campaign.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to the Contact Centre at [support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca) or 1-888-603-4178.

## IDEaS Innovator Update

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| A white background with dots and lines  Description automatically generated   |  | | --- | | **New challenges launched by the Canadian Safety and Security Program**  A close-up of a person holding a tablet  Description automatically generated  The Canadian Safety and Security Program has launched [eight new challenges](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/canadian-safety-and-security-program/call-proposals-2024) to improve safety and security capabilities through science and technology. Funding will be available for innovative solutions to the following eight challenges:   * Wildfire firefighting ‘’Common operating picture’’; * Community resilience research; * Biometrics for defence and security; * Border security and domain awareness; * Position, navigation, and timing; * Detection of threat materials; * Preparation for neglected, emerging, and re-emerging diseases; and, * Risk reduction for small modular reactors (SMRs) and radiological-nuclear (RN) materials.   Submit your application by **September 18, 2024, 14:00 EDT**.  [Apply now](https://canadabuys.canada.ca/en/tender-opportunities/tender-notice/ws4601062533-doc4610284689)!  *The IDEaS team* | |  | |

## Multi-Factor Authentication in the Convergence Portal

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) are implementing [Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.getcybersafe.gc.ca%2Fen%2Fsecure-your-accounts%2Fmulti-factor-authentication%23defn-multi-factor-authentication&data=05%7C02%7CKwame.Bonsu%40NSERC-CRSNG.GC.CA%7C98dec7785f3c444dad0308dc4915f1ba%7Cfbef079820e34be7bdc8372032610f65%7C1%7C0%7C638465605791981575%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8B8YzqRi5FSuNW%2FtSIFGb8nmaAW0b6CJP2IHE5cyXXI%3D&reserved=0) in the Convergence Portal, as mandated by Government of Canada security policies. MFA has been an optional feature since January 2024, but as of **May 2, 2024**, it will become a **mandatory** login requirement for Convergence Portal users.

**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?**

MFA is being implemented to comply with Government of Canada security policies, as well as the Convergence terms and conditions.

**How will this impact me?**

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| * If you chose not to opt in during the optional period, you will be required to provide additional authentication to sign into your Convergence Portal account on May 2, 2024. * You will have the option to select your preferred method of authentication (email, text message or through an authenticator app). |

**What if I have questions or need assistance?**

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| * For technical inquiries or assistance, please visit the [Have questions?](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.convergence.gc.ca%2Fen%2Fquestions-questions%2F&data=05%7C02%7CKwame.Bonsu%40NSERC-CRSNG.GC.CA%7C98dec7785f3c444dad0308dc4915f1ba%7Cfbef079820e34be7bdc8372032610f65%7C1%7C0%7C638465605792004786%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9u2rOC2Fdjh7ucL2s%2B%2FVZdzlbTUYZed95GfTWE1RxZE%3D&reserved=0) page within the Convergence Portal. * You may also contact Web Support: Local: 613-995-4273 Toll Free: 1-855-275-2861 Email: [websupport@convergence.gc.ca](mailto:websupport@convergence.gc.ca) |

## Updated Process for Externally-led Proposals for the 2025 CFI Innovation Fund (IF)

**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.

**Internal Application Process for Externally-led Proposals**

**Ontario Tech researchers who are participating in an Innovation Fund proposal being led by another institution where a contribution from Ontario Tech's CFI envelope is being requested by the lead institution must submit an internal Letter of Intent (iLOI).**  Please review the attached materials for full application instructions and requirements.

The requests will be reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Vice-President Research and Innovation, subject to the availability of funds. Allocations are not guaranteed. The VPRI may recommend a reduction to the amount of CFI-envelope requested.

If you don't require access to the University's CFI allocation, we'd still like to know if you are collaborator on an Innovation Fund proposal. Please send an email to [Laura Rendl](mailto:laura.rendl@ontariotechu.ca) to advise of the application.

**Ontario Tech Institutional Envelope Available for Externally-led Proposals**

**Ontario Tech has $800,000\* in CFI envelope available for externally-led proposals**

* 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).
* This allocation is intended to support Ontario Tech’s participation in several externally-led proposals. Please be mindful of the budget when making requests for support.
* 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 by the VPRI. The VPRI may recommend a reduction to the CFI-envelope amount requested.**

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.*

**Attached Resources:**

* CFI IF – Updated Process for Externally-led Proposals 
* CFI IF – internal Letter of Intent Form and Proposal Instructions for Externally-led Proposals 
* 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)

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## Mitacs Accelerate New Application Portal

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## Release of the Federal Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC)

In response to the [February 14, 2023 Tri-Ministerial statement](https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2023/02/statement-from-minister-champagne-minister-duclos-and-minister-mendicino-on-protecting-canadas-research.html), the Government of Canada has now released the [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC)](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/policy-sensitive-technology-research-and-affiliations-concern), along with two accompanying lists:

* [Sensitive Technology Research Areas](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/sensitive-technology-research-areas) (List 1); the focus is on the **advancement** of a listed technology or its capabilities during the course of the proposed research project, rather than merely its use
* [Named Research Organizations](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/named-research-organizations) (List 2); note that this list is meant to be country-agnostic and focuses on specific threats identified with regards to the military, national defense, or state security entities that could pose a risk to our national security; it does not target or profile any group of people or country

The policy states that starting in early 2024, research grant and funding applications submitted by a university or affiliated research institution to the federal granting councils and the Canada Foundation for Innovation involving research that advances a **sensitive technology research area** (List 1) will not be funded if any of the **researchers** involved in **activities supported by the grant** are **affiliated** with, or **in receipt of funding or in-kind support, from a university, research institute or laboratory** connected to military, national defense, or state security **entities** that could pose a risk to Canada’s national security (List 2).

[Definitions](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/policy-sensitive-technology-research-and-affiliations-concern#section3) are provided in the policy and more information can be found in the [Frequently Asked Questions](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/frequently-asked-questions-faq-policy-sensitive-technology-research-and-affiliations-concern).

