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# Announcements

## New announcements

1. **NSERC Alliance Advantage Grant – Updates on extensions with additional funds:**  Alliance Advantage grants support research projects conducted in collaboration with partner organizations to address organizational challenges and accelerate the application of research results. NSERC has observed unprecedented demand for Alliance Advantage grants and is seeking to maximize opportunities to support new applications for partnered research. As a result, NSERC is pausing the intake of requests for extensions with additional funds, as of February 27, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. (ET). Until further notice, NSERC will not consider requests for additional one-year funding for existing Alliance Advantage grants beyond this deadline. Other extension opportunities with no additional funding remain available.
2. The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) is [communicating important program updates to the Aid to Scholarly Journals (ASJ) funding opportunity](https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=N4l0vPP8oIlngivFEPRP7rX9muWsUaK2eGE9yPS-YvrmjIKVXJZAfXzUciiETLgm-3bWV5Am0TxCOkbirnxAFgNCTJxR1ufIlvNRO8pNUPTbsrKfKPg57-BUSD4OWvwIt7SeEWwgviWPrvfO-qwuJmLkVwvJqF1kIbPZkwXicPYpe1Z6VCcrNE33yXAU462CLJt0pU_p3yoChAyYthvgG6ZWSpfVM_X6Aj8B01I5aETfMBwQ2rMs1dfPo-rXG6CqAkpy8NRW0mebIOmBwHo3fc3AagznZxrNCum7YxDFmxY_v_6WqcLYPv5kjRDlhre13mZTdFH4zo-btk2GdtYMfw==).
3. CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC re inviting users to provide feedback on the [draft revised Tri-Agency Open Access (OA) Policy on Publications](https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/science/en/interagency-research-funding/policies-and-guidelines/open-access/draft-revised-tri-agency-open-access-policy-publications) ("OA Policy"). In July 2023, the [presidents of the Agencies announced the review of the OA Policy](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), 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.

Since the announcement of the OA Policy review, the Agencies have engaged with a wide range of partners within the research community to identify the key features of an effective, comprehensive, sustainable and equitable immediate OA Policy. Engagements included an [online survey](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/interagency-research-funding/policies-and-guidelines/open-access/tri-agency-open-access-policy-publications-policy-review-survey-results) and thematic engagement sessions, findings from which were published in a [What We Heard Report](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/interagency-research-funding/policies-and-guidelines/open-access/what-we-heard-report-engagements-review-tri-agency-open-access-policy-publications-2024). They thank participants for their previous contributions to these engagements.

On February 24, 2025, the Agencies released a draft revised OA Policy for public feedback. They are reaching out to participants, partners and stakeholders that were involved in the engagement phase of the revision to ensure they have an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft revised OA Policy. While not required, if responding on behalf of an organization, participants are welcome to identify who they represent so that the agencies can better take that into account in their analysis of the feedback. Please submit feedback through the [online form](https://forms-formulaires.alpha.canada.ca/en/id/cm798ovo400ltx5699oqdn6hx) by March 31, 2025.

## Reminders

1. **Guidance on the Use of AI in the Development and Review of Research Proposals**: The three federal research funding agencies—the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and SSHRC—recently released [new guidance](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/interagency-research-funding/policies-and-guidelines/use-generative-artificial-intelligence-development-and-review-research-proposals) on the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in the development and review of research proposals submitted for grant applications.
2. [**Updates on the funding decision mechanism for Alliance grants**](#_Updates_on_the)**.**
3. CIHR requires researchers who received funding for a clinical trial in 2022 or later to register those trials and disclose the clinical trial results. Investigators must comply with this policy in order to remain eligible for funding. CIHR’s process for monitoring compliance with these requirements begins in February 2025, and they will be publicly reporting on results later this spring. Learn more: [CIHR Policy Guide – Requirements for Registration and Disclosure of Results from Clinical Trials.](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52820.html) Email questions to [clinicaltrials-essaiscliniques@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:clinicaltrials-essaiscliniques@cihr-irsc.gc.ca).
4. The Tri-Agency is seeking new members to join the Tri-agency’s “Reference Group for the Appropriate Review of Indigenous Research.” The Reference Group for the Appropriate Review of Indigenous Research (Reference Group) is a community group of First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals that provide advice to CIHR, SSHRC and NSERC (collectively known as the ‘Tri-agencies’) on ethically and culturally safe peer review approaches and practices for research conducted by and with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples. For more information about the Reference Group, or other work relating to Indigenous Research at NSERC, please visit <https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/IR-RA/index_eng.asp>
5. 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)
6. 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.

1. 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.
2. [Tri-agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee moves beyond pilot phase:](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/news_room-salle_de_presse/latest_news-nouvelles_recentes/2024/tri-agency_interdisciplinary_peer_review_committee-comite_d-evaluation_par_les_pairs_interdisciplinaire_des_trois_organismes-eng.aspx) NSERC, SSHRC, and CIHR are pleased to announce that the Tri-agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee (TAIPR) will continue as a regular feature of the three agencies’ flagship funding opportunities. Researchers applying to NSERC’s Discovery Horizons competition can continue to direct their interdisciplinary applications to this committee for review.
3. [Action plan for Black social sciences and humanities researchers](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/edi/plan_black_noir_phase-1-eng.aspx): Based on findings and recommendations from SSHRC’s Advisory Committee to Address Anti-Black Racism in Research and Research Training, and dozens of engagement sessions, it provides strategies within and beyond SSHRC to achieve fair access, equitable participation and intersectional approaches to research and research assessment; and to advance Black Studies and social sciences and humanities research on anti-Black racism.

1. [Announcing Mitacs Accelerate’s new online application portal](#_Mitacs_Accelerate_New)
2. [*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.
3. 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.
4. [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)

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** |
| New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) – [Transformation 2026 Competition](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/competition-concours-eng.aspx) – [ORS Info and Deadlines](#_NEW_FRONTIERS_IN) | Mandatory NOI: March 14, 2025  LOI: TBD  Full: TBD | NOI: April 15, 2025  LOI: June 17, 2025  Full (by invitation only): March 3, 2026 |
| The National Cybersecurity Consortium – [2025 Call for Proposals](https://ncc-cnc.ca/call-for-proposals/) – [ORS Info and Deadlines](#_National_Cybersecurity_Consortium) | LOI: March 18, 2025  Full: TBD | LOI: March 24, 2025  Full: May 9, 2025 |
| The National Killam Foundation – [Dorothy Killam Fellowship](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/fundingopportunities/fodetails/?foid=4b490485-049f-ec11-b400-002248d5186d) – [ORS Info and Deadlines](#_The_National_Killam_2) | Mandatory NOI: March 31, 2025  Mandatory comprehensive review: May 1, 2025 | Research abstract: April 30, 2025  Full: May 22, 2025 |
| The National Killam Foundation – [Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowships](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/fundingopportunities/fodetails/?foid=2fca8e2f-72b5-ee11-a569-000d3a0a2ad3) – [ORS Info and Deadlines](#_The_National_Killam_1) | Mandatory NOI: March 31, 2025  Mandatory comprehensive review: May 15, 2025 | June 5, 2025 |
| Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) – [Net Good Grants](https://www.cira.ca/en/grants/) | March 26, 2026 | April 9, 2025 (at 2 pm EST) |
| CIHR – [Operating Grant: New Investigator Research Grants in Child and Youth Health](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4242&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true&language=E) | April 7, 2025 | April 21, 2025 |

