

RESEARCH GRANTS UPDATE

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Note: Applications must be received by the Office of Research and Innovation a minimum of 5 business days in advance of the funding agency deadline unless otherwise stated. Please allow enough time for Chair and Dean approval in ROME0.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Grants

- Genome BC Genomics Innovation Fund Intake 002** aims to support the development of transformative innovation genomics projects with commercial potential. Full application deadline (by invitation only): September 8, 2025 *Note that a mandatory LOI 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. Notice of Intent deadline (mandatory of Columbia and Peace Region projects): September 9, 2025 Full application deadline (all regions): November 3, 2025
- NSERC-ECCC Call for Proposals on Plastics Science and Innovation for a Cleaner and More Sustainable Future** will fund research that advances the science around plastic designs and alternatives, the sustainable use of plastics, and plastic waste diversion and recovery. Full application deadline (by invitation only): September 18, 2025 *Note that a mandatory LOI was previously required
- NSERC Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE) Program** supports the training and mentoring of teams of highly qualified students and postdoctoral fellows from Canada and abroad through the development of innovative training programs. UNBC has a quota of one full application that can be submitted. Full application deadline (by invitation only): September 22, 2025 *Note that a mandatory LOI was previously required
- 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

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Social Sciences and Humanities Grants

- SSHRC Policy Innovation Partnership Grants** will support a partnership between an established postsecondary research entity (institute, centre, lab, hub, observatory, etc.) and one or more federal government departments. Application deadline: September 10, 2025
- SSHRC Aid to Scholarly Journals** offer a contribution to enable journals to defray the costs associated with publishing open access scholarly articles and digital journal dissemination. The mandate and subject matter of the journal must primarily be within the discipline(s) within SSHRC's mandate. Application deadline: September 10, 2025
- SSHRC 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 SSHRC CPRA, the subject matter of the proposed research must align with SSHRC's mandate. Application deadline: September 11, 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: September 15, 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: September 22, 2025
- SSHRC Indigenous Capacity and Leadership in Research Connection Grants** will fund events and activities that will contribute to Indigenous leadership and self-determination in research. 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. Application deadline: September 23, 2025
- SSHRC Insight Grants** provide stable support for long-term research initiatives in the social sciences and humanities, which enables scholars to address complex issues about individuals and societies, and to further our collective understanding. *Note that due to the volume of expected applications, the internal deadline for Insight Grants is 10 business days before the SSHRC deadline. Application deadline: October 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: October 21, 2025 Stage 2 application by invitation only
- 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
- 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

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Health Sciences Grants

- CIHR Operating Grant: Indigenous Gender and Wellness—Knowledge Sharing** focuses on Knowledge Sharing about the outcomes and knowledge of Indigenous Gender and Wellness research using strengths- and distinctions-based, community-engaged approaches. Registration deadline: September 3, 2025 Full application deadline: October 8, 2025
- Heart & Stroke New Investigator Award** is a salary award to support early-career investigators who have demonstrated excellence in their doctoral and post-doctoral training and wish to establish their own independent research career. Application deadline: September 4, 2025 *Note that mandatory registration is required at least three hours prior to the application deadline
- Alzheimer's Association Research Grant for All (AARGA)** aims to provide newly independent investigators with funding that will allow them to develop preliminary or pilot data, to test procedures and to develop hypotheses. Letter of Intent deadline (mandatory): September 4, 2025 Full application deadline (by invitation only): November 10, 2025
- CIHR Project Grant** is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential for important advances in fundamental or applied health-related knowledge, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes by supporting projects of research proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers in all areas of health. Full application deadline: September 10, 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. Registration deadline (mandatory): September 10, 2025 Full application deadline: October 15, 2025
- 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). Registration deadline: September 17, 2025 Full application deadline: January 14, 2026
- CIHR 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 CIHR CPRA, the subject matter of the proposed research must align with CIHR's mandate. Application deadline: September 17, 2025
- Brain Canada 2025 Platform Support Grants** support major research platforms at a local, regional, and/or national scale with the goal of providing enhanced technical and research capabilities to multiple investigators in the neurosciences. Full application deadline (by invitation only): September 18, 2025 *Note that mandatory registration was previously required
- 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. Letter of Intent deadline (mandatory): September 25, 2025 Full application deadline (by invitation only): November 20, 2025
- CIHR Team Grant: Pan-Canadian Network—Emerging Learning Health System in Perinatal Mental Health** will support the development of a learning health system (LHS) network in perinatal mental health. The LHS approach integrates research, data, and knowledge for continuous improvement in care to help ensure that the most effective treatments are consistently updated and implemented equitably across Canada. Application deadline: October 1, 2025
- Kids Brain Health Network (KBHN) Innovation and Implementation Programs** are designed to advance or scale projects ready for implementation or commercialization and advance KBHN's mandate to make a difference in the lives of children and youth with neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families across Canada. Application deadline: October 3, 2025
- 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: 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

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Other Grants and Scholarships

- Canada Graduate Research Scholarship—Doctoral (CGRS-D)** supports high-achieving doctoral students across health, natural sciences and engineering, social sciences and humanities, and interdisciplinary fields. Internal application deadline: September 29, 2025
- Mitacs—Horizon Europe International Mobility Award** is designed to support Canadian faculty and eligible small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the early stages of consortium-building and proposal development under Horizon Europe Pillar II. Application deadline: September 29, 2025
- 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

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Internal Grants

- 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

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Upcoming and Continuous Intake Grants

- 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
- 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

- New Frontiers in Research Fund Exploration Grants—Full Application Webinar** September 9, 2025; 10:00 am-10:00 am PT
- NSERC Research Tools and Instruments—Submission of an application Live Q&A** September 9, 2025; 10:00 am–11:00 am PT September 25, 2025; 10:00 am–11:00 am PT
- NSERC Discovery Grants—Submission of an application Live Q&A** September 11, 2025; 10:00 am–11:30 am PT September 16, 2025; 10:00 am–11:30 am PT
- CIHR Catalyst Grant—Partnering for Impact Information Webinar for Applicants** September 16, 2025; 10:30 am-10:30 am PT
- SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grants—The Arts Transformed Information Webinar** October 2, 2025; 8:00 am PT Registration required: [registration link](#)

Information about Horizon Europe for UNBC Researchers

Horizon Europe is the world's largest research and innovation funding program. In 2024, the Government of Canada and the European Commission (EC) signed an agreement allowing Canada's enhanced participation in Horizon Europe under Pillar 2.

Pillar 2, titled "Global challenges and European industrial competitiveness" includes six thematic clusters, within which Canadian organizations can respond to calls for proposals on various topics:

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry and Space
- Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

The Office of Research and Innovation has created a webpage to assist UNBC researchers in keeping up to date with various Horizon Europe work programs (which set out funding opportunities under Horizon Europe) and other Horizon Europe opportunities, which can be found at the following link: <https://www.unbc.ca/office-research-and-innovation/funding-opportunities/horizon-europe-0>

For more information on role of Canada in Horizon Europe please see the following information from Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED): <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/ised/en/about-horizon-europe>

Information about the Horizon Europe funding programmes and open calls is available online: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en

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