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# Announcements

## New announcements

1. Upcoming Webinars:
   1. CIHR “Ask Me Anything” Sessions – December 5, 2024 1:00-3:00pm – [Join via Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F_%23%2Fl%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%3Ameeting_MmExYjc4ZTAtNGY4ZC00ZTkyLThhYTMtMTdmYTI2NDZjNjYx%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257B%2522Tid%2522%253A%25221ebfccd6-7d44-4806-8ffc-bb521f3acc24%2522%252C%2522Oid%2522%253A%2522402c9b9e-499e-4711-bc82-87d85a97d28c%2522%252C%2522IsBroadcastMeeting%2522%253Atrue%252C%2522role%2522%253A%2522a%2522%257D%26btype%3Da%26role%3Da%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=bfec0f57-bea5-41d2-8a0e-0e5ae77af0d9&directDl=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true)
   2. SSHRC Research on Research Joint Initiative – December 6, 2024 1:00-2:00pm – [join via Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F_%23%2Fl%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%3Ameeting_MDczMzcwYzctZTU4ZS00MjI4LWIwYzItYzZmMWU2YzQ2Mjc4%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%2522fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65%2522%252c%2522Oid%2522%253a%25225e1d06cf-16f2-4a97-8282-2479e1f3b7d7%2522%257d%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=ca113e6b-4ddd-497f-b6fe-02b902b9c1ad&directDl=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true)
2. CIHR is updating the way they present application rankings in Notices of Recommendation (NORs) and Notices of Decision (NODs) for the Project Grant competition. This update will also be reflected in the Application Decision Results report which is provided to the administering institutions on the same day as the NOD. With these updated templates, applicants and administering institutions will be able to see the zone in which the application ranks (e.g., in the bottom 25%, between 25% and 50%, between 50% and 75%, between 75% and 90%, or 90% and above), rather than its specific ranking. [Learn more.](https://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/54124.html) CIHR is hosting [webinars on December 4 and 5, 2024](https://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/45096.html), to answer the community’s questions on this topic.
3. SSHRC’s Storytellers Challenge is [now accepting submissions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/society-societe/storytellers-jai_une_histoire_a_raconter/index-eng.aspx) for the 2025 edition. The initiative invites postsecondary students to show Canadians the impacts and value of social sciences and humanities research in a story of up to three minutes or 300 words. Stories—which could be in the form of a poem, infographic, audio clip, video, short essay, song or other format in English or French—must be compelling, creative, and clear on how social sciences and humanities research affects the lives of Canadians. The deadline to submit is January 21, 2025.
4. SSHRC, CIHR, and NSERC  have announced a gradual move away from the Canadian Common CV (CCV) to a [new, narrative-style CV](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/interagency-research-funding/other-collaborative-activities/interagency-news-announcements-and-statements/message-tri-agency-presidents-granting-councils-transitioning-new-cv-template) for their competitions. The new CV will prioritize written descriptions of an applicant’s research contributions, allowing users to highlight a wide range of research outputs and describe their career trajectories in more detail. The format values societal research outcomes, such as influence on policy, or mentorship, alongside more traditional research outputs like publications.
5. Mitacs RISE-Globalink Research Internship offers a unique opportunity for undergrads in Canada to pursue summer research projects at eligible German institutions. The deadline to [apply](https://www.mitacs.ca/our-programs/rise-globalink-research-internship-students/?utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--3iycSgP53oG5n8DMfTXCA3X3JMLlrd3U0FcFlYXDazRTOfv5s9mmRHUbe-xPU6byN5DjYXOBNdz-KqfN2cp6ldOy7Ow&_hsmi=98384712&utm_content=98384712&utm_source=hs_email) is November 30, 2024.