## **Current Funding Opportunities**

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| **Agency-Program** | **Internal Deadline** | **First Agency Deadline** |
| Ontario Tech University – Research Excellence Chairs Program 2025 – [ORS Info and Deadlines](#_Research_Excellence_Chairs_1) | N/a | March 21, 2025 |
| Ontario Tech University – Research Excellence Awards 2025 – [ORS Info and Deadlines](#_Research_Excellence_Awards) | N/a | March 21, 2025 |
| SSHRC - [Connection Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/connection_grants-subventions_connexion-eng.aspx) | April 17, 2025 | May 1, 2025 |
| SSHRC – [Partnership Engage Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_engage_grants-subventions_d_engagement_partenarial-eng.aspx) | March 3, 2025 | March 15, 2025 |
| SSHRC – [Destination Horizon Grant](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/destination_horizon-eng.aspx) – [ORS Info and Deadlines](#_SSHRC_Destination_Horizon_1) | ~~Internal NOI: December 19, 2025~~  NOI: April 28, 2025 | ~~January 22, 2025~~  Future deadlines:  May 22, 2025  September 22, 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 |

**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:   + [Alliance Advantage](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/innovate-innover/alliance-alliance/index_eng.asp)   + [Alliance Society](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/Alliance_society-Alliance_societe/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[**(Yiming) Peter Shao**](mailto:Yiming.Shao@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)On hold until the end of fiscal year * [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) |
| **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_–) |

# 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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## Updates on the funding decision mechanism for Alliance grants:

Alliance Advantage and Alliance Society grants support research projects conducted in collaboration with partner organizations to address organizational and societal challenges and accelerate the application of research results. Designed to be simple, modern, flexible, and responsive, the Alliance grants funding opportunity is experiencing unprecedented interest and demand.

The Alliance grants evaluation process includes a merit evaluation, along with an assessment of potential risks for Canada’s national security, when applicable. With increased demand for funds, NSERC will use the merit indicator ratings assigned to applications to select proposals for funding on a competitive basis, as outlined in the [Alliance Advantage](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/review-examen_eng.asp) and [Alliance Society](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/Alliance_society-Alliance_societe/review-examen_eng.asp) literature. The funding decisions will also consider budget availability.

Every two weeks, applications being considered for funding will be ranked according to their merit rating and funded based on available budget allocation. If an application is not initially selected for funding, it will remain in consideration for two additional funding rounds. The funding decision will be communicated within 6 weeks of the merit evaluation.

It is important to differentiate between the merit evaluation and funding decision when communicating with partners and stakeholders, as not all meritorious applications will receive funding.

This funding decision process applies to the following funding opportunities:

* Alliance Advantage grants
* Alliance Society grants
* NSERC Alliance and Alberta Innovates Campus Alberta Small Business Engagement (CASBE) Stream II
* NSERC Alliance-Mitacs Accelerate grants
* NSERC Alliance grants and Ontario Centre of Innovation Collaborate 2 Commercialize

## 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

## 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) |

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## Mitacs Accelerate New Application Portal

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

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

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

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

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

Some key points:

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

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

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

## 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.

## NEW FRONTIERS IN RESEARCH FUND - TRANSFORMATION 2026 COMPETITION

Please notify Raluca Dubrowski ([raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca)) of your intent to submit an NOI by March 14 2025.

**Description**

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

Transformation stream grants will support projects that:

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

**Program Summary**

**Deadlines:**

The **Transformation competition** has three stages:

1. Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) with a deadline of **April 15, 2025** (at 8 p.m. ET)
2. Letter of Intent (LOI) with a deadline of **June 17, 2025** (at 8 p.m. ET)
3. Full Application – by invitation only – with a deadline of **March 3, 2026** (at 8 p.m. ET)

**Value:**

Transformation grants are valued at between $2,000,000 and $4,000,000 per year (including indirect costs) for six years. The minimum budget for the direct costs of the research project is $1,600,000 per year, and the maximum budget is $3,200,000. Applicants must request a budget (value and duration) in line with the objectives of the project.

**Indirect Costs:**

Applicants may request up to 25% of the value of the direct costs of research to cover indirect costs and include this in their total funding request.

**Duration:**

6 years

**How to Apply:**

To apply for a Transformation grant, an NOI must be submitted by April 15, 2025. This is a mandatory step in the application process. The team must then complete and submit an LOI by June 17, 2025. Selected teams will be invited to complete and submit a full application by March 3, 2026. Applicants must complete the NOI, LOI and full application using the [Convergence Portal](https://www.convergence.gc.ca/) following the accompanying [NOI](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/guide_NOI-guide_AIPD-eng.aspx), [LOI](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/guide_LOI-guide_LI-eng.aspx) and [full application](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/guide_application-guide_demande-eng.aspx) submission guides.

To start the application process, please notify Raluca Dubrowski ([raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca)) of your intent to submit an NOI by March 14 2025.

**Program information:**

Applicants are encouraged to attend the Transformation webinars to learn more about the Transformation stream and the overall application process. Webinars are recorded and shared with the research grants offices at the institutions.

***Notice of Intent Webinar***

| **Date** | **Time** | **Language** |  |
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| March 11, 2025 | 10 a.m. (eastern) | French | [Join webinar](https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=mf616afd0dfb72a3dc5ed2f38f775d224) |
| March 11, 2025 | 1 p.m. (eastern) | English | [Join webinar](https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=ma9d9985ae201b02a46a47cfc89e2a6a3) |

***Letter of Intent Webinar***

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| May 6, 2025 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (eastern) | French | [Join webinar](https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=m04b8b87579582f326736a998a106159f) |
| May 6, 2025 | 1 to 3 p.m. (eastern) | English | [Join webinar](https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=ma4e47086dae9870b19bcbe92f87bcfc4) |
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**Eligibility**

**Subject Matter**

Transformation grants support projects that propose a world-leading interdisciplinary approach with the potential to have a significant impact in addressing a well-defined challenge. **Projects must be well-defined with specific objectives. Transformation grants are not intended to support a program of research, research centres, or research networks.** Projects may involve any discipline, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for funding across the three federal research funding agencies (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC). Projects should engage the full range of disciplines required to achieve the project goals. To meet the minimum requirement to be considered interdisciplinary, the proposed research project must include elements from at least two different disciplines (as defined by a group-level classification based on the [Canadian Research and Development Classification codes](https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/subjects/standard/crdc/2020v2). Projects that fall under the mandate of [only one federal research funding agency](https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/interagency-research-funding/policies-and-guidelines/selecting-appropriate-federal-granting-agency?OpenDocument) are not eligible. Proposed projects may address fundamental or applied challenges.

**Project team**

To reflect the expertise required to deliver on the ambitious and interdisciplinary nature of the project, proposals must be submitted by teams. Teams must include an NPI and may include co-principal investigators (co-PIs), co-applicants and/or collaborators. Individuals who are not academic researchers are eligible for all roles except NPI. At the NOI stage, a minimum of five confirmed members (excluding collaborators) is required. Additional members can be added at each stage of the competition process and throughout the term of the grant. All core members of the team are expected to be confirmed when the LOI is submitted.

To ensure that teams awarded a Transformation grant have sufficient time to dedicate to the project, award holders may serve as an NPI or co-PI on only one Transformation grant. It is, therefore, recommended that individuals limit their participation as an NPI or co-PI to a single application. These restrictions do not apply to co-applicant and collaborator roles. An individual’s status as an applicant or grantee of other NFRF competitions (Exploration, International or special calls) does not affect their eligibility for the Transformation stream.