Some key points:

* Policy applies to Tri-Agency (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR), New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF), Canada Research Chairs (CRC) and Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) research grants
* Policy does not apply to Tri-Agency student/postdoctoral scholarships and fellowships
* Implementation is expected to begin with funding opportunities that open May 1, 2024 or later
* Both lists are evergreen and could be updated in the future; it is likely that the STRA list will become more specific over time while the NRO list could eventually include other research organizations
* There will be a common attestation form used across agencies; the form is expected to be published in March and more information will be available at that time
* Validation of the attestations will be conducted by national security departments and agencies in collaboration with the relevant funding organization(s) through a random sampling of funded applications. Any misrepresentation may constitute a breach of the [Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research](https://rcr.ethics.gc.ca/eng/framework-cadre-2021.html) (RCR). Recourse for breaches of the RCR Framework varies by severity, intentionality, and impact of the breach, but may include and is not limited to: withholding installments of and/or termination of the grant; a requirement to reimburse funds; and ineligibility to hold/apply for federal funding, for a defined period of time or permanently
* The STRAC policy and attestation process is distinct from the [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/national-security-guidelines-research-partnerships/national-security-guidelines-research-partnerships-risk-assessment-form) and Risk Assessment Form, and in some cases both will apply (eg. NSERC Alliance)
* The [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships’ Annex A](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/national-security-guidelines-research-partnerships#annex-a) has been updated to align with the new list of [Sensitive Technology Research Areas](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/sensitive-technology-research-areas)
* Effective immediately, for any NSERC Alliance applications that are referred for advice from Canada’s national security departments and agencies following the [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships’ Risk Assessment Review Process](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/risk-assessment-review-process), the national security assessment conducted will consider research affiliations of concern

We encourage you to consult the list of [Named Research Organizations](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/named-research-organizations) and proactively assess whether you have any affiliations or are in receipt of funding from any named entities that may lead to eligibility issues once the policy is implemented.

If you have any questions, or concerns about a new or existing affiliation, please contact **Erin Dwyer, Manager – Safeguarding Research (**[erin.dwyer@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:erin.dwyer@ontariotechu.ca)**)**.

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## 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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## 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.

## CIHR Project Grant – Fall 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** | **August 14 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** | **August 19 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.  **September 4 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).  **September 11 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=4174&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true&language=E). |
| **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=4174&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true&language=E), [peer review manual](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/49564.html), and the [evaluation criteria](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4174&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true&language=E). 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 August 14 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** | January 29 2025 |
| **Grant start date** | April 1 2025 |
| **Questions** | If you have any questions, please contact Raluca Dubrowski ([raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca)). |

**ORS Information Session**

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.

**CIHR Webinars**

CIHR will be hosting the following webinars to support participants with the requirements of the funding opportunity “Fall 2024 Project Grant” and to answer questions on how to apply.

**English Sessions**  
**Duration:** 60 minutes  
**When:** Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 11:00 AM ET | [Join](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGJkNjc2NmUtZDVlOC00MzI4LWJjNDEtODhlMzA5YmIwMjlm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%221ebfccd6-7d44-4806-8ffc-bb521f3acc24%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%223d64eee5-bf04-43c1-a102-ed5734f3d4c7%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a)  
**When:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 1:00 PM ET | [Join](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MmFjNDI2OGUtYTQxNS00Mzg3LTkxZjMtMDFmM2M4Y2FmOTRl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%221ebfccd6-7d44-4806-8ffc-bb521f3acc24%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%223d64eee5-bf04-43c1-a102-ed5734f3d4c7%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a)

**French Sessions**  
**Duration:** 60 minutes **When:** Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 1:00 PM ET | [Join](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MTQ5OWM5OTItMmUwOC00Y2E1LThmMzAtYjM0YzRmZjJiMTIx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%221ebfccd6-7d44-4806-8ffc-bb521f3acc24%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%22fa94ec3f-97d7-44f5-af22-a1e3c0f058e9%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a)  
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**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?prog=4174&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true&language=E)
* [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)

**Attached Documents**

* FAQ for the Project Grant 
* Two knowledge translation resources to help with the development of the knowledge translation/mobilization plan.

## [NSERC PromoScience](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Promoter-Promotion/PromoScience-PromoScience/CallApplication-AppelDemande_eng.asp)

**\*Please submit mandatory NOI to** [**ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca**](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) **by July 22 if you plan on applying\***

**Description**

NSERC's [PromoScience Program](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Promoter-Promotion/PromoScience-PromoScience/Index_eng.asp) offers financial support for organizations working with young Canadians to promote an understanding of science and engineering (including mathematics and technology). Organizations may request funds for up to three years at a time.

PromoScience supports hands-on learning experiences for young students and their teachers. Grants may be used to cover improvements to program content or delivery, as well as for new programs and activities. Grants can also be used to cover operational costs such as salaries, travel, postage, materials and supplies, provided that they relate to the promotion of science and engineering.

Note that **grants may not be used to support research**.

PromoScience encourages a wide variety of organizations to help young Canadians in elementary school and high school, and their teachers, to develop science and engineering skills and interests. **Organizations that encourage Indigenous undergraduate students to pursue graduate studies in natural sciences and engineering (NSE) are additionally eligible.**

PromoScience grants support organizations that:

* work with young Canadians to inspire an interest in science and engineering
* motivate young people to study science and engineering and to pursue careers in these fields
* bring interactive, hands-on science experiences to young people

These include organizations that:

* focus on underrepresented groups in NSE careers
* provide instruction and resources to science, math and technology teachers

**\*MANDATORY INTERNAL NOI\***

**NSERC limits the number of PromoScience applications that the university can submit to** **one per department/Faculty per competition year**. As such, if we receive more than one application per department/Faculty**, each department/Faculty will decide which application will move forward to the national competition.**

**If you are interested in applying to the NSERC PromoScience program, please submit the mandatory Notice of Intent to Apply to** [**ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca**](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) **by Monday, July 22.**

Please submit a 250-word executive summary of the proposed project that you would like to submit to the PromoScience Grant program. Please outline:

* the nature and goals of the project
* the number of youth or teachers to be reached
* an overview of how the PromoScience funding would be spent

Additionally, please include:

* a list of other sources of funding for the project (**NSERC PromoScience provides a maximum of $200,000/ year for three years and NSERC will only fund 1/3 of the total project costs**; you must secure the other 2/3 from other sources (the university, partner organizations, etc.))