## Reminders

1. Update on Mitacs Accelerate internship unit limits for Ontario Tech researchers – Ontario Tech will no longer impose a cap of 7 internship units (IU) per researcher at Ontario Tech for applicants to the Mitacs Accelerate program. Mitacs continues to impose a quota of 100 IUs on all Ontario Tech Accelerate applications for the current fiscal year. The remaining IUs will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Please contact your [Faculty’s Grants Officer](https://research.ontariotechu.ca/contacts.php) for details.
2. CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC have released their [Tri-agency Research Training Strategy](https://www.canada.ca/en/research-coordinating-committee/priorities/research-talent-for-a-knowledge-based-society/tri-agency-research-training-strategy.html). The strategy’s aim is to ensure the suite of scholarships and fellowships the agencies deliver is equitable, inclusive, accessible and effective. It will help support and prepare a diverse population of undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral researchers for careers requiring strong research skills in all sectors of society. As the strategy is implemented, the agencies will further engage with partners and communities to collaborate and to codevelop specific actions. The agencies’ goal is to introduce and apply these actions over the next five years. We invite you to read the strategy to learn more.
3. [ORS Announcement:](#_Changes_to_Points) Changes to Points of Contact – Research Partnerships Team
4. [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.
5. [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.
6. [CIHR will be implementing multifactor authentication in ResearchNet on September 18, 2024](#_Multifactor_authentication_is).
7. [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. 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.
5. [NSERC announce improvements to Alliance grants programs](#_NSERC_announces_improvements)
6. [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)
7. [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** |
| Imperial Oil – [Imperial Research Grant](https://www.imperialoil.ca/sustainability/imperial-research-grant#Areasofinterest) – [ORS info and deadlines](#_Imperial_Oil_–) | Admin review: December 10, 2024  (Mandatory internal deadline due to holiday closure) | Applications must be submitted to agency before the university closure – December 23 @ 4:30.  December 31, 2024 |
| OSSTF/FEESO - [Research Grant for Emergent Issues and Priorities](#_OSSTF/FEESO_Research_Grant_1) | January 2, 2025 | January 6, 2026 |
| Government of Ontario - [Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative (OAFRI)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-agri-food-research-initiative) | January 2, 2025 | January 13, 2025 |
| Spencer Foundation – [Research Grants on Education: Large](https://www.spencer.org/grant_types/large-research-grant) | Full: January 28, 2025 | NOI: January 14, 2025 @12:00 (Central Time)  Full: February 11, 2025 @ 12:00 (CT) |
| CIHR - [CIHR-IMHA Inclusive Research Excellence Prizes](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4208&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | Full: February 5, 2024 | Registration: January 23, 2025  Full: February 19, 2025 |
| SSHRC – [Insight Development Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx) – [ORS info and deadlines](#_SSHRC_Insight_Development_2) | Comprehensive review: January 6, 2025  Admin review: January 20, 2025 | February 3, 2025 |
| SSHRC – [Connection Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/connection_grants-subventions_connexion-eng.aspx) | January 20, 2025 | February 3, 2025 |
| NSERC-NSF - [Call for proposals: Designing Materials to Revolutionize and Engineer our Future (DMREF)](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/DMREF-CMFRA/index_eng.asp)  \*Please let your Grants Officer know if you are interested in applying as soon as possible\* | January 21, 2025 | February 4, 2025 |
| SSHRC – [Partnership Grant – Stage 1](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_grants_stage1-subventions_partenariat_etape1-eng.aspx?view=rss)  \*Please let [Ewa Stewart](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) know if you are interested in applying by December 9 (mandatory)\* | January 20, 2025 | February 10, 2025 |
| The Law Foundation of Ontario – [2024 Responsive Call for Applications](https://lawfoundation.on.ca/news/responsive-call-for-applications/) | Two weeks before desired submission date | Open call |

## **Current Funding Opportunities**

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| **Agency-Program** | **Internal Deadline** | **First Agency Deadline** |
| CIHR – [Catalyst Grant: Digital Health](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4203&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) | November 20, 2024 | December 3, 2024 |
| CIHR – [Team Grant: Healthy Youth](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4145&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true) (2024) | November 26, 2024 | December 10, 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 |
| SSHRC – [Partnership Engage Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_engage_grants-subventions_d_engagement_partenarial-eng.aspx) | December 2, 2024 | December 16, 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 |
| NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR – [Research on Research Joint Initiative](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/research_on_research_joint_initiative-initiative_conjointe_de_recherche_sur_la_recherche-eng.aspx#3)  \*Please notify your Grants Officer if you are interested in applying\* | February 6, 2025 | February 20, 2025 |

**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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## 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.

## 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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## 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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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  | | --- | | If you have questions about these changes, contact the Alliance grants team by email at [alliance@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:alliance@nserc-crsng.gc.ca) or by phone at 1-855-275-2861. You may also submit questions for the January 2024 webinars via [Sli.do](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uRc9k__u7wrRYD03SbtA6SsyUl4DSyrWjUGbZ0R0x4_KwoHsN_uNiBkbmtY6_0FGgtyo9FSlZpQadQzR631CtJ-7TFasWXYz_t2kovZ5FViXTg3_ptQD3030jJNdJgZji3rsuuNE3uHb3XI960S-qDvaQR6zxfA0U9VVIex5k51Odzy57uzY8Xmaf7-YgifkWNbBcddHkGg=&c=sVzc7TzicMNQzoNw2_pNT1-LdYq9bzB2yMyi-wnnZ8Xzgw8Z_HIjZg==&ch=vYAp9xrmw-EkA4CC1XLNgCC7MndYkEoSVe4KM2dlUG2A0DR2bhkOow==). | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |

## 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.

## **[Imperial Oil – Imperial Research Grant](https://www.imperialoil.ca/en-ca/sustainability/innovation-and-research/imperial-research-grant)**

**Description**

Educational institution research awards are designed to encourage research at Canadian universities and colleges in areas of interest to Imperial Oil's petroleum, petrochemical and energy resource development businesses. These areas include the fields of engineering, environmental, earth, chemical, and physical sciences.