**Early career researchers**

Early career researchers (ECRs) must be included as confirmed members in all teams. For competitions under the Transformation stream, an ECR is defined as a researcher within five years of the start date of their first research-related appointment, minus the length of any eligible delays in research (e.g., illness, maternity, parental), as of the first of the month of the competition launch (February 2025 for this competition), where:

* “research-related appointments” are defined as those where an individual has the autonomy to conduct research independently;
* all eligible leaves (e.g., maternity, parental, medical, bereavement) are credited at twice the amount of time taken; and
* professional leaves (e.g., training, sabbatical, administrative) are not credited.

**Resources**

* [Competition Website](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/competition-concours-eng.aspx)
* [Notice of Intent (NOI)](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/guide_NOI-guide_AIPD-eng.aspx)
* [Letter of Intent (LOI)](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/guide_LOI-guide_LI-eng.aspx)
* [Full Application](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/guide_application-guide_demande-eng.aspx)
* [Application Portal (Convergence)](https://prod.auth.convergence.gc.ca/prodconv.onmicrosoft.com/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%3DkeXRs8V1BDGo8pagvnUW3WvIFEt3BAQugPce5mykxb40Xm2ra2ZVDNB4fh38PrWMF5sc59-vZMeYYIJNFX2PVXg76MjaaRW0gHoFjMk2TwNBYcicn1KXA2hcuOHXjelgI3oi8pO3SR4PbYUB_sW51qfoSKhS7pDjF9aGq6zl4yUuOMR-t8Eku3Wg7y7OsUt4i7kbfaKdVSQETN-dDczU-svUkdfki9O0EVtSa9VmFtZzOOlQSgG6hWA_bGwhGPdhqJYa4irJs9PmIxjOdwO9zwXAfygNUnoJ9fB9sCtShl-b2W1CgWUJ5wSWiJiWmgpK0wVL1sW_6fbSKyhNlsqUWt5sVtfYvkWeIYp-sL0tsK4ZVO3JV7GPOKk8WxPNSyJIzVAru8oIh0JIYV8oTRf4BfZy80oV-3JNFDp6l7_7d_YMq73dsfboYk1yr4pROk7ut2RA5sLv9Of9mQkOSLmFVUX_Zf0u4DHrdpE0qlauDClgsYe_zILs53l7t8aU-P3qdhcBlL0OXXRhVM96UmSYCv2NrocjfWpzVgEMhHy70ZnpRTUKS7TI6JG-YZXX9xWhNXnE_y71sYzWCHKsVMIYVG9r-cXAHNIvk3JpBMqAGL5khkeDNZZqfmvnuQDQzuuo5BSifDB0wFmdZx4ECHNrUo79fTKf57f4gDAo0jG0UlDTZLf4d8OeKJxVEEvT-VzHg97Z8yoLfZgVMm3KySAfIQ&response_mode=form_post&nonce=638760185605502459.MzdiODY1MTctNjJhNC00YmViLWE4YjMtYTBhZmU5MzI4ZmVjNGUyZmZkNzgtYmExOC00Y2E5LTk3MDgtMjkyMDc5MTJlYjU3&ui_locales=en-US&x-client-SKU=ID_NET472&x-client-ver=6.35.0.0)
* [EDI Guide](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx)
* [Evaluation Matrices](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx)

**Contact**

Please direct any questions to [Raluca Dubrowski](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca).

## National Cybersecurity Consortium – Cyber Security Innovation Network (CSIN) – 2025 Call for Proposals

**Sponsor/agency:** [National Cybersecurity Consortium](https://ncc-cnc.ca/) (NCC, funded by Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED))

**Program:** Cyber Security Innovation Network (CSIN) Program

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

**Description**

The National Cybersecurity Consortium (NCC) is a catalyst to build a future where Canadian organizations are global leaders in cybersecurity, so Canadians benefit from the prosperity, growth, and safety that comes from advancing and creating innovative cybersecurity products and services. The NCC is committed to building partnerships among the academic, not-for-profit, and private sectors to further cybersecurity initiatives across Canada.

With funding from the Government of Canada through the [Cyber Security Innovation Network (CSIN) program](https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/cyber-security-innovation-network/en), the NCC is mobilizing funds through the [2025 Call for Proposals](https://ncc-cnc.ca/call-for-proposals/) to support initiatives that:

* Support research and development (R&D) projects with Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)1-6 to design and implement innovative cybersecurity technologies, advance state-of-the-art products, and conduct research;
* Support commercialization of new technology with TRL 7-9: products and services that address cybersecurity challenges in critical infrastructure protection, human-centric cybersecurity, network security, software security, and privacy protection; and
* Provide opportunities for training, upskilling, and reskilling of students and professionals from various disciplines.

The NCC funds projects under three major streams:

1. Research and Development (R&D);
2. Commercialization; and
3. Training.

**Program Summary**

**Deadlines:** **Stage 1:** ORS LOI Deadline – Tuesday, March 18, 2025 (RGA form required)

NCC LOI Deadline – Monday, March 24, 2025

**Stage 2:** ORS Full Application Deadline – TBD

Proposal Submission Deadline (by invitation only) – Monday May 9, 2025

**Stage 3:** ORS Due Diligence Deadline - TBD

Due Diligence Submission Deadline – Tuesday, August 5, 2025

**Value:** R&D Standard – up to $2 million (50% matching contribution required

R&D Spearhead **–** up to $500,000 (matching not required)

**Indirect Costs:** Applicants must include indirect costs/overhead worth 15% of total NCC request.

Note: Ontario Tech will deduct the NCC’s incremental membership fee (worth 3.5% of annual installment – see “NCC Membership Fee” section below) from the awarded indirect costs prior to distributing any remaining awarded funds for indirect costs according to the [Indirect Costs of Research Policy.](https://usgc.ontariotechu.ca/policy/policy-library/policies/legal,-compliance-and-governance/indirect-costs-of-research-policy.php)

**Duration:** 1 to 3 years, projects must be completed, including all spending, by March 31, 2029.

**How to Apply:**

1. Notify [Ewa Stewart](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) of your intent to apply as soon as possible.
2. Review the [2025 Call for Proposals](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https:/ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Call-2025-Guide-Final.pdf), [Funding Program Guide: Pre-Award](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https:/ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/NCC-Pre-Award-Program-Guide.pdf), and [FAQs](https://ncc-cnc.ca/frequently-asked-questions/).
3. Register in NCC’s [Adsigno Portal](https://ncc-cnc.smartsimple.ca/s_Login.jsp) to access the LOI application.
4. Create and complete an LOI application in the portal.
5. Add Laura Rendl – [laura.rendl@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:laura.rendl@ontariotechu.ca) as the “Authorized Signatory” to the application.
6. Submit a draft of the full LOI and a [Research Grants Authorization (RGA) Form](https://shared.ontariotechu.ca/shared/department/research/documents/policies-and-procedure-form/rga-form-e-signatures.docx) signed by your Dean to [Ewa Stewart](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) by March 18, 2025.
7. Make any required revisions and **submit LOI in the application portal by 9 am on Monday, March 24 (Please note that authorized signatory must approve your LOI in the portal after you submit, so the 9 am deadline is mandatory.)**
8. If the LOI is accepted, the NCC will invite the applicant to submit a full proposal due on May 9, 2025 (internal deadlines will be set once LOI results are announced.)