If more than one NOI is received in your Faculty/department, the Dean or designate will select the project that will move forward to the full application stage. Selected applicants will be notified by July 29 and will develop their full application package and submit to ORS for review by September 3.

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| **Deadlines** | Mandatory notification of intent to apply to ORS (by email to [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)): **July 22**  ORS deadline for comprehensive review + RGA: September 3  NSERC deadline: **September 16** |
| **Value** | Up to $200,000 per year  *NSERC will not fund 100% of the costs of a proposed activity. NSERC’s contribution is generally up to one-third of a program’s funding. If your request deviates significantly from the one-third guideline, demonstrate your efforts to secure other sources of funding in the budget section of your application. The maximum allowable request is $200,000/year for three years.* |
| **Duration** | Up to 3 years |
| **How to apply** | 1. Read [program guidelines and application instructions](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Promoter-Promotion/PromoScience-PromoScience/CallApplication-AppelDemande_eng.asp). 2. Submit NOI with 250-word executive summary of proposed project to [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) by July 22. 3. If selected to move forward, complete the [PromoScience application summary form](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/Promoter-Promotion/promoappl.pdf), the proposal (use [selection criteria and indicators](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Promoter-Promotion/PromoScience-PromoScience/Criteria-Criteres_eng.asp) as headings and subheadings, [budget](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Promoter-Promotion/PromoScience-PromoScience/Budget-Budget_eng.asp) and budget justification 4. Request and obtain up to 6 Letters of Support (especially to confirm cash and inkind contributions; University applicants are strongly encouraged to include a letter of commitment from the host institution) 5. Submit the full application, including budget and letters of support, and an [RGA form](https://shared.ontariotechu.ca/shared/department/research/documents/policies-and-procedure-form/rga-form-e-signatures.docx) signed by your Dean by September 3 to allow time for the ORS review and to obtain signatures. **The** [**Application Summary Form**](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/Promoter-Promotion/promoappl.pdf) **must be signed by an ORS representative prior to submission.** 6. Applications must be submitted **electronically** using NSERC’s [ICSP secure submission site](https://competitions2.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/sites/500001/993/Home.aspx) by September 16. All the parts of your application must be combined into a single document in portable document format (PDF). Zip files and PDF portfolios will not be accepted. Material or updates to your application received separately (before or after the deadline date) will not be accepted. |
| **For more information** | [promoscience@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:promoscience@nserc-crsng.gc.ca)  or Ewa Stewart, Grants Officer [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) |

## SSHRC Insight Grant - October 2024 Competition

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

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| **Program Summary** | |
| **Deadlines** | ORS Comprehensive Review (optional): September 4, 2024  FBIT and FSSH Faculty Deadline: September 18, 2024  ORS Administrative Review (mandatory): September 23, 2024  **SSHRC Deadline: October 1, 2024** |
| **Value** | Stream A: $7,000 to $100,000 Stream B: $100,001 to $400,000 |
| **Duration** | 2 to 5 years |
| **Results announced** | April 2025 |
| **How to Apply** | 1. Notify Ewa Stewart, Grant Officer ([ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)) of your intention to apply. 2. Review the [program guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_grants-subventions_savoir-eng.aspx) and [application instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/ig-ss/applicant-candidat-eng.aspx). 3. Create and complete an application and SSHRC CV in the [SSHRC Web Portal](https://webapps.nserc.ca/SSHRC/faces/logon.jsp?lang=en_CA). We encourage you to consult Ewa as necessary with any questions during proposal development and take advantage of ORS comprehensive review and/or peer review honorarium program. 4. Submit the full application and [RGA form](https://shared.ontariotechu.ca/shared/department/research/documents/policies-and-procedure-form/rga-form-e-signatures.docx) signed by your Dean to Ewa for mandatory internal administrative review by September 23, 2024, at the latest. 5. Submit the application to SSHRC on or before October 1, 2024. |
| **For more information** | Ewa Stewart, Grants Officer:  [Ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)  SSHRC Insight Grant Program Officer:  [insightgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:insightgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) |

**Description**

[Insight Grants](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_grants-subventions_savoir-eng.aspx) support research excellence in the social sciences and humanities. Funding is available to both [emerging](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a12) and [established](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a21) scholars for research initiatives of two to five years. Stable support for long-term research initiatives is central to advancing knowledge. It enables scholars to address complex issues pertaining to individuals and societies, and to further our collective understanding.

Insight Grants support research proposed by scholars and judged worthy of funding by their peers and/or other experts. Insight Grant research initiatives may be undertaken by an individual researcher or a team of researchers working in collaboration.

Applicants choose from one of two streams, depending on the amount of funding required. Both streams will be adjudicated by the same committees, and will receive the same rigorous level of merit review. The deadlines and application process are identical for both; however, the targeted success rate for Stream A is higher than for Stream B.

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).

**Eligibility - Subject matter**

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

Projects whose primary objective is curriculum development, program evaluation, preparation of teaching materials, organization of a conference or workshop, digitization of a collection, or creation of a database are not eligible for funding under this funding opportunity. SSHRC funds social sciences and humanities research involving any disciplines, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas that align with the [SSHRC mandate.](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/mandate-mandat-eng.aspx) SSHRC places restrictions on health-related research, and will not fund research which is considered better aligned with the other two agencies (NSERC or CIHR).

**If you are not sure of the eligibility of your proposed research under this funding opportunity,** **please contact** [**Ewa Stewart**](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) **as soon as possible to consult about subject matter eligibility.**

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

**Eligibility - Applicants**

Applications may be submitted by an individual researcher or a team of researchers (consisting of one [applicant](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a1) and one or more [co-applicants](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a4) and/or [collaborators](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a5)). Applicants (except postdoctoral researchers and PhD students) must be affiliated with an [eligible Canadian postsecondary institution](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/policies-politiques/statements-enonces/institutional_eligibility-admissibilite_etablissements-eng.aspx) at the time of application and before funding can be released. Researchers who maintain an affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution, but whose primary affiliation is with a non-Canadian postsecondary institution, are not eligible for [applicant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a1) status.

