

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



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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

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Social Sciences and Humanities Grants

- SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grants: Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories** are not intended to support original research. Rather, they are intended to support the synthesis of existing research knowledge and identify knowledge gaps on the topic of Evolving Narratives of Culture and Histories under SSHRC's Imagining Canada's Future initiative.
 Application deadline: December 14, 2023
- 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: December 15, 2023
- 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 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.
 Letter of Intent deadline (mandatory): December 12, 2023 Full application deadline: February 23, 2024
- CIHR Strategic Master's Awards** provide financial support to scholars who are engaged in an eligible master's program in Canada that are relevant to specific CIHR priority research areas.
 Application deadline: December 14, 2023
- PHAC-SSHRC Joint Initiative: Advancing Socio-Economic Research for Evidence-Informed Public Health Decision-Making** provides support for partnered research activities that will inform public health decision-making.
 Application deadline: December 15, 2023
- 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

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Other Grants and Scholarships

- Canada Graduate Scholarships—Masters (CGS-M)** provides financial support to high-calibre scholars who are engaged in eligible master's or, in some cases, doctoral programs in Canada. This support allows these scholars to fully concentrate on their studies in their chosen fields.
 Application deadline: December 1, 2023
- Mitacs Accelerate Cleantech Call** offers enhanced leveraging of partner organization cash contributions for projects related to cleantech in transportation, energy generation and storage, waste and sustainable materials, built environment, agriculture and food services.
 Application deadline: December 6, 2023, or while quantities last
- New Frontiers in Research Fund—Exploration Competition** supports high-risk, high-reward and interdisciplinary research that pushes boundaries into exciting new areas.
 Full application deadline: December 12, 2023 *Note that a mandatory Letter of Intent was previously required
- New Frontiers in Research Fund—Horizon Global Platform Competition** provides funding for Canadian researchers who are partners on successful projects funded through eligible calls under Horizon Europe's Pillar II (Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness) with a deadline before December 31, 2023.
 Registration deadline: one week after Horizon Europe application submitted Application deadline: Two weeks after review results from Horizon Europe communicated
- 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

- [SSHRC Insight Development Grants Webinar and Q&A](#)
 December 7, 2023; 10:00 am-11:30 am PT
- [CIHR Health System Impact Fellowship Information Webinar](#)
 January 9, 2024; 9:00 am PT



Writing an effective title for your grant proposal

The title is typically the first thing a reviewer will read when evaluating your grant proposal, and it therefore provides the first impression of your proposed research. A few points to consider when writing your title are outlined below:

- It should be informative**—the title should give the reader a good idea of what your project is about. When appropriate, you should include key words that describe your research and/or that align with the priorities of the funding opportunity.
- It should make the reader want to know more**—your title should elicit curiosity in the reader, to prompt them to want to read further.
- It should emphasize the outcomes of the research**—the title should make it clear what the project will accomplish and why it needs to be done.
- It should be short**—the title should be concise and should eliminate unnecessary words. It should be limited to one sentence, although two-part titles separated by a colon are also acceptable.
- It should not contain non-specific words**—avoid using words such as "proposal" or "study" in your title, as these are not specific to your proposed project.
- It should not include abbreviations or acronyms**—all abbreviations should be written out in full, unless they are standard in general conversation such as DNA.
- It should typically be written last**—the title should be written after you have written the body of the proposal so that it accurately reflects its content.

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