**Contact:** NCC Program Officer: [projects@ncc-cnc.ca](mailto:projects@ncc-cnc.ca)

ORS Grants Officer: [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)

**Program information:**

<https://ncc-cnc.ca/>

[Recording](https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/English-Info-Session-Feb-19-2024.mp4) and [slide deck](https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-Call-for-Proposals-Feb-19-2024-Info-Session-Slide-Deck.pdf) of the February 19 Information Session

Q&A Session – Tuesday, March 11, 2025 (details TBD; [sign up](https://ncc-cnc.ca/dont-miss-our-updates/) for NCC newsletter for details.)

**Eligibility**

**Subject Matter**

Under the Research and Development (R&D) stream, the NCC will support (TRL 1-6) that are focused on the design and implementation of innovative cybersecurity technologies, working to advance the state-of-the-art, or looking to conduct studies within the Canadian cybersecurity ecosystem relating to:

* Critical Infrastructure Protection to develop solutions that enable proactive monitoring and real-time detection and mitigation to restore critical infrastructure from damage and interruptions inflicted by cyberattacks.
* Network Security to develop tools, techniques, and procedures to safeguard computer networks and hosts from both internal and external exploits.
* Software Security to develop tools, methods, and practices to reveal and cure vulnerabilities before software is released to end-users.
* Human-Centric Cybersecurity to understand how human factors influence and impact security and privacy requirements to develop new humancentric cybersecurity solutions.
* Privacy Protection to develop protective technologies across many different environments that safeguard individuals and data from privacy violations.

Research and Development proposals are not limited to technical or scientific projects but could address non-technical issues of concern to cybersecurity/privacy. These may not sit within a particular TRL but will be considered on their own merit and assessed based on the potential impact of their goals. Research and Development proposals can additionally fall into one of two classes: Spearhead or Standard (for more detail on these classes of projects, see the Terminology List.

***A note on Spearhead Projects:*** Spearhead projects are research and development projects that originate from postsecondary educational institutions (PSE) and/or not-for-profit (NFP) organizations but do not have matching contributions identified. Matching contribution recommendations are under the heading ‘Grant Amounts and Matching Contributions’. Spearhead projects should be novel in nature and explore riskier early-stage ideas. However, they are NOT curiosity-driven projects. A spearhead project should have defined goals and milestones but should be sufficiently flexible to adapt as new insights emerge. Thus, the approaches to the goals may change but the goals should not. Changes to goals and milestones will need to be reported in advance of such alterations as specified in the reporting requirements of the Post Award Program Guide. Note: Although no matching contributions are required for a spearhead project, a plan must be provided to describe how a broader set of collaborators will be engaged over the lifespan of the project. These must be measurable (e.g., a private sector partner will be onboarded by Y2/Q3 to provide expertise and/or funding; or three not-for-profit organizations will be approached to work on an initiative to expand to areas beyond the applicant’s local jurisdiction). The purpose is to expand the project's participants and broaden its potential impact beyond the lab. In addition, it is anticipated that this could allow for a subsequent application to the NCC in the Standard category to continue to move the idea forward.

The NCC will also fund Commercialization Projects (Technology, Product or Service) and Training projects (Skills and Talent Development). See the full [2025 Call for proposals](https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Call-2025-Guide-Final.pdf) for details.

Projects submitted to the NCC for funding may not be submitted for consideration for other funding opportunities. Refer to the [NCC’s Pre-award Guide](https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/NCC-Pre-Award-Program-Guide.pdf) to review eligible organizations, sources for matching contributions and project expenses.

**Applicant**

Lead Organization will be required to be a member, in good standing, of the NCC. For additional information, please refer the website: <https://ncc-cnc.ca/membership/>

The Project Lead identified on a project must have a fulltime/tenure-track appointment with the Lead Organization they are affiliated with. The Project Lead will be submitting the application components and will be the point of contact for the project regarding reporting. A Co-Lead may be named for the project.

**Additional Information**

**NCC Membership Fees**

As the NCC is a member-driven organization, the potential Ultimate Recipient (Lead Organization) will need to be a member in good standing of the NCC to receive funds from the NCC. It is expected that the base membership will be paid in full by the close of the Stage 2: Project Proposal period. If the project is successful in receiving an NCC grant, the Ultimate Recipient will be required to pay an additional 3.5% incremental membership fee based on the amount of awarded grant funds. Note: membership fees are not an eligible expense of the NCC or CSIN project funding. For Project Proposals that proceed beyond Stage 3, any Partner Organizations identified are encouraged to become members in good standing of the NCC. For additional information on NCC membership, including detail on membership benefits, visit our website: <https://ncc-cnc.ca/membership/>

**Resources**

* [2025 Call for Proposals](https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Call-2025-Guide-Final.pdf)
* [Pre-Award Program Guide](https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/NCC-Pre-Award-Program-Guide.pdf)
* [NCC Adsigno Portal](https://ncc-cnc.smartsimple.ca/s_Login.jsp)
* [NCC Adsigno Portal User Guide](https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/NCC-Adsigno-Portal-Instructions-2025.pdf) (includes LOI instructions)
* [Recording](https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/English-Info-Session-Feb-19-2024.mp4) and [slide deck](https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-Call-for-Proposals-Feb-19-2024-Info-Session-Slide-Deck.pdf) of the February 19 Information Session

## The National Killam Foundation - Dorothy Killam Fellowships

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

**Sponsor/Agency:** National Research Council of Canada (NRC) and The Killam Trust

**Program:** Dorothy Killam Fellowship

**Description:**

The [2026 Dorothy Killam Fellowship](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/fundingopportunities/fodetails/?foid=4b490485-049f-ec11-b400-002248d5186d) competition will open on March 26, 2025 (applications are May 22, 2025).

The Dorothy Killam Fellowships provide support to scholars of exceptional ability by granting them time to pursue research projects of broad significance and widespread interest within the disciplines of the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, health sciences, engineering or studies linking any of these disciplines. **These Fellowships are now specifically targeted to mid-career researchers in need of relief from teaching and administrative duties to focus on their research career. Between 5 and 8 fellowships will be awarded annually.** The fellowships are awarded to individuals, but the funds are paid to and administered by the Canadian university or research institute where the individual is employed.

**The Dorothy Killam Fellowships are valued at $80,000 CAD per year for a total of up to $160,000 for 2 years** (beginning no later than January 1, 2027). **A Dorothy Killam Fellow is relieved of teaching and some administrative duties for the period of the fellowship. The funds are intended to assist the institution to cover the costs of replacement of the applicant while still paying regular salary and benefits during the 2-year fellowship period. Recipients must obtain support for research and laboratory costs from other sources.**

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| Program Summary | |
| Deadlines | **March 31, 2025:** Mandatory internal notice of intent deadline (send email to [Ewa Stewart](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca), Grants Officer, and notify your Faculty Dean)  **April 30, 2025:** Mandatory preliminary research abstract must be submitted through the application portal to facilitate expert review.  **May 1, 2025**: Mandatory internal deadline for Comprehensive Review  **May 22, 2025:** Agency deadline |
| Value | $160,000 (Paid to the university to cover costs of your release time) |
| Duration | 2 years |
| How to Apply | 1. Notify Ewa Stewart and your Faculty Dean as soon as possible if you are interested in applying. 2. Review the [program guidelines](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/fundingopportunities/fodetails/?foid=4b490485-049f-ec11-b400-002248d5186d) 3. Request two letters of support: one letter that speaks to the importance, the impact, and the quality of the proposed research; and the other focuses on the quality and impact of the researcher themselves, and their alignment with the Killam Attributes. 4. Create an application in the [online portal](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/Account/Login). 5. Submit your completed application package to Ewa Stewart by email by May 1, 2025, for a comprehensive review. 6. Submit your completed application form including supplementary documents (e.g., curricula vitae, letters of support) in the online portal by May 22, 2025. |
| For more information | **ORS Grants Officer**  [Ewa Stewart](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)  **Killam Program Officer**  [KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)  **Killam Program Webinar**  February 26 @ 1:00-2:00  please RSVP to the National Killam Program Office at [KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca) |