Applicants who have received a SSHRC grant of any type but have failed to submit an [end-of-grant report](http://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.

**Individuals may apply, as an**[**applicant**](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a1)**, for only one Insight Grant at a time**. (An individual can be listed as a co-applicant or collaborator on any number of applications.) Individuals listed as co-applicants must meet the same eligibility criteria as Applicants. 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.

**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 five months of the grant start date (i.e., by September 2025 for the current competition), and maintain such an affiliation for the duration of the grant period.

Normally, researchers may not apply as an applicant for an Insight Grant and an [Insight Development Grant](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx) within the same calendar year. **However, in 2017, SSHRC approved an exception to this regulation to allow researchers who applied unsuccessfully for an Insight Development Grant in February to apply for an Insight Grant in October. SSHRC will extend this exception to the multiple applications regulations for the foreseeable future.** Therefore, researchers who applied for an Insight Development Grant in February 2024 and were not successful may apply for an Insight Grant in October 2024. A researcher who applies for an Insight Grant in October 2024 may apply for an Insight Development Grant in February 2025, provided that the objectives of the research are significantly different.

**Deadlines**

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| **Detailed Timeline** | **Deadlines** |
| **Office of Research Services (ORS) Comprehensive Review**   * ORS guarantees an in-depth review on all submitted application components (application form, budget, proposal, CV, etc.). * ***Subject matter review***: ORS review is often well complemented by the review of a disciplinary expert who can further assess the scholarly merit of your proposal. You are therefore encouraged to also solicit colleagues to act as peer reviewers to help refine your grant proposal in tandem with the ORS review.   **\*NOTE\*** A Grants Officer will aim to review applications received after the above Comprehensive Review deadline up until the Final Review deadline. However, the level of review will depend on the volume of applications 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.  **\*NOTE\*** If you are reapplying after an unsuccessful submission, please include your past Evaluation Group comments along with your draft | **September 4, 2024** |
| **Internal Faculty Review deadline (Faculty of Social Science and Humanities and the Faculty of Business and IT only)**   * Send your complete application and RGA form to your dean/ associate dean for faculty review and internal approvals. | **September 18, 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   Submit your application by email to  [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)  Applications must be accompanied by a [Research Grant/Contract Authorization (RGA) form](https://shared.ontariotechu.ca/shared/department/research/documents/policies-and-procedure-form/rga-form-e-signatures.docx) signed by your Dean. | **September 23, 2024**  **At 9:00 am**  **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*. * Submit applications through the online system **by 9:00 am** to allow time to resolve any last-minute technical issues. | **October 1, 2024 at 9:00 am**  **Mandatory for all applicants** |

**New this year: Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC) and Applicant Attestation**

On January 16, 2024, the Government of Canada published its [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/sensitive-technology-research-and-affiliations-concern) (STRAC), which applies to this funding opportunity. Grant applications that involve conducting research and related activities that aim to advance a sensitive technology research area will not be funded if any of the researchers involved in activities supported by the grant are affiliated with, or in receipt of funding or in-kind support from, a university, research institute or laboratory connected to military, national defence or state security entities that could pose a risk to Canada's national security. Read the [tri-agency guidance](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/RS-SR/strac-rtsap_eng.asp) on the STRAC policy to understand how this may impact your application.

In accordance with the [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/sensitive-technology-research-and-affiliations-concern) (STRAC), all researchers involved in activities funded by a grant that aims to advance a [Sensitive Technology Research Area (STRA)](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/sensitive-technology-research-areas) must review the [List of Named Research Organizations](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/named-research-organizations) (NROs) and attest that they are not affiliated with, or receiving funding or in-kind support from any listed NRO.

**If your research activities are advancing a Sensitive Technology Research Area, you must submit**[**attestation forms**](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/RS-SR/_doc/Attestation_e.pdf)**from the applicant, co-applicants and collaborators, as applicable, certifying that they have read, understand, and are compliant with this policy.** Should your application be successful, you and your research team(s) will also be required to comply with the policy **for the duration of the grant that aim to advance one or more STRAs.**

**ORS Information Session (see attached calendar invitation)**

ORS is holding a virtual information session featuring a brief program overview, followed by an in-depth discussion and Q&A session with SSHRC IG Merit Review Committee Member Dr. Meghann Lloyd, Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences  (Committee 435-12A: Education).

**Date:**  Thursday, August 15, 2023 - 1:00-2:30 pm

**Meeting link:**

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|  | **Join this meeting on Google Meet**  [meet.google.com/dgo-ripf-gdg](https://meet.google.com/dgo-ripf-gdg)  Or dial +1 778-729-9374 PIN: 351 077 928#  Dialing in from abroad? [Find a nearby number](https://meet.google.com/tel/dgo-ripf-gdg?hl=)  First-time user? [Learn about Meet](https://gsuite.google.com/learning-center/products/meet/get-started/#!/section-2-3?hl=) |

 Please notify Ewa Stewart, Grants Officer, if you plan to attend – [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca).

**SSHRC Webinars**

SSHRC will hold [a webinar to provide information concerning the upcoming competition via WebEx](https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo-fr/j.php?MTID=mffa61ac63558a49a1d3055e6dc3b7d08), including a question-and-answer session on **August 22, 2024, 1:00-2:30pm** (advance registration is not required).