Awards for specific research projects are made to full-time faculty members to support research work carried out by university students under their direction.

The selection committee will consider the business relevance of the proposed research, opportunities for knowledge transfer and potential significance of results to the company. Preference will be given to self-contained research projects, although projects delving into a definitive segment of broader research will be considered.

**Areas of Interest include:**

* Environment
* In-situ bitumen recovery
* In-situ facilities
* Analytical techniques for petroleum products
* Refinery products, processes and facilities
* Machine learning applied to simulation of chemical processes
* Chemicals
* Geoscience

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| **Mandatory ORS Admin Review** | Proposal with RGA form due: **December 10, 2024** |
| **Sponsor Deadline** | December 31, 2024  Note: Due to university closure, the application must be submitted by December 23, 2024 EOD @ 4:30pm. |
| **Value** | Up to $25,000 (including overhead) |
| **Overhead** | 40% overhead must be included |
| **Duration** | Up to 1 year (can be renewed annually for up to a maximum tenure of 3 years) |
| **How to apply** | **Office of Research Services must review all proposals before they are submitted to the Agency.** Application form page limit: **4 pages**  **Note**: Successful award applicants and their institutions will be required to sign the non-negotiable terms and conditions of the award. |
| **For more information** | Consult the [program website](https://www.imperialoil.ca/sustainability/imperial-research-grant#Criteriaforselection), contact the Educational Institution Affairs Administrator - IRG at [ura.sru@esso.ca](mailto:ura.sru@esso.ca) or your Faculty Grants Officer:  EAS: [joanne.hui@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:joanne.hui@ontariotechu.ca)  BIT, SSH, EDU: [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)  HSC, SCI: [raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca) |

## OSSTF/FEESO Research Grant for Emergent Issues and Priorities

\*Please notify [Ewa Stewart](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) if you are planning on applying\*

OSSTF/FEESO is strongly committed to supporting and promoting evidence-informed practices in public education. As part of that commitment, OSSTF/FEESO supports high-quality research and is pleased to announce up to three research grants of up to $3,500 each, to support conducting, presenting, and publishing research in support of public education and anti-racism.

Award Criteria:

• Relevance to 2024-2025 research priority, listed below;

• Willingness to write a summary report for OSSTF/FEESO and/or an article for Education Forum magazine;

• Evidence of support for public education and/or the labour movement in previous publications and activities;

• Quality and feasibility of the project for which funding is sought;

• A budget of estimated research expenses.

Theme Identified for the 2024-2025 Academic Year:

• Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges in Education. (Preference will be given to applications with an Ontario and/or Canadian Education focus.)

Note: At least one of the three awards will be reserved for researchers who identify as Indigenous, Black, or racialized.

The application deadline for the 2024-2025 Academic year is by 4:00 p.m. on January 6, 2025. All successful applicants will be informed by February 14, 2025. The application forms and any attachments can be emailed to Peter Bates (peter.bates@osstf.ca) and copied to Jinell Rahim (jinell.rahim@osstf.ca). You will receive an email confirming your submission once received.





## SSHRC Insight Development Grant - February 2025 Competition

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

**Description:**

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

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

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

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

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

Funding is available for two distinct categories of scholars:

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

For the current competition, at least 50% of funds will be reserved for applications from [emerging scholars](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a12).

