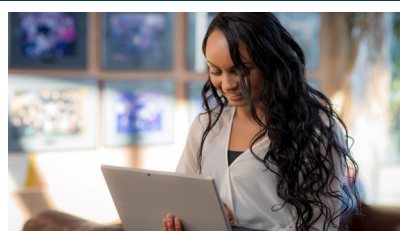


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Natural Sciences and Engineering Grants

- **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
- **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.
Full application deadline (by invitation only): March 1, 2024 *Note that a mandatory LOI was previously required.
- **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
- **SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants** provide short-term and timely support for partnered research activities that will inform decision-making at a single partner organization from the public, private or not-for-profit sector.
Application deadline: March 15, 2024

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Health Sciences Grants

- **CIHR Planning and Dissemination Grants—ICS** are intended to provide support for planning and/or dissemination activities (either virtual or in-person) consistent with the mandate of CIHR and relevant to CIHR Institutes and Initiatives.
Application deadline: February 1, 2024
- **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
- **CIHR Health System Impact Fellowship** provides highly qualified PhD trainees and postdoctoral researchers with the opportunity to develop embedded research programs that address the most pressing problems faced by health system organizations and support evidence-informed decision-making.
Application deadline: February 22, 2024
- **MSHRBC Research 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

- **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

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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
- **BC Real Estate Foundation Partnering Fund** aims to assist faculty and students in obtaining and leveraging funding for research and educational programs that speak to the goals of the Foundation Partnering Fund.
Application deadline: April 15, 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

- **NSERC Collaborating Research and Training Experience (CREATE) Grants Information Session**
February 7, 2024; 10:00 am–12:00 pm PT
[Link to Teams meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 287 863 459 907; Passcode: a5uBiX



Writing and Grammar Tips—When to Capitalize Words

Presentation matters! Using proper grammar makes your grant proposal more professional and polished and increases your chances of successfully receiving funding. When to capitalize words is an aspect of proper grammar that is often done incorrectly. Below are a few guidelines to follow:

- ◆ Capitalize the first word of a sentence, but do not capitalize after a colon unless the segment following the colon is a complete sentence.
- ◆ Capitalize the first word of a quote if the quote is a complete sentence. Do not capitalize the first word of a partial quote.
- ◆ Capitalize names and other proper nouns but not general descriptions. A few examples that are commonly used incorrectly:
 - ◇ Job titles: Capitalize the names of jobs when used as a proper name, e.g. "Professor Smith", but do not capitalize general names of jobs, e.g. "research assistant".
 - ◇ Directions: Capitalize the names of directions when they are part of a name, e.g. "North Pole", but not when used to indicate a general direction or region, e.g. "northern BC".
 - ◇ Administrative departments and titles: Capitalize when using a formal name, e.g. "Faculty of Science and Engineering", but not when referring more generally, e.g. "the faculty responsible for engineering research".

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