

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Office of Research and Innovation



Natural Sciences and Engineering Grants



Social Sciences and Humanities Grants



Health Sciences Grants



Other Grants (all disciplines)



Internal Grants (all disciplines)

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

- Genome BC Pilot Innovation Fund** aims to fund a diverse set of innovation projects with a credible probability of success. For the purposes of this fund, Genome BC defines innovation as the practical translation of ideas and research outcomes into new or improved products, services, processes, systems, or social interactions.
Expression of Interest deadline (mandatory): September 1, 2021 **Next stages by invitation only**
- 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.
Peace Region Projects: Mandatory Notice of Intent to apply (NOI) deadline: September 13, 2021 **Full application deadline: October 29, 2021**
Coastal and Columbia Region Projects: NOI is not required **Full application deadline: October 29, 2021**
- 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

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Social Sciences and Humanities Grants Update

- SSHRC Aid to Scholarly Journals** support Canadian scholarly dissemination by offering a contribution to enable journals to explore innovative activities as well as to help them to defray the costs associated with publishing scholarly articles, digital publishing and journal distribution on Canadian not-for-profit platforms.
Application deadline: September 10, 2021
- SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants** provide short-term and timely support for partnered research activities in the social sciences and humanities that will inform decision-making at a single partner organization from the public, private or not-for-profit sector.
Application deadline: September 15, 2021
- SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship** supports the most promising Canadian new scholars in the social sciences and humanities, and assist them in establishing a research base at an important time in their research careers.
Application deadline: September 16, 2021
- SSHRC Insight Grants** support research excellence in the social sciences and humanities.
Application deadline: October 1, 2021

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Health Sciences Grants Update

- CIHR Project Grants** support projects or programs of research proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers in all areas of health.
Full application deadline: September 15, 2021 ***Note that a mandatory registration was required in August**
- 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

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Other Grants and Scholarships Update

- 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.
Notice of Intent to apply deadline (mandatory): September 21, 2021 **Full application deadline: October 26, 2021**
- McCall MacBain Scholarships** are Canada's first leadership-driven scholarship for master's and professional degree students and cover tuition, fees and a living stipend for a full-time master's program or a second-entry professional undergraduate program at McGill University.
Application deadline: September 22, 2021
- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships** support students pursuing their first PhD to attract and retain world-class doctoral students and establish Canada as a global centre of excellence in research and higher learning.
Internal application deadline: September 24, 2021
- Canada Graduate Scholarships—Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement** supports high-calibre Canadian graduate students who hold a Canada Graduate Scholarship in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional research experiences abroad.
Internal application deadline: October 1, 2021
- 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**

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Internal Grants Update

- Research Project Awards** provide funding to masters, doctoral and 3rd or 4th year undergraduate students for student led research projects.
Application deadline: October 1, 2021

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A Look Ahead

- NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) Grants** Deadline: October 25, 2021
- NSERC Discovery Grants** Full application deadline: November 1, 2021
***Note that a mandatory NOI was required in August**
- SSHRC Connection Grants** Deadline: November 1, 2021
- WWF Canada's Nature x Carbon Tech Challenge** Deadline: November 1, 2021
- SSHRC Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative** Deadline: November 15, 2021
- SSHRC Partnership Development Grants** Deadline: November 15, 2021
- SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants** Deadline: December 15, 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

- CIHR Information Session for Trainees in Health Research**
 September 7, 2021 10:00am–11:00am
 September 9, 2021 7:00am–8:00am
- SSHRC Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative Webinar**
 September 21, 2021 9:30am–11:00am
- NSERC Discovery Grants Live Q&A**
 September 23, 2021 10:00am–11:00am
- NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) Grants Live Q&A**
 September 7, 2021 10:00am–11:00am
 September 29, 2021 10:00am–11:00am



Grammar Tips—Commonly Confused Words

Correct grammar and punctuation are essential to writing a successful grant application, as they will aid the reader in understanding your proposed research and it is often the small details that are the difference between a funded and an unfunded application. There are a few commonly misused words that can confuse a reader and make your proposal seem less polished and professional:

- Which vs. That**—Use “that” if the words that follow are essential to the meaning of the sentence. Use “which” if removing the words that follow does not change the sentence's meaning. For example:
 - * One aspect of writing grant proposals *that* is essential is following the instructions.
 - * She finished writing her grant proposal early, *which* was important because she was so busy.
- Then vs. Than**—Use “then” to indicate time or a series of events. Use “than” for comparisons. For example:
 - * He wrote his grant proposal, *then* submitted it.
 - * Her proposal was written more clearly *than* his was.
- Affect vs. Effect**—“Affect” is usually a verb, and means “to influence”. “Effect” is usually a noun, which refers to a result or outcome. For example:
 - * The *effect* of the delay was that she had no time to apply for research funding.
 - * His confidence was negatively *affected* by his series of unsuccessful grant applications.

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