**Eligibility:**

A Dorothy Killam Fellow is a leading researcher whose superior, ground-breaking, best-in-class research stands to have significant impact on a national or global scale. A Fellow is someone who also reflects some of the Killam attributes:

* Inclusive collaborator – whose work exemplifies inclusion and understanding of people, cultures and needs with participation among economic, social and cultural backgrounds
* Barrier breaker – whose original, transformational, future focused generation of knowledge and technology stands to challenge the way we live
* Research leader – who activates thoughtful cooperation among scholars, disciplines and institutions

The Dorothy Killam Fellowships support scholars who:

* demonstrate commitment to building Canada’s future and alignment with Killam attributes;
* are mid-career researchers who usually completed their PhD no more than 15 years prior, though special circumstances may result in applicants being more or less than 15 years post-PhD;
* are employed at a Canadian research institution.

**To be eligible, applicants:**

* demonstrate commitment to building Canada’s future and alignment with Killam attributes;
* must be an individual living and working in Canada at a Canadian institution(s) in the mid stage in their career (typically no more than 15 years since the completion of a PhD)
* must be employed by a university or other research institute for the duration of the fellowship (2 years) and will submit a proof of employment
* may not have already been awarded a fellowship from the Killam Program of the Canada Council for the Arts. Please note that National Killam Program Office employees, members of the National Killam Program Advisory Board, or the Selection Committee may not apply.
* consent to disclose any information that may constitute a significant departure from generally-recognized standards of public behaviour and which is seen to undermine the public reputation of the National Killam Program.

**Resources/attachments:**

[National Killam Program Website](https://nrc.canada.ca/en/corporate/careers/national-killam-program)

[National Killam Program Portal](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/Account/Login)

[Dorothy Killam Fellowship Application Guidelines](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/fundingopportunities/fodetails/?foid=4b490485-049f-ec11-b400-002248d5186d)

## The National Killam Foundation - Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowships

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

**Sponsor/Agency:** National Research Council of Canada (NRC) and The Killam Trust

**Program:** Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowship

**Description:**

The [2026 Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowship](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/fundingopportunities/fodetails/?foid=2fca8e2f-72b5-ee11-a569-000d3a0a2ad3) competition will open on March 26, 2025 (applications are due June 5, 2025).

The Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowships honour Dr. Paul Corkum's outstanding contributions to research in Canada. The fellowships create opportunities for mid-to-late career Canadian and international scholars to collaborate with NRC researchers. This new program provides opportunities for external scholars to have access to the NRC's unique infrastructure and resources, and work with an NRC researcher to further Dorothy Killam's vision of building Canada's future through advanced study.

The program will award up to three fellowships each year, and each fellowship project must align with an [NRC challenge program](https://nrc.canada.ca/en/research-development/research-collaboration/programs/challenge-programs).

Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowships provide release time from employment for national and international scholars who have demonstrated outstanding research ability and are proposing collaborative research with an NRC researcher.

**Fellowships are valued at $100,000 CAD per year in the form of a grant that is paid to the institution of each Fellow to cover release time.** An additional grant of up to $50,000 CAD is available to accommodate travel and knowledge dissemination costs of the Fellow, based on budget estimates provided in the proposal. **Fellows will likely require other research funds to cover the costs of research.**

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| Program Summary | |
| Deadlines | **March 31, 2025:** Mandatory internal notice of intent deadline (send email to [Ewa Stewart](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca), Grants Officer, and notify your Faculty Dean)  **May 15, 2025**: Mandatory internal deadline for Comprehensive Review  **June 5, 2025:** Agency deadline |
| Value | $100,000 (Paid to the university to cover costs of your release time)  Up to $50,000 To cover Fellow’s travel, accommodation, and knowledge dissemination costs (based on provided budget estimates) |
| Duration | 1 year |
| How to Apply | 1. Notify Ewa Stewart and your Faculty Dean as soon as possible if you are interested in applying. 2. Review the [program guidelines](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/fundingopportunities/fodetails/?foid=2fca8e2f-72b5-ee11-a569-000d3a0a2ad3) 3. If you require help to connect to an NRC investigator, complete an [Expression of Interest Form](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/Killam%20NRC%20Paul%20Corkum%20Fellowship%20Expression%20of%20Interest%20Form.pdf) and email to the [National Killam Program Office](mailto:KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca). 4. Create an application in the [online portal](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/Account/Login). 5. Prepare the required attachments. 6. Submit your completed application package to Ewa Stewart by email by May 15, 2025, for a comprehensive review. 7. Submit your completed application form including supplementary documents (proposal, curricula vitae, letters of support, etc.) in the application portal by June 5, 2025. |
| For more information | **ORS Grants Officer**  [Ewa Stewart](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)  **Killam Program Officer**  KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca  **Killam Program Webinar**  February 26 @ 1:00-2:00  please RSVP to the National Killam Program Office at [KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca) |

**Eligibility:**

**Subject matter**

Each fellowship project must align with an [NRC challenge program](https://nrc.canada.ca/en/research-development/research-collaboration/programs/challenge-programs).

The Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowship may support a specific collaborative project, a knowledge exchange initiative, a novel multidisciplinary collaboration, or other scholarly pursuits that advances knowledge.

The Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowship is intended to:

1. enable new and potentially disruptive technologies to be developed with industry, academics and government;
2. strengthen collaborations with industry, academia, and various levels of government to attain critical mass for addressing national issues of importance to the Canadian economy and quality of life for Canadians;
3. find solutions to some of the most serious public policy challenges; and
4. create stronger innovation ecosystems in specific sectors by enabling industry, academics, and government labs to partner with NRC researchers, leveraging NRC facilities and resources, and share knowledge.

**Applicant**

Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellows are leading researchers whose superior, ground-breaking, best-in-class research stands to have significant impact on a national or global scale. A Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellow embodies one or more of the Killam attributes:

* Inclusive collaborator
* Barrier breaker
* Research leader

A Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellow is relieved of teaching and administrative duties for the period of the fellowship. The funds are intended to assist the institution with replacement costs of the Fellow while still paying the Fellow’s regular salary and benefits during the 12-month fellowship period. Additionally, to maximize collaboration through consistent, in-person contact, the program provides funding to support the Fellow’s travel and access to the NRC facilities. All fellowship dispersals are administered to the research institution of the Fellow.

To be eligible, Fellowship applicants must:

* be willing and able to travel to an NRC location or locations in Canada to collaborate with an NRC co-PI as required;
* obtain a reliability status personnel security clearance;
* demonstrate commitment to building Canada’s future and alignment with Killam attributes;
* agree to participate in community engagement and knowledge mobilization activities. This may include: participation in the Killam Laureate Network, participation in a Fellows lecture series and invited lectures, and/or participation in dissemination activities with relevant University departments, or with other organizations or appropriate scientific societies.
* demonstrate commitment to knowledge exchange with their NRC co-PI;
* be a mid-to-late career researcher, although researchers at earlier career stages may be considered in some cases;
* receive release time to conduct the proposed research, and will continue to be employed by the same institution for up to 12 months from the start of the Fellowship; and,
* consent to disclose any information that may constitute a significant departure from generally-recognized standards of public behaviour and which is seen to undermine the public reputation of the National Killam Program.