**Resources:**

* ORS Insight Grant Tipsheet – Fall 2024 Competition **(to come in July)**
* 2024 Insight Grant Competition Deadlines (see attached)
* [Program guidelines](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_grants-subventions_savoir-eng.aspx)
* [Application instructions](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/index-eng.aspx?fid=ig_instr)
* [Co-applicant instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/ig-ss/co-applicant-co-candidat__cv-eng.aspx)
* SSHRC [Guidelines for Cash and In-Kind Contributions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/cash_inkind-especes_en_nature-eng.aspx)
* [SSHRC Guidelines for Effective Research Training](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/effective_research_training-formation_en_recherche_efficace-eng.aspx)
* [SSHRC Guidelines for Effective Knowledge Mobilization](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/knowledge_mobilisation-mobilisation_des_connaissances-eng.aspx)
* [Knowledge Mobilization Toolkit](https://www.cymha.ca/Modules/ResourceHub/?id=03bd6ad5-b2e5-4d9d-91fb-2e7a3a607036)
* [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)
* SSHRC’s [Resource Centre](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/resource_centre-centre_de_ressources-eng.aspx) for information on preparing applications involving research-creation.
* SSHRC’s [Indigenous Research Statement of Principles](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/policies-politiques/statements-enonces/aboriginal_research-recherche_autochtone-eng.aspx) and [Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/merit_review-evaluation_du_merite/guidelines_research-lignes_directrices_recherche-eng.aspx) for applications involving [Indigenous research](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a11)
* [Help: Online Application Form Support](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/forms-formulaires/help_forms-aide_formulaires-eng.aspx)
* [SSHRC Manual for Merit Review Committee Members](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/merit_review-evaluation_du_merite/adjudication_manual-guide_comite_selection-eng.aspx)
* [Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research](http://www.rcr.ethics.gc.ca/eng/framework-cadre.html)
* [Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications](http://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_F6765465.html?OpenDocument)
* [Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp)
* [Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/interagency-research-funding/policies-and-guidelines/research-data-management/tri-agency-research-data-management-policy)
* [SSHRC Guide to preparing a data management plan](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/guides/guide_preparing_data_management_plan-guide_preparation_plan_gestion_donnees-eng.aspx)
* For examples of previously successful applications, please contact Ewa Stewart.

**Questions? Contact:**

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SSHRC Online Application Help:

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

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

Phone: 613-995-4273

E-mail: [webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

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

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

**Description**

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

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

Exploration stream grants support projects that:

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

**\*NEW this round\***

* There are no notable changes. The 2024 competition will continue with two stages: Notice of intent to apply (NOI) and full application. The [Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp) serves as the general guidelines for eligibility of expenses and use of funds related to the direct costs of research. Exceptions to those policies for Exploration grants are noted in the [competition overview](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx).

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| **Notice of intent (NOI) to apply**  **(not adjudicated)** | **Mandatory ORS deadline to submit your NOI in the Convergence Portal (no RGA required): Monday, August 19 2024 at 9 am**  Agency Deadline: Tuesday, August 27 2024 (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time) |
| **Full application** | ORS deadline for comprehensive review: TBD  ORS deadline for administrative review - mandatory: TBD  ORS deadline to submit in Convergence Portal (and send RGA form): TBD  Agency Deadline: Tuesday, November 5 2024 (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time) |
| **Value** | Up to $125,000 per year ($100,000 for direct costs; $25,000 for overhead) |
| **Duration** | Up to 2 years |
| **Competition budget** | A minimum of $25M over two years |
| **Number of grants** | A minimum of 100  A proportion of awards equal to the proportion of applications received from [early career researchers](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4b) will be reserved for them. |
| **Results announced** | By March 31 2025 |
| **Grant Start Date** | March 31 2025 |
| **How to apply** | All applicants must complete the notice of intent to apply and submit a full application through the [Convergence Portal](https://www.convergence.gc.ca/).  See the [Notice of Intent to Apply Guide](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/guide_NOI-guide_AIPD-eng.aspx) and the [Full Application Guide](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/guide_application-guide_demande-eng.aspx) for more information. Other useful resources to assist in the completion of your application include [Best Practices in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx) and the [evaluation matrices](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx). |
| **Webinars** | In preparation for the NOI deadline, **all applicants interested in submitting a NOI are encouraged to participate in one of the two upcoming webinars**. Webinars will be recorded and they will be made available along with the presentation slides to the research administrators after the session.  **NFRFE-2024 - NOI Webinar (English)**  Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 1:00 PM | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)  [Join link](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=H-uLRg9VE30-oo1qYk46HAi8kVJ9xjzawfd_6S-LDroeNwih6gFBSp9OxK_wqSyYakGcs_pTI0fPCT-bq2I0to553_RVcS3J0ochPtoknSy0M5f11JEyojMC8_7AUQTa5oUXg1qN3HsTVitBmtEM6tzg6XUaSVb7ZpKfkd8Iv0nbOyYxOXOcLy2td_TSDL-gSK-75ozOueRfM_gbKVCNXKVTCbfgh8mcjeXVHdT1YD4mHWbEGyxDHI8pCjV-BtBZ)  Webinar number: 2346 543 2566  Webinar password: xHQ5D3uX8mm  (94753389 from phones and video systems)  Join by phone: +1-438-797-4001 Canada Toll (Montreal), Access code: 234 654 32566  **FNFRE-2024 - Webinaire Avis d'intention (French)**  Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 10:00 AM | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)  [Join link](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=_y489kA9jLVRMyVsSewzGN5qggc_ruSFl1-kjUfdzhRA2q2yZu0gSj0kmwzJG5RZaa3pWAEdXQIwvZEcq2MP92OBK3K-not3Jn5Juiq6DzPgiEiqz2fqLnYAb7rrsHJjKuA35rscnGrh3xQhAtv7e9vUo4WfnJzKahM9UY-vYzjq0OixBfGF9kr4vB_eIv-zxBT1fIJ7K4aBH7M7gt6Cc2OHAnggU3d425if7eBTaHJTmu-uyxj1J4fGfDRGm5BI) Webinar number: 2340 187 8916  Webinar password:  WFwnC7gPr82  (93962747 from phones and video systems)  Join by phone: +1-438-797-4001 Canada Toll (Montreal), Access code: 234 018 78916. |
| **For more information** | Consult the [program website](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx), [FAQs](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/faq-eng.aspx) or contact [raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca) |

**Eligibility**

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

To encourage projects that push the boundaries in terms of interdisciplinarity, proposals must be submitted by research teams with at least two individuals. In addition to a [nominated principal investigator](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4c) (NPI), the team must include either a [co-principal investigator](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4d) (co-PI) or a [co-applicant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4e). Teams may include one co-PI and any number of co-applicants and/or [collaborators](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4f).

