



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

- Environment and Climate Change Canada—Learning and Knowledge Hubs for Natural Climate Solutions** aims to identify and fund research organizations that will host Learning and Knowledge Hubs (LKH) aimed at advancing fundamental and technical knowledge to support the implementation of natural climate solutions in Canada.
Letter of intent deadline (mandatory): January 10, 2024 **Full application deadline (by invitation only): March 1, 2024**
- Forestry Innovation Investment (FII) Wood First Program** focuses on advancing wood use and innovative wood construction technologies in BC and establishing the province as a showcase for wood products in construction, interior design and daily living. Planning and delivery of the program is a collaborative effort involving the building construction industry, government and the forest sector.
Application deadline: January 15, 2024
- NSERC-CSE Research Communities Grants** provide support to fund Research Communities to conduct unclassified research on cutting-edge technologies in areas of strategic importance to the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) and the Government of Canada through NSERC's Alliance Grants Program.
Full application deadline: January 17, 2024 ***Note that a mandatory LOI was previously required**
- Real Estate Foundation of BC General Grants** support projects that advance sustainability, equity, and social justice in relation to land use and real estate practices in BC. Note that this external funding opportunity differs from the internal UNBC BC Real Estate Foundation Partnering Fund.
Application deadline: February 7, 2024
- NSERC-French Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) Call for Proposals on Quantum Technologies** aims to foster scientific collaborations and knowledge exchange between leading-edge researchers in Canada and France, driving advancements in the rapidly evolving field of quantum technologies.
Application deadline: March 28, 2024

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Social Sciences and Humanities Grants

- SSHRC Connection Grants** support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives. Events and outreach activities funded by a Connection Grant can often serve as a first step toward more comprehensive and longer-term projects.
Application deadline: February 1, 2024
- SSHRC Insight Development Grants** support research in its initial stages. The grants enable the development of new research questions, as well as experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches and/or ideas. Projects can be a continuation of ongoing research for emerging scholars, but must represent new research questions and/or approaches for established scholars.
Application deadline: February 2, 2024
- SSHRC Partnership Grants** provide support for new and existing formal partnerships over four to seven years to advance research, research training and/or knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities. They are intended for large teams of postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types that work in formal collaboration.
Stage 1 deadline (mandatory): February 10, 2024 **Stage 2: by invitation only**

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Health Sciences Grants

- MSHRBC Scholar Awards** support the development of outstanding health researchers from across BC. The Scholar Awards enables early career researchers to build their health research programs, train the next generation of scientists, and make significant contributions to their field.
Full application deadline: January 22, 2024 ***Note that a mandatory LOI was previously required**
- MSHRBC Health Professional Investigator Awards** support health professionals who are actively involved in patient care to build their health research programs, train the next generation of scientists, and make significant contributions to their field.
Full application deadline: January 22, 2024 ***Note that a mandatory LOI was previously required**
- IURC/MOH BC Interior Region Seed Grant Research Fund** aims to encourage inter-institutional research, in health-related areas, between researchers at Thompson Rivers University, the University of Northern British Columbia, and the University of British Columbia (Okanagan) and foster collaboration with Ministry on research-related program areas.
Full application deadline: February 5, 2024 ***Note that a mandatory EOI was previously required**
- CIHR Project Grants** support projects or programs of research proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers in all areas of health.
Registration deadline (mandatory): February 7, 2024 **Full application deadline: March 6, 2024**
- MSHRBC Trainee Awards** support health researchers in the training phase of their research career to enable career development and enrich BC's health research talent.
Full application deadline: February 23, 2024 ***Note that a mandatory LOI was previously required**

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Other Grants and Scholarships

- NFRF Transformation Competition** aims to support large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize real and lasting change.
Letter of Intent deadline (mandatory): January 10, 2024 ***Note that a mandatory NOI was previously required**
- Weston Family Awards in Northern Research** provide unparalleled support to early-career scientists in Canada pursuing research in Canada's North. To apply, master's and doctoral students must be enrolled in a thesis-based program in the natural sciences pursuing northern research at an accredited Canadian university as of the application deadline.
Application deadline: January 16, 2024
- Mackenzie King Scholarships** are available to graduates of Canadian universities and consist of two classes: the Open Scholarship and the Travelling Scholarship. Both are to support graduate study.
Application deadline: February 1, 2024
- NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA)** are meant to stimulate the interest of undergraduate students in research in the natural sciences and engineering and encourage them to undertake graduate studies and pursue a research career in these fields.
Application deadline: February 23, 2024

Contact: See funding description

Internal Grants

- Research Strategic Initiatives Grants (RSIG)** welcome requests from all UNBC faculty, research organizations, graduate and undergraduate student groups engaged in research. Funds are directed toward research activities for which other sources of funding are not available.
There are four application deadlines per year: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1
- International Student Research Awards (ISRA)** are designed to support international undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing careers in research, by gaining research work experience.
Application deadline: February 23, 2024

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A Look Ahead / Continuous Intake Grants

- [Environment and Climate Change Canada Funding Programs](#) Deadlines vary, see link for details
- [Mitacs Elevate Postdoctoral Fellowship](#) (Continuous Intake)
- [Science Horizons Youth Internship Program](#) (Continuous Intake)
- [Rio Tinto Aluminum Canada Fund](#) (Continuous Intake)
- [NSERC Alliance Grants Program—Options 1 and 2](#) (Continuous Intake)
- [NSERC Alliance International Grants](#) (Continuous Intake)
- [Mitacs Accelerate](#) (Continuous Intake)
- [Mitacs Globalink Research Award](#) (Continuous Intake)
- [SERNbc Seed Grants](#) (Continuous Intake)
- [Pacific Salmon Foundation—Partnered Initiatives](#) (Continuous Intake)
- [FHSS Awards to Scholarly Publications Program](#) (Continuous Intake)
- [Lotte & John Hecht Memorial Foundation—Innovative Medical Research & Practices](#) (Continuous Intake)

Workshops and Webinars

- [CIHR Health System Impact Fellowship Information Webinar](#)
January 9, 2024; 9:00 am PT
- [NSERC Alliance Updates and Changes](#)
January 24, 2024; 10:00 am PT
January 30, 2024; 8:00 am PT



When do you need to submit your grant application to the Office of Research and Innovation for internal review?

- Please notify the appropriate Research Project Officer (RPO) and your Chair and Dean of your intent to apply for any funding opportunity well in advance of the internal deadline so that they know to expect your application and can plan their workload appropriately.
- UNBC's internal deadline for the receipt of complete applications is a **minimum of 5 business days in advance of the external application deadline**. Funding opportunities requiring larger applications or those with a high volume of applications may have longer deadlines—please confirm internal deadlines with your RPO in advance.
- All applications must be submitted to the Office of Research and Innovation (ORI) via Romeo. Applications must be complete, and when applicable should be a complete downloaded PDF of the online application form.
- Please allow enough time for Chair and Dean approval in Romeo so that the application reaches the ORI by the internal deadline. Applications that are incomplete or that are missing information may be returned to the applicant for revisions.
- If your application requires an **Institutional Letter of Support**, please complete and submit the [Institutional Letter of Support Request Form](#) to the ORI a **minimum of 10 business days prior to the application deadline**. Complete applications should be submitted along with the letter request.