

Summary of NSERC Funding Opportunities

NSERC Discovery Grant

Overview	
Value	Variable Average of \$10,000 to \$40,000 per year
Duration	normally 5 years
Application deadline	August 1 st (NOI) November 1 st (Application)
Results announced	March 31st
Description	<p>The Discovery Grants Program supports ongoing programs of research (with long-term goals) rather than a single short-term project or collection of projects. Discovery Grants are considered 'grants in aid' of research as they provide long term operating funds to support the costs of a research program. As a grant in aid of research, Discovery Grants are not meant to support the full costs of a research program and they can facilitate access to funding from other programs.</p> <p>Recipients of Discovery Grants are not restricted to the specific activities described in their applications, but may pursue new research interests, provided they are within NSERC's mandate. This provides researchers with the flexibility to pursue promising research avenues as they emerge and the opportunity to address higher-risk (higher reward) topics.</p>

Research Tools and Instruments Grant

Overview	
Value	Up to \$150,000 from NSERC, for equipment with a value of up to \$250,000
Duration	1 time funding
Application deadline	Internal deadline TBA October 25th
Results announced	March 31st
Description	<p>NSERC will only accept requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For tools and instruments that form a comprehensive system intended to support NSERC funded research in the natural sciences and engineering (bundling of unrelated tools and instruments, or of duplicate tools and instruments intended for different uses, will not be accepted);• For the purchase of new, used or refurbished equipment, or for the repair or upgrade of equipment, or for the fabrication of equipment that is not readily available off the shelf; and• For equipment that is purchased after the application deadline.

Collaborative Research and Development (CRD) Grant

Overview	
Value	No specific limit; however, NSERC will only cover 50% of total, eligible, project costs. The remaining 50% must be matched by funding partner(s).
Duration	Up to 5 years
Application deadline	N/A
Results announced	Within 3 to 6 months of the date of application
Description	The Collaborative Research and Development (CRD) Grants are intended to give companies that operate from a Canadian base access to the unique knowledge, expertise, and educational resources available at Canadian postsecondary institutions and to train students in essential technical skills required by industry. The mutually beneficial collaborations are expected to result in industrial and/or economic benefits to Canada.