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

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| **Program Summary** | |
| **Deadlines** | **January 6, 2025**: ORS internal deadline for a comprehensive review.  **TBD:** Faculty Internal Review Deadlines  **January 20, 2025**: ORS internal deadline for administrative review. Please submit a complete application and signed RGA form at this time.  **February 3, 2025**: external SSHRC deadline for full application.  Applications must be submitted in research portal by **9:00 am.** |
| **Value** | $7,000 to $75,000 |
| **Duration** | 1 to 2 years |
| **Results announced** | June 2025 |
| **How to Apply** | 1. Notify [Ewa.Stewart@Ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Ewa.Stewart@Ontariotechu.ca) as soon as possible if you are interested in applying. Ewa is available for 1:1 project/application consultations, as well as to review applications and proposals (please see below for deadlines). 2. Review the [program guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx), including the evaluation criteria. 3. Create/update your [Canadian Common CV](https://ccv-cvc.ca/) following the [SSHRC CCV instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/forms-formulaires/instructions/ccv-eng.aspx). 4. Prepare and submit an application through the [Research Porta](https://portal-portail.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/)l following the [application instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/idg-sds/applicant-candidat-eng.aspx). |
| **For more information** | **SSHRC Webinars**  November 27, 2024 1:00-3:00pm – [Join via Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDczMzcwYzctZTU4ZS00MjI4LWIwYzItYzZmMWU2YzQ2Mjc4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225e1d06cf-16f2-4a9)  **ORS Grants Officer**  Contact [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)  **SSHRC Program Officer**  **Email:** [insightdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:insightdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) **Toll-free:** 1-855-275-2861 |

**Eligibility:**

**Subject matter**

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

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

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

**Applicants**

Applications can be submitted by an individual researcher or a team of researchers (consisting of one [applicant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a1) and one or more [co-applicants](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a4) and/or [collaborators](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a5)).

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

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

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

**Co-applicants**

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

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

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

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

**Collaborators**

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

**Competition Timeline**

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|  | **DEADLINES** |
| **Office of Research Services (ORS) Comprehensive Review**   * ORS guarantees an in-depth review on all submitted proposal components (application form, proposal attachment, CCV, etc.). * ORS review is often well complemented by the review of a disciplinary expert who can further assess the merit of your proposal. You are therefore encouraged to also solicit colleagues to act as peer reviewers to help refine your grant proposal.   \*A Grants Officer will aim to review applications received after the above Comprehensive Review deadline up until the Final Review deadline; however, please note that the level of review will depend on the volume of applicants for this competition. At a minimum, ORS will review your application and flag any high-level issues that need to be addressed prior to submission. | **January 6, 2025\***  **(optional)** |
| **Faculty Internal Review Deadline**   * Send your complete application and RGA form to your dean for faculty review and internal approvals. | **TBD** |
| **ORS Final Review**   * Administrative review of applications for completeness and to flag any issues that must be addressed prior to submission * Assistance with online submission   Complete, final applications must be submitted to ORS by this deadline for final review. Send a pdf of the complete application and all attachments by email to [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) or submit your application in research portal.  Applications must be accompanied by a [Research Grant Authorization Form](https://shared.ontariotechu.ca/shared/department/research/documents/policies-and-procedure-form/rga-form-e-signatures.docx) signed by your Dean. | **January 20, 2025**  **(Mandatory for all applicants)** |
| **SSHRC Deadline**   * When applicants submit through the online system, the application comes to ORS for institutional approval *prior to being submitted to SSHRC*. * Please submit applications in the online system **by 9 am** to allow time for any last-minute technical issues. | **February 3, 2025 at 9:00 am**  **(Mandatory for all applicants)** |

**Additional Information:**

**Multiple applications and holding multiple awards**

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

Researchers who applied **unsuccessfully** for an Insight Development Grant in February of a given year can apply for an Insight Grant in October of that same year. Therefore, researchers who apply for an Insight Development Grant in February 2025 and **are not successful** can apply for an Insight Grant in October 2025.

A researcher who applied for an Insight Grant in October 2024 can apply for an Insight Development Grant in February 2025, **provided that the objectives of the research are significantly different.**

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

**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.**

**Merit Review and Evaluation Criteria**

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

**Resources/attachments:**

* [Insight Development Grant Program Guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx)
* [Application Instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/idg-sds/applicant-candidat-eng.aspx)
* ORS SSHRC IDG Program Guide (attached)
* ORS SSHRC IDG Tips from Past Reviewers (attached) 
* [Canadian Common CV FAQs](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/faqs-questions_frequentes/ccv_faq-foires_aux_questions_ccv-eng.aspx)
* [Research Portal FAQs](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/faqs-questions_frequentes/portal_faq-foires_aux_questions_portail-eng.aspx)
* [Guidelines for Effective Research Training](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/effective_research_training-formation_en_recherche_efficace-eng.aspx)
* [Guidelines for Effective Knowledge Mobilization](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/knowledge_mobilisation-mobilisation_des_connaissances-eng.aspx)
* [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)
* [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.

**SSHRC Webinars**

November 27, 2024 1:00-3:00pm – [Join via Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDczMzcwYzctZTU4ZS00MjI4LWIwYzItYzZmMWU2YzQ2Mjc4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225e1d06cf-16f2-4a9)

**ORS Information Session**

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

## 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**  TBD |

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)