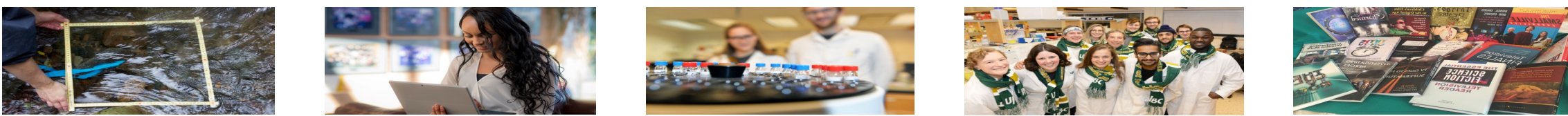


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Natural Sciences and Engineering Grants

- NSERC Canada Postdoctoral Research Award (CPRA)** provides support that allows postdoctoral researchers to add to their experience by engaging in research either in Canada or abroad and facilitates their transition to the next phase of their career. For applications to the NSERC CPRA, the subject matter of the proposed research must align with NSERC’s mandate.
Application deadline: October 17, 2025
- NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) Grants** provide the primary avenue for university researchers in the natural sciences and engineering to obtain up to \$150,000 in support for research tools and instruments with a net cost between \$7,001 and \$250,000. *Note that due to the volume of expected applications, the internal deadline for RTI Grants is 10 business days before the NSERC deadline.
Application deadline: October 27, 2025
- NSERC Discovery Grants** support ongoing programs of research with long-term goals rather than a single short-term project or collection of projects. *Note that due to the volume of expected applications, the internal deadline for Discovery Grants is 10 business days before the NSERC deadline.
Full application deadline: November 3, 2025 *Note that a mandatory NOI was previously required
- Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP)** is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations and public interest holders to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.
Full application deadline (all regions): November 3, 2025 *Note that a mandatory NOI was previously required for Columbia and Peace Region projects
- Habitat Conversation Trust Foundation (HCTF) Fish and Wildlife Grant Intake** supports projects that focus on native freshwater fish, wildlife, and their habitats; have the potential to achieve a significant conservation outcome; and align with HCTF’s purposes as laid out in the Wildlife Act.
Application deadline: November 7, 2025

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Social Sciences and Humanities Grants

- SSHRC Partnership Grants—Stage 2** are intended for large teams of postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types that work in formal collaboration and 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.
Stage 2 application deadline: October 29, 2025 Note that a mandatory Stage 1 application was previously required.
- SSHRC Connection Grants** support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives that represent opportunities to exchange knowledge and to engage with participants on research issues of value to them.
Application deadline: November 1, 2025
- Indigenous Innovation and Leadership in Research Network Grants** affirm and seek to build on Indigenous knowledge systems and Indigenous ontology, epistemology and methodology. Please note that non-Indigenous institutions may not be the primary applicant in this funding opportunity, but they may still participate on a proposal as a partner or have individuals participate on a project team in the role of co-applicant or collaborator, as applicable.
Stage 1 application deadline: November 4, 2025 (deadline extended) Stage 2 application by invitation only
- SSHRC Partnership Development Grants** fund formal partnerships between postsecondary organizations and/or other organizations (public, private, or not-for-profit) of various types and are intended to develop research and/or related activities in the social sciences and humanities; or design and test new partnership approaches for research and/or related activities that can result in best practices or models.
Application deadline: November 17, 2025
- SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grants—The Arts Transformed** are not intended to support original research. Instead, they are intended to support the synthesis of existing research knowledge and identify knowledge gaps on The Arts Transformed, one of the 16 global future challenge areas identified by SSHRC’s Imagining Canada’s future initiative.
Application deadline: December 2, 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: December 15, 2025

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Health Sciences Grants

- Health Research BC Advancing the Use of Evidence in Seniors’ Home and Community Care Program** aims to improve home and community care for seniors through a blend of supporting both implementation of evidence-based interventions in seniors’ home and community care and learning across health authorities, academic institutions, and communities.
Full application deadline: October 8, 2025 *Note that a mandatory LOI was previously required
- CIHR Operating Grant: Knowledge Synthesis Grants—Allied Health and Genetics** will support projects aiming to enhance the delivery of genetic and genomic results in healthcare settings for the diagnosis and treatment of inherited diseases.
Full application deadline: October 8, 2025 *Note that mandatory registration was previously required
- CIHR Catalyst Grant: Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) Data** aims to catalyze and support research efforts of Canadian researchers to use the available CLSA data to better understand how biological, medical, psychological, social and/or economic aspects of people’s lives have an impact on both maintaining health and the development of disease and disability as people age.
Full application deadline: October 15, 2025 *Note that mandatory registration was previously required
- Banting Discovery Award** provides grants that help early career health or biomedical researchers establish their independence and launch research programs.
Internal Notice of Intent deadline: October 20, 2025
- CIHR Catalyst Grant: Partnering for Impact** aims to foster the creation and strengthening of research partnerships that reinforce trust and mutual understanding between researchers, knowledge users (including people with lived and/or living experience, policy makers, decision makers, and health providers), Knowledge Holders, communities, and health and community organizations (including public health).
Application deadline: October 23, 2025
- Alzheimer Society Research Program (ASRP)** provides grants and awards to support Canadian studies that promise new insights into causes, risk reduction, diagnosis, treatment and management of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.
Application deadline: November 3, 2025
- CIHR Operating Grant: ECRs in Human Development, Child and Youth Health** aims to build research capacity, generate new knowledge, and support knowledge mobilization in human development, child and youth health by funding operating grants to early career researchers.
Registration deadline (mandatory): November 18, 2025 Full application deadline: December 16, 2025
- Genome BC—Data Access, Integration and Analysis Program (DAIA 2)** supports the responsible and effective use of health and genomic data for research and innovation, in collaboration with the Health Data Platform BC (HDPBC) by the BC Ministry of Health.
Full application deadline (by invitation only): November 20, 2025 *Note that a mandatory Letter of Intent was previously required
- CIHR Catalyst Grant: Digital Health** will catalyze discovery in digital health, advance pivotal research, and inform applications or interventions relevant to CIHR-IMHA’s broad mandate areas. This funding opportunity also seeks to benefit the continued integration of technology into healthcare in Canada.
Registration deadline (mandatory): December 16, 2025 Full application deadline: March 17, 2026
- Health Research BC-Mitacs Industry-Based Opportunity** supports graduate students and postdoctoral fellows across British Columbia to gain experience working within BC’s life sciences sector.
Letter of Intent deadline (mandatory): December 31, 2025 Full application deadline (by invitation only): January 31, 2026
- CIHR Team Grant: Strengthening Resilient and Equitable Public Health Systems (STEPS)** aims to advance the field of public health systems and services research by supporting research that focuses on system-level solutions to improve public health systems performance (including the conditions for success).
Full application deadline: January 14, 2026 *Note that mandatory registration was previously required