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

**A proposal is considered to be led by early career researchers (ECRs)** if both the NPI and co-PI (if applicable) are ECRs. An ECR is a researcher within five years from the start date of their first research-related appointment, minus the length of any eligible delays in research (e.g., illness, maternity, parental), as of the first day of the month in which the competition is launched (May 1 2024, for this Exploration competition).

**Subject Matter**

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

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

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

**Resources**

* [Notice of Intent to Apply Guide](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/guide_NOI-guide_AIPD-eng.aspx)
* [Full Application Guide](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/guide_application-guide_demande-eng.aspx)
* [Best Practices in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx)
* [Merit Indicators](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx)
* [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2024/faq-eng.aspx)

## SSHRC Partnership Development Grant - November 2024 Competition

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

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| **Program Summary** | |
| **Deadlines** | ORS Comprehensive Review (optional): October 28, 2024  ORS Administrative Review (mandatory): November 4, 2024  **SSHRC Deadline: November 15, 2024** |
| **Value** | $75,000 to $200,000 |
| **Duration** | 1 to 3 years |
| **Results announced** | March 2025 |
| **How to Apply** | 1. Notify Ewa Stewart, Grant Officer ([ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)) of your intention to apply 2. Review the [program guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_development_grants-subventions_partenariat_developpement-eng.aspx) and [application instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/pdg-sdp/applicant-candidat-eng.aspx) 3. Create and complete an application and SSHRC CV in the [SSHRC Web Portal](https://webapps.nserc.ca/SSHRC/faces/logon.jsp?lang=en_CA) |
| **For more information** | Ewa Stewart, Grants Officer:  [Ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)  SSHRC Partnership Development Grant Program Officer:  [partnershipdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:partnershipdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) |

**Description**

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

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

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

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

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

**Types of partnerships**

There are two categories of partnerships that can request support:

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

**Eligibility - Subject matter**

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

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

**Eligibility - Applicants**

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

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

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

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

**Partner organizations**

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

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

**New this year: Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC) and Applicant Attestation**

On January 16, 2024, the Government of Canada published its [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/sensitive-technology-research-and-affiliations-concern) (STRAC), which applies to this funding opportunity. Grant applications that involve conducting research and related activities that aim to advance a sensitive technology research area will not be funded if any of the researchers involved in activities supported by the grant are affiliated with, or in receipt of funding or in-kind support from, a university, research institute or laboratory connected to military, national defence or state security entities that could pose a risk to Canada's national security. Read the [tri-agency guidance](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/RS-SR/strac-rtsap_eng.asp) on the STRAC policy to understand how this may impact your application.

In accordance with the [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/sensitive-technology-research-and-affiliations-concern) (STRAC), all researchers involved in activities funded by a grant that aims to advance a [Sensitive Technology Research Area (STRA)](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/sensitive-technology-research-areas) must review the [List of Named Research Organizations](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/named-research-organizations) (NROs) and attest that they are not affiliated with, or receiving funding or in-kind support from any listed NRO.

**If your research activities are advancing a Sensitive Technology Research Area, you must submit**[**attestation forms**](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/RS-SR/_doc/Attestation_e.pdf)**from the applicant, co-applicants and collaborators, as applicable, certifying that they have read, understand, and are compliant with this policy.** Should your application be successful, you and your research team(s) will also be required to comply with the policy **for the duration of the grant that aim to advance one or more STRAs.**

**SSHRC Webinars**

Not Scheduled yet. Information will be circulated in August.

**Resources:**

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

**Questions? Contact:**

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SSHRC Partnership Development Grant Program Officer:

[partnershipdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:partnershipdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

SSHRC Online Application Help:

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

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

Phone: 613-995-4273

E-mail: [webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

## 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

[**Alliance Advantage**](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/index_eng.asp) **(formerly Alliance Option 1)**

We would like to bring your attention to the [Alliance Advantage 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==) that has a number of resources that are available to support you in preparing an Alliance proposal, which are outlined below. In addition to the [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](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/instructions_external_reviewers-instructions_evaluatrices_evaluateurs_externes_eng.asp)

[**Alliance Society**](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/Alliance_society-Alliance_societe/index_eng.asp) **(formerly Alliance Option 2)**

To support you in preparing an Alliance Society proposal, NSERC has a [Alliance Society resource webpage](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/Alliance_society-Alliance_societe/resources-ressources_eng.asp)that helps 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 Society applications meet the characteristics and whether they will proceed to the next step of the evaluation.

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

[Alliance Society 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 Grants and literature**

The Alliance literature was recently updated on December 5, 2023 to reflect program changes. 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/Media-Media/NewsDetail-DetailNouvelles_eng.asp?ID=1433) **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](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/101/alliance_eng.asp)

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| Section | Average annual request | | |
|  | **Suggested number of pages per section** | | |
|  | **Up to $75,000/year\*** | **$75,001 to $300,000/year** | **$300,001 to $1,000,000/year** |
| **Background** | 0.5 | 0.75 | 1 |
| **Partnership** | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| **Research plan** | 1.5 | 4 | 11 |
| **Team** | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| **Training plan\*\*** | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| **Impacts and benefits to Canada** | 1 | 1.25 | 2 |
|  | **Maximum total number of pages** | | |
|  | 7 | 11 | 27 |
| **Public impact value proposition (PIVP): Alliance Society applications only** | Add three pages to the maximum above for the PIVP (see [proposal template](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/Proposal_Template-Alliance_Grants2_e.docx)) | | |

\*For Alliance Advantage applications, if there is no existing NSERC peer review for the applicant or one of the co-applicants (with the exception of co-applicants who are Early Career Researchers), external reviewers with expertise directly related to the proposal will be used, and you may submit a maximum of 11 pages.

\*\*NSERC encourages you to dedicate approximately one page of your proposal to describe how equity, diversity and inclusion are considered in your training plan.

