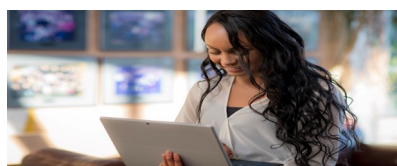


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Natural Sciences and Engineering Grants

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework** provides funding for ocean and freshwater science and technology in areas that support the mission of the Department to increase our understanding of ocean and freshwater environments
 Full application deadline (by invitation only): March 9, 2025 *Note that a mandatory LOI was previously required.
- NSERC Alliance Advantage Grants** encourage university researchers to collaborate with partner organizations, which can be from the private, public or not-for-profit sectors. They are for partner-driven projects. They fund projects focused on the partners' goals, with at least one partner sharing in the costs of research.
 Continuous Intake. Allow 5-24 weeks for the review process (depending on the size of the project).
- NSERC Alliance Society Grants** support partnered research projects that will generate new knowledge and accelerate the application of research results to create benefits for Canada. These grants fund projects with societal impact as the main driver.
 Continuous Intake. Allow 14-24 weeks for the review process.
- NSERC Alliance International Grants** provide support for researchers in Canada to work with leading international researchers from the academic sector, and to establish and grow international research collaborations and projects that have a high potential for impact in NSE disciplines. Funding is available via two streams: Catalyst Grants and Collaboration Grants.
 Continuous Intake. Allow at least 5-9 weeks for the review process (plus additional time for Collaboration grants)

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Social Sciences and Humanities Grants

- 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
- SSHRC Destination Horizon Grants** support researchers to build capacity, foster existing partnerships, and further develop networks and/or consortia with European Union and other "associated countries" researchers, with the ultimate goal of applying to Horizon Europe—Pillar II calls for proposals. Matching funding from the host institution is required and there is a quota for applications from each institution. Interested researchers should contact the Office of Research and Innovation well in advance of the application deadline.
 Application deadline: May 22, 2025

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Health Sciences Grants

- 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
- CIHR Project Grants** support research projects proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers, at any career stage, in all areas of health. They are designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential to advance health-related fundamental or applied knowledge, health research, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes.
 Application deadline: March 5, 2025 *Note that mandatory registration was previously required
- 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
- Weston Family Foundation Rapid Response 2025 Program** is designed to provide seed funding to catalyze novel, high-risk, high-reward translational research that accelerates the development of therapeutics or tools for neurodegenerative diseases of aging.
 Letter of Intent deadline (mandatory): March 18, 2025 Full application by invitation only
- 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 Team Grant: Bringing Biology to Cancer Prevention** aims to unite interdisciplinary research teams to advance the biological and mechanistic understanding of cancer etiology, genesis, and risk, linked with host, lifestyle, environmental, social, and other factors, to identify new targets and approaches for cancer prevention, risk reduction, and early detection.
 Registration deadline (mandatory): April 1, 2025 Full application deadline: June 19, 2025
- CIHR Catalyst Grant: Oral Health Data Analysis** will fund targeted analysis of the Oral Health Component (OHC) of the Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS) Cycle 7 data.
 Registration deadline (mandatory): April 15, 2025 Full application deadline: May 13, 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

- Genome BC—Biodiversity in BC—Future Visions and Novel Solutions Ideas Lab** is an immersive, interactive experience designed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration and creative problem-solving. On the final day, teams will present their research proposal concepts for the opportunity to submit a full proposal to Genome BC for a share of \$2M in funding.
 Application deadline: March 3, 2025
- New Frontiers in Research Fund Transformation Competition** 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): April 15, 2025 LOI deadline (mandatory): June 17, 2025 Full application deadline (by invitation only): March 3, 2026

Contact: See funding description

Internal Grants

- 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

- Health Research BC and Mitacs Health-System Focused Funding** LOI deadline: June 30, 2025
- BC Conservation Fund Stream 1, Intake 2** EOI deadline: July 4, 2025
- SSHRC Policy Innovation Partnership Grants** Deadline: September 10, 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)
- 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

- SSHRC Policy Innovation Partnership Grants webinar**
March 26, 2025; 10:00 am–11:30 am PT



Selecting an appropriate funding opportunity for your research proposal

Selecting an appropriate funding opportunity is one of the most important steps of the grant application process. If your proposed project does not match what the funder is looking for, it not be considered, regardless of how good the project is or how well you have written the proposal.

- Consider the subject area** of your research and compare to the mandate of the funder. For guidelines on selecting the appropriate federal granting agency (SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR), click [here](#). Other funders will generally have guidelines regarding their funding mandate posted on their website.
- Identify whether you need partner organizations**, as many funding opportunities such as NSERC Alliance Grants, SSHRC Partnership Grants, and Mitacs Accelerate require matching funding and/or in-kind contributions from partner organizations (e.g. industry or not-for profit partners).
- Consider your budget and the scope of the project** to ensure that it is in alignment with the funding opportunity. Most funding opportunities will have minimum and maximum requests, which must align with the budget for your project. If there is no stated maximum or minimum amounts, you can often check past funded projects to ensure that they are within the same range of your request.
- Carefully review all of the eligibility criteria** for the potential funding opportunity to ensure that your project and research team meets all of the posted requirements. Some funding calls have very specific constraints as to the size and composition of the research team, the objectives of the research, the expected outcomes, etc.

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