**Terms and conditions of the program**

The Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowships support advanced study and research excellence by creating opportunities for Canadian and international scholars to partner with NRC researchers, leverage NRC facilities and resources, and share knowledge through new collaborations. The program promotes discovery and innovation through shared exploration, work and growth. The co-PI model encourages the Fellow and the NRC researcher to collaborate on a project for up to one year.

The following are examples of eligible activities for this funding opportunity:

1. Release from teaching and/or administrative duties:
   * to pursue collaborative R&D projects and can include planning, research, development, prototype development, feasibility studies, demonstrations and capacity building intended to support research, development, adoption and/or adaptation of innovative or technology-driven new or improved products, services or processes in Canada up to their commercialization; and/or
2. Collaboration and knowledge dissemination activities:
   * To pursue projects and initiatives including support for science or innovation-based conferences, workshops, symposia, coordination or other outreach and partnership development activities as well as costs related to the travel to such events by non-government employees.

**Application procedure**

The Fellowship is based on a co-PI model, which requires all submissions to propose one co-PI (the Fellow), employed outside of the NRC, and one co-PI employed by the NRC. There are no restrictions on the nature of the proposed project: projects could be technical, based on knowledge exchange, or exploratory, so long as they align with approved activities per [the terms and conditions of NRC Challenge Program funding](https://nrc.canada.ca/en/research-development/research-collaboration/programs/funded-collaborative-rd-programs-initiatives). Proposals are co-defined by the NRC co-PI and the Fellow.

If you are a Fellowship candidate and need help connecting with an NRC investigator, please complete an [Expression of Interest form](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/Killam%20NRC%20Paul%20Corkum%20Fellowship%20Expression%20of%20Interest%20Form.pdf) and return via email to the [National Killam Program Office](mailto:KillamProgram-ProgrammeKillam@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca) (NKPO). The NKPO will consult internally and respond to your inquiry within 10 business days.

Applicants must submit the application form, attestation forms, and all required documents by **June 5, 2025,** in the Killam online portal.

**Resources/attachments:**

[National Killam Program Website](https://nrc.canada.ca/en/corporate/careers/national-killam-program)

[NRC Paul Corkum Fellowship Guidelines](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/fundingopportunities/fodetails/?foid=2fca8e2f-72b5-ee11-a569-000d3a0a2ad3)

[National Killam Program Portal](https://programmekillamprogram.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/Account/Login)

## Research Excellence Chairs Program 2025

**Description**

Ontario Tech University established the Research Excellence Chairs Program to recognize and retain outstanding researchers at Ontario Tech University. The program has three streams and is designed to enable researchers to complete a major research program. Further, the program is meant to emphasize the importance of research at Ontario Tech in strategic areas, while highlighting and promoting the outstanding achievements of our scholars and the university’s commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI).

**Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Focus**

We encourage participation and representation from persons in the federally recognized Four Designated Groups (FDGs), which include women, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities and racialized scholars, and members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. In addition, principles of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will guide the application and adjudication process.

**Eligibility**

The program is open to researchers from all disciplines. Current Research Excellence Chairholders are only eligible to apply in their final year. Applicants must select one stream only at the time of the application and clearly indicate it in the application.

**Stream 1 (Transform):** Open to previous Chairholders, including, Canada Research Chairs, Industrial Research Chairs and Ontario Tech University Research Excellence Chairs.

**Stream 2 (Ignite):** Open to all Tenured and Tenure-Track (TTT) faculty members at Ontario Tech University.

**Stream 3 (Social Innovation):** Open to all Tenured and Tenure-Track (TTT) faculty members at Ontario Tech University (including previous Chairholders) whose research contributes to social innovation, defined as the process of developing and deploying effective solutions to challenging and often systemic social and environmental issues in support of social progress.

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| **Deadlines** | **Full Application: March 21 2025**  Decisions: June 2025  Start Date of Award: July 1 2025 |
| **Value** | Up to **$15,000** per year of the award.  The number of Chairs that the Vice-President, Research, and Innovation (VPRI) will support is dependent on available funding. |
| **Duration** | **Stream 1 (Transform):** Three years, *renewable one time only*, based on performance and available funding  **Stream 2 (Ignite):** Two years, non-renewable  **Stream 3 (Social Innovation):** Two years, non-renewable |
| **How to apply** | The application package consists of two components:   1. **Application materials**     1. Research Chair Title, Stream and Research Program Summary    2. Research Funding Plan and Description of Applicant’s Expected Contribution to Research Leadership    3. Description of the Proposed Research Program    4. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Plan    5. Budget and Justification    6. Most Significant Research Contributions    7. Reference Letter    8. Renewal Statement *(it only applies to Stream 1 renewals*) 2. **Curriculum vitae**   See **attached guidelines** for full details on how to apply. |
| **Adjudication process** | Applications will be adjudicated by a multidisciplinary selection committee composed of six active or past Chairs (e.g., Canada Research Chairs; Research Excellence Chairs; etc.), and, if needed, committee membership will be extended to full professors. Committee members will be selected by the VPRI, ensuring that there are no conflicts of interest. The VPRI will identify a Chair, from its members, to lead and facilitate the adjudication process. Please refer to the Peer Review Guide for more details on the process. Several concrete measures will be implemented to ensure an equitable adjudication process (see attached guidelines). The adjudication is conducted in four stages:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Stage 1:**  **Orientation Session** | The orientation session will be held after the committee is formed and all committee members had signed the membership agreement and conflict of interest declaration form. The purpose of the orientation session is to prepare the selection committee for the adjudication process by reviewing the evaluation criteria and their interpretation; making decisions re: the adjudication process (e.g., use of a cut-off score; discussing all applications); reviewing the training required; clarifying roles, discussing conflict of interest; answering questions from the committee, etc. | | **Stage 2:**  **Evaluation of Applications** | Members of the selection committee, with the exception of the Chair, will independently evaluate all applications based on the evaluation criteria for the specific internal program, using the scoring sheet provided by ORS. Reviewers will also provide constructive feedback to applicants to improve the quality of the proposed research. Reviewers will send the complete scoring sheet to ORS by the specified deadline. ORS staff will compile all scores prior to the adjudication meeting. | | **Stage 3:**  **Adjudication Meeting** | The committee will discuss applications based on the process established by the committee during the orientation session. This discussion will be led by the Chair who will encourage the involvement of the entire committee in evaluating/discussing each application based on the evaluation criteria for each competition. At the end of the meeting, the selection committee will make funding recommendations to the VPRI. | | **Stage 4:**  **Funding Decisions by VPRI** | Using the selection committee’s ranking and review comments, the VPRI will make the final decision about which applications to fund and the amount of funding awarded to each, given the available funding and in consideration of EDI principles. The VPRI may consult with the EDI advisor and the Committee Chair. Notification of results will be sent to all applicants once decisions have been finalized. All decisions are final. | |
| **For questions and support** | If you need support while preparing your application or have any questions about the program, please contact Raluca Dubrowski at [raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca). |

**Attachments**

* Program Guidelines
* Peer Review Guide

## Research Excellence Awards 2025

**Description**

The Research Excellence Awards (REA) are prestigious awards granted annually to recognize up to three tenured and/or tenure track faculty members for their outstanding contributions and achievements in research while at Ontario Tech University.

**Eligibility Criteria and Award Categories**

All current tenured and tenure-track faculty members who have been at Ontario Tech for at least one year are eligible to be nominated. Nominations may be submitted individually or collectively by current tenured or tenure-track faculty members, including Faculty Deans. Permission should be sought from the potential nominee before submission. Self-nominations are welcome. In addition, each nomination must be endorsed by two current Ontario Tech faculty members. Endorsements can be obtained from any Ontario Tech tenured or tenure-track faculty member. Faculty members may not endorse more than one nomination in each category. Faculty members may only receive each category of award once.

