

# General Research Fund – Funding Guidelines

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## Objectives:

To enhance the quality of research in the natural sciences and engineering or in the social sciences and humanities. Funding may be provided as:

- Start-up funding to new faculty members
- Bridge funding to faculty members between applications
- Additional funding to faculty members in support of their research

## Eligibility Criteria:

- Faculty who meet the eligibility criteria to apply for Tri-Council funding
- Proposed research must fall within the fields of the natural sciences and engineering, or the social sciences and humanities

## Eligible Expenses:

Funding requests must be made in accordance with the Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide. Specifically, funds must be used to contribute to the direct costs of research. Funds must be used effectively and economically, and all expenses must be essential for the proposed research.

Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide: [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/FinancialAdminGuide-GuideAdminFinancier/index\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/FinancialAdminGuide-GuideAdminFinancier/index_eng.asp)

## Evaluation Criteria:

- Quality of the proposal
- Potential of the researcher
- Suitability of the budget

## Expectations:

- The duration of the grant will be for a maximum of 12 months; funds must be spent by March 31 of the calendar year following the award.
- The maximum amount for this award will be \$10,000 for an individual project and \$12,500 for a team project.
- The application must include a lay summary.

- A final report will be required, which must include a description of the awardee's plans for seeking external funding to continue the research. The final report will be due no later than June 30, 2018.
- There will be one guaranteed competition annually; additional competitions may be held depending on the availability of funds (e.g., if the Office of Research is unable to distribute at least 50% of the GRF account balances in the first competition).

**Deadline:** Noon (12:00 pm), Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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