* The [Alliance grants (Advantage and Society) application checklist](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/ApplicationChecklist_e.pdf) has been updated.
* To reduce turnaround times, NSERC is changing the threshold at which it will consider an internal review for Alliance Advantage projects from an annual request of $20,000 to $75,000. Internal reviews are typically completed more quickly than external assessments. For more information, see [Alliance Advantage – Review of your application](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/review-examen_eng.asp).
* The Alliance grants [proposal template](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/Proposal_Template-Alliance_Grants2_e.docx) has changed to reflect the revised, streamlined merit criteria. However, applicants with a proposal under way may use the previous proposal template until March 31, 2024.
* 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://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/post_award-apres_loctroi_eng.asp).
* 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://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/partners-partenaires_eng.asp)or [Alliance Society – Partner organizations](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/Alliance_society-Alliance_societe/partners-partenaires_eng.asp).

* 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://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/partners-partenaires_eng.asp)or [Alliance Society – Partner organizations](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/Alliance_society-Alliance_societe/partners-partenaires_eng.asp).
* The [merit criteria](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/Merit_Indicators-Alliance_Grants2_e.pdf) used to evaluate applications have been streamlined, with the number of sub-criteria reduced from 11 to 8. The changes will make assessment more clear-cut for both applicants and reviewers.
* 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://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/funding-financement_eng.asp).
* 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://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/review-examen_eng.asp).
* New modules have been added to the online system to streamline the application process. In the Partnership module, applicants will attest their compliance with the new conflict of interest guidelines and indicate if their partnership involves a private sector organization. For private sector partnerships, applicants must attach the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships’ risk assessment form to its dedicated upload module. These new modules are captured in the validation step to help ensure that submission requirements are met.

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/C2C-CPC_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.

## NSERC I2I GRANTS

Sponsor/Agency: NSERC

Program: Idea to Innovation (I2I) grants

Description:

[I2I grants](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/I2I-Innov_eng.asp) are intended to accelerate the pre-competitive development of promising technology originating from the university and college sector, and to promote its transfer to a new or established Canadian company. I2I grants provide funding to college and university faculty members to support research and development projects with recognized technology transfer potential. This is achieved through defined phases by providing crucial assistance in the early stages of technology validation and market connection.

There are **four distinct funding options**, characterized by the maturity of the technology and the sponsorship of an early-stage investment entity or industrial partner. In the **market assessment phase**, NSERC will share costs of an independent and professional market study with Ontario Tech. In **phase I**, the direct costs of research will be entirely supported by NSERC; in phase II, they will be shared with an early-stage investment entity (**phase IIa**) or a company (**phase IIb**). The technology development may begin with a phase I project (reduction-to-practice stage), followed by a phase II project (technology enhancement); or, if the development is at a later stage, it can start directly with a phase II project. In any case, the combination of phase I and phase II will be limited to a maximum of three years of funding for any given project, and to one grant per phase for the same technology or intellectual property (IP).

**Discoveries must be disclosed by the investigators according to Ontario Tech policy, and the IP must be managed by ORS.** All proposals will be developed in close collaboration with the ORS IP Officer. To comply with I2I program requirements, which include matching cash contributions, IP protection, market promotion, etc., IP rights should be assigned to Ontario Tech.

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| Program Summary | |
| Deadlines | **Deadlines**   * NSERC: **January 8, 2024**   + IP Officer review: **December 11, 2024**   + Administrative check (upload to NSERC portal): **January 1, 2024** * NSERC: **April 2, 2024**   + IP Officer review: **March 5, 2024**   + Administrative check (upload to NSERC portal): **March 26, 2024** * NSERC: **~~June 25, 2024~~ (cancelled)**    + ~~IP Officer review:~~ **~~May 28, 2024~~**   + ~~Administrative check (upload to NSERC portal):~~ **~~June 18, 2024~~** * NSERC: **September 16, 2024**   + IP Officer review: **August 19, 2024**   + Administrative check (upload to NSERC portal): **September 9, 2024**   **Important**: Applications **must be submitted to the IP officer one month prior to the NSERC deadline**, otherwise the applications will be considered for next NSERC deadline. |
| Value | **Market assessment:** NSERC $15,000 (75% of project costs) + Ontario Tech $5,000 for Technology Transfer Activities  **Phase I\***: NSERC $125,000 (100% of project costs)   * Phase Ib Supplement\*: NSERC $60,000 (100% of project costs)   **Phase IIa\*:** NSERC$125,000 (67% of project costs) + Partner $62,500 (33% of project costs)  **Phase IIb\*:** NSERC $350,000 (50% of project costs) + Partner 50% of direct costs through in-kind and cash.   * 40% of the Partner contribution must be cash.   *\*****Note for technology transfer activities****: Half the cost supported by NSERC up to a maximum of 10% of the award. Institution or partner must cover the other half. (e.g. Phase I - $125,000: NSERC will support a maximum of $12,500 for tech transfer activities and Institution/partner must provide: $12,500).* |
| Duration | **Market assessment:** up to one year  **Phase I:** up to one year   * **Phase Ib Supplement:** 6 months   **Phase IIa:** from 6 to 18 months  **Phase IIb:** up to two years |
| How to Apply | 1. Notify the IP Officer as soon as possible if you are interested in applying. 2. Review the program guidelines (see below), including the eligibility and evaluation criteria. 3. Submit a completed and signed [Invention Disclosure Form](https://research.ontariotechu.ca/faculty/intellectual-property/index.php) to the IP Officer. The IP Officer will assess which I2I phase is appropriate, and follow up with you regarding the IP assignment. 4. Obtain letters of support that demonstrate market need (market assessment and phase I) and interest from a potential (market assessment and phase I) or actual (phase II) sponsor. 5. Complete NSERC Forms 100 and 101. Phase II applications will also require Form 183A. See detailed instructions [here](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/101/i2i_eng.asp). 6. Submit completed NSERC forms with any supplementary documents to the IP Officer for review **one month prior to the desired NSERC cohort deadline**. 7. Submit completed NSERC forms through the [NSERC online system](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/onlineservices-servicesenligne/index_eng.asp) with any supplementary documents (e.g., letters of support, offers of service, signed research agreements, CVs of business mentors) **at least one week prior to the NSERC deadline**. |
| For more information | **IP Officer, ORS**  Walter Chan, [walter.chan@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:walter.chan@ontariotechu.ca) |

Eligibility:

*Eligible activities*

Eligible research and development activities include:

* refining and implementing designs
* verifying application
* conducting field studies
* preparing demonstrations
* building prototypes
* performing beta trials

Eligible technology transfer activities include:

* consulting fees to develop the strategy to protect the technology’s commercial value
* market investigations
* consulting fees for business plan, market survey, etc.
* business mentoring by experienced entrepreneurs
* sharing of patenting expenses
* expenses associated with creating a partnership (such as travel, etc.)