* **Emerging Researchers:** Individuals **within the first six (6) years** of their first independent academic appointment. This award recognizes both early excellence in research and future promise.
* **Mid-career Researchers:** Individuals who are between the seventh and twelfth (7-12) years of their first independent academic appointment. This award recognizes recently established research programs that are opening up new fields or insights of inquiry.
* **Established Researchers:** Individuals who are beyond the twelfth (12) year of their first independent academic appointment (i.e. 13th year and beyond). These awards recognize recent national and/or international leadership in research in the last 6 years. These awards are not intended to be career research awards.

*Note: The time since first academic appointment for each category will be considered as of July 1 of the competition year.*

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| **Deadlines** | **Full Application: March 21, 2025**  Decisions: June 2025  Start Date of Award: July 1, 2025 |
| **Value** | Up to three awards (one in each category) will be presented annually. The budget for each competition year is $3,000, which will be distributed amongst the awards.  If there are 3 awards, each awardee will receive $1,000. If there are fewer than 3 awards, the $3,000 will be split proportionately between the awardees. |
| **How to apply** | See **attached guidelines** for more details on how to apply.  A complete nomination package includes:   1. Nomination Form – *attached* 2. Supplemental Information Form – *attached* 3. Nomination Letter (up to 4 pages) – *instructions attached* 4. Candidate’s CV - *Curriculum Vitae in a Tri-Agency accepted format (see attached guidelines for more details)* |
| **Adjudication process** | Applications will be adjudicated by a multidisciplinary selection committee composed of six active or past Chairs (e.g., Canada Research Chairs; Research Excellence Chairs; etc.), and, if needed, the committee membership will be extended to full professors. Committee members will be selected by the VPRI, ensuring that there are no conflicts of interest. The VPRI will identify a Chair, from its members, to lead and facilitate the adjudication process. Please refer to the attached Peer Review Guide and the REA guidelines for more details on the process. |
| **For questions** | If you need support while preparing your application or have any questions about the program, please contact Joanne Hui, Grants Officer, at [joanne.hui@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:joanne.hui@ontariotechu.ca) |

## SSHRC Destination Horizon Grants – May 2025 Competition

**\*Please note there is a mandatory internal NOI step for this opportunity as Ontario Tech can submit a maximum of 3 applications.**

**NOI due April 28, 2025. See below for details.\***

**Description:**

SSHRC has launched a new funding opportunity called the [Destination Horizon Grants](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/destination_horizon-eng.aspx). Valued at $15,000 for one year, these grants are intended to support researchers affiliated with eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions to build capacity, foster existing partnerships, and further develop networks and/or consortia with European Union and other “[associated countries](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/europe-world/international-cooperation/association-horizon-europe_en)” researchers, with the ultimate goal of applying to [Horizon Europe—Pillar II calls for proposals](https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/ised/en/horizon-europe).

This funding opportunity follows the [agreement signed by the Government of Canada and the European Commission](https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2024/07/03/joint-statement-prime-minister-trudeau-and-president-von-der-ley) allowing for increased Canadian participation in Horizon Europe under Pillar 2. This agreement provides Canadians with greater access to Horizon Europe.

Destination Horizon Grants proposals are expected to respond to the objectives of the [Research Partnerships program](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/umbrella_programs-programme_cadre/connection-connexion-eng.aspx) and **must be led by an applicant whose main area of research is in a social sciences and humanities discipline, and the proposed research must involve disciplines, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for SSHRC funding and align with** [**SSHRC subject matter eligibility**](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/background-renseignements/selecting_agency-choisir_organisme_subventionnaire-eng.aspx)**.**

Destination Horizon Grants are not intended to support implementation of Horizon Europe projects. Instead, the grants support activities between researchers that facilitate:

* disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary exchanges;
* scholarly exchanges;
* intersectoral exchanges between academic researchers and practitioners from the public, private and/or not-for-profit sectors; and/or
* international research collaboration and scholarly exchanges between researchers affiliated with Canadian postsecondary institutions and researchers, students and non-academic partners from the EU and other associated countries.

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| **Program Summary** | |
| **Deadlines** | **April 28, 2025: mandatory ORS Notice of Intent Deadline (NOI Form attached; see process details below)**  **May 15, 2025:** mandatory ORS internal deadline for administrative review. Please submit the complete application and signed RGA form.  **May 22, 2025:** external SSHRC deadline for full application. Application must be submitted in Convergence Portal by 9am.  *Please note: SSHRC will have one more deadline for this opportunity on September 22, 2025.* |
| **Value** | * Up to $15,000 from SSHRC * **100% cash match required from host institution** |
| **Duration** | 1 Year |
| **Results announced** | March |
| **How to Apply** | 1. Notify [Ewa.Stewart@Ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Ewa.Stewart@Ontariotechu.ca) as soon as possible of your interested in applying. 2. Review the [program guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/destination_horizon-eng.aspx), including the eligibility requirements. 3. Discuss your intent to apply with your Faculty Dean and secure required [cash matching contributions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/destination_horizon-eng.aspx#3) (see below for details). 4. Submit internal NOI form signed by your Dean by April 28, 2025. 5. Applicants will be notified By May 5 whether they have been selected to move forward to the national competition. 6. Prepare and submit an application through the [Convergence Portal](https://prod.auth.convergence.gc.ca/prodconv.onmicrosoft.com/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%3DuOzMkC7MocqAm2wpY9JbgCPJxrFzZ0KRUcgJkHIobqfABeyeCx8y1X01dMt9L6b-fBj7_kUYLDpk3gLpcO3KWD0iT0_WT9Le4PXAe0Mf3ZNWbsH8eNu0GQLg7H8hgrGzm-QxYidPm5jGPTCnALsUwU8h9beuw4mbv0kAB5ULT_x6175NrUptGIcBgqZYcUmYRymZBLtQBcWyHhC2MtjyCKDuhB8Lf57eR_LtKDA3pH4IMi9H0rH9Fo7SNG-XByQ2xZ-zjRypYcU7ahKaaG8XfNOf5brRC8TmQq_UJo9HKN-Uc6M8zshBOC5il78aPbYntKTPsBGmB0o1CvrC5rEYBu_fzTjmniloKr2oN5zoze6lFTvU9Al45-Q-JcX6KdgmMQ6wuCCjN2kKMfnomPF2st1R2E3uJOBnuBHyArd5nuEqFOI6xmZMvKOOt8xzEQNVIP7pw08OA9egpqw1dhDYRdWscRHb51FKQhh2hG5ryYo&response_mode=form_post&nonce=638690066171752860.ZjdkODIyOWEtNGQxNS00NWMzLTk4MjktNDcxMTdmMWMyNWI5NTBkMzJiYTAtOWRiZi00NGZlLWJiOWYtMWI2MjVhMTUzNGQw&ui_locales=en-US&x-client-SKU=ID_NET472&x-client-ver=6.35.0.0) following the [application instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/destination-horizon/applicant-candidat-eng.aspx). |
| **For more information** | **SSHRC Webinars**  SSHRC held a webinar on December 4. Contact Ewa Stewart for the recording/slides.  **ORS Grants Officer**  Contact [ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca)  **SSHRC Program Officer**  **Email:** [partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) |
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**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](http://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 to conduct research activities (e.g., literature reviews, field work, data collection, interviews) are not eligible for funding under this funding opportunity. **These funds cannot be used to pay for research activities, but rather must be used for networking, travel, hosting, and other capacity-building activities.**

To be eligible for this funding opportunity, applicants must demonstrate:

* their eligible affiliation and primary affiliation in the social sciences or humanities;
* their readiness to further develop networks and/or consortia with EU and other associated countries’ researchers, with the ultimate goal of applying to a Horizon Europe—Pillar II call;
* eligible budget requests; and
* 100% matching cash contributions from the host institution.
  + Examples of eligible cash contributions: course release, RA salary, work-study student, startup funds, PD funds
  + Please note: other tri-agency grant funds are not eligible to be counted as match

**Importantly, these grants are meant to fund applicants who have an established relationship with an EU institution or consortium. They are not meant to fund partnership-building activities at the very early stages.**

**Additional Information:**

**Multiple applications and holding multiple awards**

Individuals can, as an [applicant](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a1), only hold one Destination Horizon Grant. There is no limit to how many competitions an individual, as an applicant, may apply to.

