

RESEARCH GRANTS UPDATE

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Note: Applications must be received by the Office of Research and Innovation a minimum of 5 business days in advance of the funding agency deadline unless otherwise stated. Please allow enough time for Chair and Dean approval in Romeo.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Grants Update

- Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Conservation Grants Program** supports collaborative projects engaging non-profit organizations, SFI-certified organizations, and other stakeholders to advance sustainability through forestry-focused collaboration.
Application deadline: October 22, 2021
- Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP)** is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of BC, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations, and public stakeholders to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by existing BC Hydro dams.
Full application deadline: October 29, 2021 *Note that a mandatory NOI was required in September for all Peace Region Projects
- NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) Grants** provide the primary avenue for university researchers in the natural sciences and engineering to obtain up to \$150,000 in support for research tools and instruments with a net cost between \$7,001 and \$250,000.
Application deadline: October 25, 2021
- NSERC Discovery Grants** support ongoing programs of research in the natural sciences and engineering with long-term goals rather than a single short-term collection of projects.
Full application deadline: November 1, 2021 *Note that a mandatory NOI was required in August
- WWF Canada's Nature x Carbon Tech Challenge** seeks cost-effective, innovative and user-friendly technologies (hardware and/or software) to support community-led carbon measurement of nature-based climate solutions in Canada.
Application deadline: November 1, 2021

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Social Sciences and Humanities Grants Update

- SSHRC Connection Grants** support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives.
Application deadline: November 1, 2021
- SSHRC Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative** aims to support partnership research and related activities to meet the needs of organizations working toward removing barriers and disparities for women; First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples; Black, Asian and other racialized peoples; people living with disabilities (both visible and invisible); LGBTQ2+ people; religious minorities; and others marginalized on the basis of their ethnicity and other identity factors.
Application deadline: November 15, 2021
- SSHRC Partnership Development Grants** provide support to develop research and related activities by fostering new partnerships for research and related activities involving existing and/or potential partners, as well as to design and test new partnership approaches for research and/or related activities.
Application deadline: November 15, 2021
- SSHRC Open Research Area 7th Call for Proposals** is based on an agreement among the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR; France), the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (Germany), the Economic and Social Research Council (UK), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC; Canada). The scheme will provide funding for integrated projects by researchers coming from at least three of the four subscribing countries.
Application deadline: November 17, 2021

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Health Sciences Grants Update

- CIHR Fellowships** provide support for highly qualified applicants in all areas of health research at the post-PhD degree or post-health professional degree stages.
Application deadline: October 6, 2021
- CIHR Catalyst Grants: Quadruple Aim and Equity** support one-year knowledge creation and knowledge implementation projects grounded in an integrated knowledge translation approach. Projects must be of high priority to the project's policy and/or decision maker(s).
Application deadline: October 26, 2021

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Other Grants and Scholarships Update

- Canada Graduate Scholarships—Doctoral** is a federal program of scholarships awarded through national competitions by the tri-agencies (CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC).
Application deadline: October 18, 2021
- New Frontiers in Research Fund—Exploration Stream** supports high-risk, high-reward and interdisciplinary research. Specifically, the NFRF program seeks to inspire projects that bring disciplines together beyond traditional disciplinary or common interdisciplinary approaches by research teams with the capacity to explore something new that might fail, but that has the potential for significant impact.
Full application deadline: October 19, 2021 *Note that a mandatory NOI was required in August
- New Frontiers in Research Fund—Innovative Approaches to Research in the Pandemic Context** is a special call that aims to accelerate the exploration of new approaches and the development and testing of new directions in research methodologies, to respond to challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Full application deadline: October 26, 2021 *Note that a mandatory NOI was required in September
- New Frontiers in Research Fund—Transformation** is designed to support large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize real and lasting change (high-reward).
NOI deadline (mandatory): November 2, 2021 LOI (mandatory): January 4, 2022 Full application deadline (by invitation only): September 20, 2022

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Internal Grants Update

- SSHRC Explore/Exchange Grants** fund small-scale research and research related activities in the social sciences and humanities. Grants must be may not exceed \$7,000 and must be spent by March 31, 2022.
Application deadline: October 20, 2021

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A Look Ahead

- Canada Graduate Scholarship—Masters (CGS-M)** Deadline: December 1, 2021
- SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants** Deadline: December 15, 2021
- Undergraduate Research Experience (URE)** Deadline: December 15, 2021
- SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grants— "The Emerging Asocial Society"** December 17, 2021
- NSERC Alliance Grant Program—Options 1 and 2** (Continuous Intake)
- Mitacs Accelerate** (Continuous Intake)
- Mitacs Globalink Research Award** (Continuous Intake)
- FHSS Awards to Scholarly Publications Program** (continuous intake)

Workshops and Webinars

- SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants**
Wednesday, October 6, 2021; 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

- SSHRC Partnership Grants—Stage 1**
Thursday, October 21, 2021; 10:00 am to 12:00 pm



Why is it so important to submit your grant application to the Office of Research and Innovation early?

Although it can seem difficult to finish grant applications well in advance of the funding agency's deadline, doing so is essential if you hope to be successful in receiving funding.

- Once you have completed a first draft of your grant proposal, it is always a good idea to ask a trusted peer to review it for before submission to the Office of Research and Innovation via ROMEO. If you would like the ORI to arrange a peer review of your proposal, we can do so, but need at least six weeks notice.
- Applications submitted to ROMEO must be approved by your Department Chair and Faculty Dean prior to being received by the Office of Research and Innovation. It is important to allow enough time for these approvals prior to the internal application deadline, which is generally set at a minimum of 5 business days before the external funding agency's deadline.
- Once applications are received by the Office of Research and Innovation, they will be reviewed by an ORI staff member for completeness and alignment with the funding agency's requirements, as well as for editorial issues such as grammar, punctuation, sentence clarity, and formatting. If changes are required or there are suggestions for improvement, your application will be sent back to you for revisions.
- It is critical that ORI staff have enough time to complete a thorough review of your application, as this will result in the best possible proposal submitted to the funding agency, and the highest likelihood of success.
- Once all changes have been made to the draft proposal, the ROMEO file will be sent for VPR approval. Once approval has been granted, you are free to submit to the funding agency. Adequate time is needed for all steps, so it is important to pay attention to internal deadlines so that everything can be completed in time to meet the external deadline.