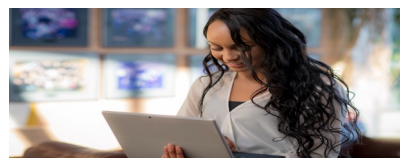


A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Office of Research and Innovation



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Natural Sciences and Engineering Grants

- National Science Foundation-NSERC Designing Materials to Revolutionize and Engineer our Future (DMREF)** offers a unique opportunity for Canadian academic researchers to team up with their US colleagues to build interdisciplinary teams of researchers working synergistically to build the fundamental knowledge base needed to advance the design and development of materials.
 Application deadline: February 4, 2025

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Social Sciences and Humanities Grants

- SSHRC Partnership Grants—Stage 1** 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 and are intended for large teams of postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types that work in formal collaboration.
 Application deadline: February 10, 2025
- 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, 2025
- SSHRC Connection Grants** support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives, which can often serve as a first step toward more comprehensive and longer-term projects.
 Application deadline: May 1, 2025

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Health Sciences Grants

- CIHR Team Grant: Healthy Youth** aims to support research teams that bring evidence to at least two of the six youth-identified priorities of Canada's Youth Policy to inform meaningful change that improves youth health and well-being.
 Full application deadline: February 4, 2025 *Note that mandatory registration was previously required
- Michael Smith Health Research BC Trainee Award** provides salary support for talented post-doctoral or health professional researchers and develops their health research careers.
 Full application deadline: February 13, 2025 *Note that a mandatory Letter of Intent was previously required
- CIHR Institute for Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IHMA) Inclusive Research Excellence Prizes** aim to recognize exemplary completed work and build capacity in the 6 cross-cutting research pools of a healthy research ecosystem in keeping with both the CIHR Strategic Plan 2021-31 and the CIHR-IMHA Strategic Plan 2021-26.
 Full application deadline: February 19, 2025
- CIHR Operating Grants: Joint Programme on Neurodegenerative Disease Research** aim to advance research on health and social care related to neurodegenerative diseases at moderate, advanced and end of life stages of disease by working together across national borders and considering ethical issues.
 Pre-proposal deadline (mandatory): March 4, 2025 Full application deadline: June 24, 2025
- Brain Canada Future Leaders in Canadian Brain Research Program** encourages innovative, unorthodox, and exploratory research from early-career investigators that may be in the early and conceptual stages of project development but has potential for significant impact on our understanding of the brain.
 Full application deadline: March 14, 2025 *Note that a mandatory Letter of Intent was previously required
- Health Research BC Advancing the Use of Evidence in Seniors' Home and Community Care Program** supports teams of researchers and research users within the BC health system and academia to implement and evaluate outcomes of evidence-based interventions in seniors' home and community care.
 Letter of Intent deadline (mandatory): March 24, 2025 Full application deadline (by invitation only): October 8, 2025
- CIHR Operating Grant: New Investigator Research Grants in Child and Youth Health** is jointly sponsored by the SickKids Foundation and seeks to strengthen Canada's capacity and knowledge to respond to children's health challenges and needs.
 Application deadline: April 21, 2025

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Other Grants and Scholarships

- SSHRC/CIHR/MSHRBC Research on Research Joint Initiative** aims to enhance national capacity for research on research, also known as meta-research, and bring Canadian expertise and perspectives into the international dialogue on improving research funding practices.
 Application deadline: February 20, 2025

Contact: See funding description

Internal Grants

- International Student Research Award (ISRA)** is designed to support international undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing careers in research, by gaining research work experience.
 Application deadline: February 23, 2025
- Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia 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 (see description for details).
 Application deadline: April 15, 2025
- UNBC Green Grants** are accepted from any member of the UNBC community, including students, staff, faculty and campus based organizations, and provide one-time seed funding for research, education and civic engagement projects that promote sustainability at UNBC.
 Application deadlines: twice per year in February and October
- UNBC Green Travel Grants** are accepted from any member of the UNBC community, including students, staff, and faculty, and provide financial support for travel and registration fees for conferences, training sessions, etc. that add to the sustainability knowledge and skills base at UNBC, or communicate the UNBC experience to a broader audience.
 Application deadline: Continuous intake
- 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
- Graduate Student Travel Award** provides financial support for graduate students participating in knowledge dissemination activities, such as workshops, seminars, scholarly conferences, community engagement events, and other knowledge transfer activities.
 There are four application deadlines per year: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1

Contact: See funding description

A Look Ahead / Continuous Intake Grants

- SSHRC Destination Horizon Grants** Deadline: May 22, 2025
- Health Research BC and Mitacs Health-System Focused Funding** LOI deadline: June 30, 2025
- Horizon Europe Funding Calls** Deadlines vary, see link for details
- Environment and Climate Change Canada Funding Programs** Deadlines vary, see link for details
- Mitacs Accelerate** (Continuous Intake)
- Mitacs Globalink Research Award** (Continuous Intake)
- NSERC Alliance Advantage Grants** (Continuous Intake)
- NSERC Alliance Society Grants** (Continuous Intake)
- NSERC Alliance International Grants** (Continuous Intake)
- Mitacs Elevate Postdoctoral Fellowship** (Continuous Intake)
- SERNbc Seed Grants** (Continuous Intake)
- Project Learning Tree—Green Jobs** (Continuous Intake)
- Rio Tinto Aluminum Canada Fund** (Continuous Intake)
- Pacific Salmon Foundation—Partnered Initiatives** (Continuous Intake)
- Science Horizons Youth Internship Program** (Continuous Intake)
- Lotte & John Hecht Memorial Foundation—Innovative Medical Research & Practices** (Continuous Intake)
- FHSS Scholarly Book Awards** (Continuous Intake)

Workshops and Webinars

- Research at UNBC—An Orientation**
 February 6, 2025; 1:00 pm–2:00 pm PT
 Online—[Link to Zoom meeting](#)
 Meeting ID: 677 3248 2345; Passcode: 616010
- NSERC Alliance Webinar on EDI Considerations in the Training Plan**
 February 5, 2025; 8:00 am–9:30 am PT
 Registration is required—click [here](#) to register
- CIHR Project Grant Applicant Webinar**
 February 6, 2025; 10:00 am PT



The new Tri-agency Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC Policy)

- In 2024, as a method of increasing Canada's research security measures, the federal government launched its [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern \(STRAC Policy\)](#), which applies to all new tri-agency grant applications.
- The policy states that the tri-agencies (NSERC, SSHRC, and CIHR) and the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) will not fund any research that advances a [Sensitive Technology Research Area](#) if any of the researchers involved in grant-supported activities are receiving funding or in-kind support from any of the government's list of [Named Research Organizations](#) that are seen as a potential threat to national security.
- To comply with the policy, researchers must proceed with two steps:
 - Step 1. Review the list of [Sensitive Technology Research Areas](#) and determine if any of the research activities supported by the grant will aim to advance any of these areas.
 - If the answer is "no", no further steps are required.
 - If the answer is "yes", the researcher must proceed to Step 2.
 - Step 2. Check the affiliations of all researchers involved in the grant-funded activities. All researchers must complete attestation forms indicating that they are not receiving funding or in-kind support from any organizations on the list of [Named Research Organizations](#) or the application will be considered ineligible for support.
- For more information, please consult the Government of Canada's [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern \(STRAC Policy\)](#) webpage.

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