A postsecondary institution may only submit up to three Destination Horizon Grant applications for a given deadline.

**Ontario Tech Internal Selection Process**

Since Ontario Tech can only submit three applications per deadline to SSHRC, we are implementing a mandatory internal Notice of Intent step to assess potential applicants’ eligibility for the program and, if necessary, select three applications to submit to the national competition. A Grants Officer will review submitted NOIs for program eligibility and if more than three eligible applications are submitted, ORS will randomly select the three applications to move forward to the national competition (in line with [SSHRC’s selection process](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/destination_horizon-eng.aspx#6) for this program). Any eligible applicants not selected to move forward in the current round will be given priority to apply in the subsequent round.

**Please complete the attached Notice of Intent form, including the Dean’s signature to show approval of faculty cash matching contributions, and submit to** [**Ewa Stewart**](mailto:ewa.stewart@ontariotechu.ca) **by April 28, 2025**. *Please note that the tight internal deadline is necessary due to the funder’s competition timeline and the upcoming university holiday closure. ORS will provide longer notice for subsequent Destination Horizon deadlines in 2025.*

**SSHRC’s Selection Process**

All applications deemed eligible will be entered into a randomized selection process.

**Randomized selection process**

Eligible applications will have their application number entered into a random number generator. This random number generator operates by using an independent random number generation code as a seed value to then inform the Excel RAND function. Grants will then be selected, in order, from the lowest random number to the highest random number until the financial resources allocated to the competition are exhausted.

**Resources/attachments:**

* [Destination Horizon Grant Program Guidelines](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/destination_horizon-eng.aspx)
* [Application Instructions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/destination-horizon/applicant-candidat-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)
* [Guidelines for Cash and In-Kind Contributions](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/cash_inkind-especes_en_nature-eng.aspx)
* SSHRC’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)
* [Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp)

## CIHR Project Grant – Spring 2025 Competition

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

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

**Objectives**

The Project Grant program is expected to:

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

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| **Registration deadline** | **February 5 2025**  Registration is mandatory; applicants cannot submit an application if they do not register.  For registration, applicants are required to have a CIHR PIN and an account with [ResearchNe](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnetsso/ssologin?language=en)t. |
| **Application deadlines** | **February 19 2025 (comprehensive review)**: ORS internal deadline for a comprehensive review. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications via email to [Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca) for a comprehensive review of the application.  **March 4 2025 (mandatory internal deadline)**: ORS internal deadline for administrative review. Please submit the pdf of your ResearchNet application along with a complete and signed RGA form via email to [Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca).  **March 5 2025 (mandatory funder deadline)**: external CIHR deadline for full application. Applications must be submitted in the ResearchNet system by 9:00 AM. The grants officer will conduct a final review for completeness and submit it to the funder. The funder deadline is 8:00 PM. |
| **Eligibility** | An individual or an organization cannot submit more than two Project Grant applications per competition as a Nominated Principal Applicant. Check additional eligibility requirements [here](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4174&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true&language=E). |
| **Grant budget** | There is no minimum or maximum limit per year or in total for the Project Grant. |
| **Grant duration** | There is no actual duration limit for the Project Grant. Most grants range between 2 and 5 years. |
| **Partnership requirements** | This is not a partnered grant and there are no formal requirements for partnering; however, depending on the nature of the research proposal, a commitment from interested or engaged knowledge user(s) or other partners will be reasonably expected by peer reviewers. |
| **How to apply** | 1. Notify Raluca Dubrowski ([Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca)) of your intent to apply to the Spring 2025 competition as soon as possible. Raluca will meet with you, as needed, to discuss the proposed research; grant requirements; letters of support; questions related to the ResearchNet portal, budget, CCV, co-applicants and collaborators; help develop the KT section of the grant, etc. 2. Review the [grant requirements](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4174&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true&language=E), [peer review manual](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/49564.html), and the [evaluation criteria](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4174&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true&language=E). 3. Complete or update your [CCV](https://ccv-cvc.ca/) (CIHR Biosketch version). 4. Register for the Project Grant Spring 2025 competition, in the [ResearchNet](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnetsso/ssologin?language=en), by the February 5 2025 deadline. 5. Complete your application in the [ResearchNet](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnetsso/ssologin?language=en) portal and submit your application for review to Raluca Dubrowski by the deadlines outlined above. |
| **Anticipated notice of decision** | July 17 2025 |
| **Grant start date** | October 1 2025 |
| **Questions** | If you have any questions, please contact Raluca Dubrowski ([raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:raluca.dubrowski@ontariotechu.ca)). |

**ORS Information Session**

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

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

**CIHR Webinars**

CIHR will be hosting the following webinars to support participants with the requirements of the funding opportunity “Spring 2025 Project Grant” and to answer questions on how to apply. The dates and times are listed below and the link to the webinars will be posted [here](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/45096.html).

Wednesday January 22 2025, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday February 6 2025, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Consultant Honorarium Program**

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

**Supporting Resources**

* [Grant: Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Funding Opportunity](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=4174&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true&language=E)
* [CIHR Biosketch CV – Quick Reference Guide](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/48437.html)
* [Sex and Gender in Health Research](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50833.html)
* [Learning for Applicants](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/47021.html)
* [How to complete the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Self-identification Questionnaire](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50959.html)
* [Peer Review Manual – Project](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/49564.html)
* [San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51731.html)

**Attached Documents**

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

## 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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| **Research plan** | 1.5 | 4 | 11 |
| **Team** | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| **Training plan\*\*** | 2 | 2 | 4 |
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|  | 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: **March 31, 2025**   + IP Officer review: **February 21, 2025**   + Administrative check (upload to NSERC portal): **February 28, 2025** * NSERC: **June 20, 2025**    + IP Officer review: **May 23, 2025**   + Administrative check (upload to NSERC portal): **TBD** * NSERC: **September 22, 2025**   + IP Officer review: **August 25, 2023**   + Administrative check (upload to NSERC portal): **TBD**   **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 | **(Yiming) Peter Shao**  **IP Officer, ORS**  Yiming.Shao@ontariotechu.ca |

Eligibility:

*Eligible activities*

Eligible research and development activities include:

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

Eligible technology transfer activities include:

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

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

*Phase eligibility*

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

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

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

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

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

*Eligible sponsors for Phase II*

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

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

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

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

Additional Information:

*Tech transfer and IP strategy*

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

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

*Evaluation criteria*

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

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

Resources:

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

## Honda Canada Foundation – Grants

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Value:** Not specified

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