**ORS must agree that these expenses for technology transfer activities are justified, and commit to covering at least half of their cost.**  Note that for Phase I, Phase Ib, Phase IIa and Phase IIb applications, NSERC may provide technology transfer support up to a maximum of 10% of the total requested amount (i.e., the NSERC contribution will be no more than $12,500 for a $125,000 requested budget). Staff activities are not considered an eligible expense and cannot be used to leverage NSERC funds. Technology transfer expenses related to the proposed technology and incurred previously will not be considered in the cost-sharing of proposed activities.

*Phase eligibility*

**Market assessment phase:** Market assessment projects are designed to enable institutions to conduct a market study for a product, process or technology they plan to develop. The market assessment should precede a phase I proposal if the applicant has not yet developed an understanding of the potential market. It is to be conducted by an experienced professional such as an outside consulting firm. An **offer of service** from the consultant listing the scope, deliverables and other relevant elements is required.

**Phase I:** Phase I reduction-to-practice projects are designed to advance promising technologies in order to attract early-stage investment and/or to build valuable intellectual property (e.g., strengthening the commercial value of the technology, broadening patent claims or strengthening licensing opportunities) in anticipation of transferring the technology to a new or established company. Phase I proposals must be based on strong scientific evidence and present the following elements:

* **The technology must be sufficiently mature.** One of the main reasons why phase I proposals are rejected is that the technology is at too early a stage to be eligible for the I2I grants. The basic parameters of the concept must have already been explored, and sufficient testing should have been done to assess the potential of the innovation to work in a “product” environment or for its intended purpose. **This represents at least technology readiness level (TRL) 4.**
* **There must be a clearly identified and well-described potential market.** A market assessment should have been performed and a technology transfer plan consistent with it developed. Meaningful **letters of support** from potential receptors, end-users/clients and industrial value-chain players may be very useful.
* Involvement of experienced business mentors is recommended when the team is planning to spin off a new company.

Note: NSERC offers an I2I phase Ib supplement. This funding of up to $60,000 for six months can be made available for *successfully completed phase I projects* with high promise to secure an investor or a licensing company.

**Phase II:** Phase II projects are designed to provide scientific or engineering evidence that establishes the technical feasibility and market definition of the technology, process or product. **The science must be substantiated to the point that its end product is easily identifiable, and for phase IIb a prototype or equivalent (TRL 6) must be in existence.** Phase II projects require an early-stage investment entity (phase IIa) or a company (phase IIb) to share the costs of the project. The sponsor is expected to participate actively in planning the project. See below for sponsor eligibility requirements, and refer to the [NSERC page](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/I2I-Innov_eng.asp) for further cost-sharing and other requirements for phases IIa and IIb.

*Eligible sponsors for Phase II*

For Phase II, NSERC will evaluate the eligibility of sponsors before accepting proposals for review. The following organizations may be considered as eligible partners:

**Early-stage investment group:** This term refers to either venture capital, a seed capital funding entity, angel investors, university technology transfer corporations, incubators, or other similar funding or technology transfer organizations. Organizations that have received public funds as seed funding, but are functioning in a competitive environment and are required to achieve self-sufficiency within a pre-determined time period, may be considered as equivalent to industry.

**Companies:** Normally, participating companies must be Canadian. Companies outside Canada may also be considered as partners provided they can demonstrate that there will be clear and direct benefits to the Canadian economy as a result of their participation. As partners, companies must demonstrate that they have, or have the potential to acquire, the capability to commercialize the technology under development.

**Researcher-owned companies:** Situations in which the researcher is a part owner are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and the company’s stage of development will be taken into consideration in determining eligibility. The commercial activity must conform to the institution’s established policies relating to the disclosure of commercial interest and conflict of interest.

Additional Information:

*Tech transfer and IP strategy*

All proposals must include a technology transfer plan, appropriate to the maturity of the technology, that describes how the work will proceed through the next stages in the validation process up to eventual market entry. The ORS will work with the applicant(s) in evaluating and protecting the new technology, service or process; developing proposals; preparing a technology transfer approach; making business contacts; and negotiating licensing or other such arrangements with potential partners.

For all phases except the market assessment, the projects must describe the IP strategy to protect the commercial value of the technology and relate it to the technology transfer plan. Projects should demonstrate how the IP strategy and execution will contribute to the technology transfer or future business the technology may support.

*Evaluation criteria*

Phase I and phase II applications will be evaluated against the following criteria. A subset of the selection criteria, plus additional ones specifically related to market assessment, will be used to review the market assessment applications.

* **Scientific/technical merit**
  + Scientific basis for the expected commercial application
  + Clarity and focus of research objectives
  + Novelty, technical complexity, technical risk and feasibility
  + Appropriateness of work plan, milestones, deliverables and decision points
* **Team expertise and project management**
  + Breadth and depth of team expertise in the proposed fields of activity
  + Business experience or available support
  + Adequacy of personnel and material resources allocated for research and technology transfer activities
  + Quality of project management
* **Potential for technology transfer and commercial benefits** 
  + Commitment of the institution through its technology transfer office (or equivalent)
  + Appropriateness of the technology management and transfer plan
  + Anticipated benefits for a Canadian company
  + Justification of the benefits of NSERC financing
* **Market assessment**
  + Signs of market interest
  + Relevant essential questions have been incorporated into the market analysis
  + Appropriateness of the consultant and statement of work
  + Suitability of the proposed primary research

Resources:

* [I2I grants main page](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/I2I-Innov_eng.asp)
* [Instructions for completing Form 101](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/101/i2i_eng.asp)
* [Instructions for completing Form 100](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/100/100_eng.asp)

## 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)