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Other Grants and Scholarships

- ECCC/SSHRC Indigenous Science and the Impacts of Plastic Pollution Grants** provides research funding support to address knowledge gaps about the potential impacts of plastic pollution on Indigenous communities through the various stages of the plastic lifecycle, focusing on social, cultural and economic impacts.
Application deadline: October 16, 2025
- New Frontiers in Research Fund Exploration Competition** seeks to inspire projects that bring disciplines together beyond traditional disciplinary or common interdisciplinary approaches by research teams with the capacity to explore something new that might fail, but that has the potential for significant impact.
Full application deadline: October 21, 2025 *Note that a mandatory NOI was previously required
- Northern Scientific Training Program (NSTP)** is a federally funded grant program that supports travel for students from the natural, physical and social sciences, and humanities who are doing research in the Canadian and Circumpolar North.
Application deadline: November 10, 2025

Contact: See funding description

Internal Grants

- Undergraduate Research Experience (URE) Award** is offered to provide opportunities for UNBC’s undergraduates to be involved in research and scholarly activities.
Application deadline: November 15, 2025
- UNBC Green Projects 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

Upcoming and Continuous Intake Grants

- CIHR Team Grant: Pan-Canadian Network-Emerging Learning Health System in Perinatal Mental Health** Deadline: February 5, 2026
- CIHR Operating Grant: Leadership Award for Vaccine Research** Full application deadline: February 18, 2026 (mandatory EOI was previously required)
- Horizon Europe Funding Calls** Deadlines vary, see link for details
- Environment and Climate Change Canada Funding Programs** Deadlines vary, see link for details
- PICS University Climate Knowledge Mobilization Events Program** (Continuous Intake)
- NSERC Alliance Advantage Grants** (Continuous Intake)
- NSERC Alliance Society Grants** (Continuous Intake)
- NSERC Alliance International Grants** (Continuous Intake)
- Mitacs Accelerate** (Continuous Intake)
- Mitacs Globalink Research Award** (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 Webinars—Registration required (click on webinar title below for link)
 - * **Partnership Grants—Stage 1**
October 16, 2025; 10:00 am–11:30 am PT
 - * **Partnership Engage Grants**
October 22, 2025; 10:00 am–11:00 am PT
 - * **Connection Grants**
November 25, 2025; 8:00 am–10:00 am PT
 - * **Destination Horizon Grants**
December 4, 2025; 10:00 am–11:30 am PT
- CIHR Applicant Webinars**
 - * The Canadian Cannabis and Brain Health Consortium
October 16, 2025; 11:00 am–12:00 pm PT
 - * Team Grants: Health Effects of Ultra-Processed Foods
October 21, 2025; 10:30 am–12:00 pm PT



Information About the External Grant and Contract Submission Process

- All grants and contracts that are submitted in response to a call for proposals must be submitted to ROMEO for internal review and approval before the internal deadline, which is at least 5 business days in advance of the external funder’s deadline. Please note that some funding opportunities may have earlier internal deadlines, please confirm the deadline in our [Research Funding Opportunities](#) webpage before preparing and submitting your application.
- Many external funders also have an external application portal on which the application must be submitted to the funder before their deadline. To assist researchers in navigating the various steps in submitting their applications to both ROMEO and the funder’s application portal, the Office of Research and Innovation has created two flowcharts that summarize the process (which flowchart to refer to depends on how the application is submitted to the funder).
- The flowcharts are available on the [ROMEEO Research Portal support page](#). Direct links are also available below.
- External Grant and Contract Submission Process—ORI Submission**
*use this flowchart for funding opportunities where the Office of Research and Innovation submits the final application to the funder (e.g. NSERC Discovery Grants, SSHRC Insight Grants, CIHR Project Grants).
- External Grant and Contract Submission Process—Signature Page**
*use this flowchart for funding opportunities where the applicant submits the final application to the funder and an approval signature from the Office of Research and Innovation is required as part of the application (e.g. CIHR Team Grants, Mitacs Accelerate).

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