



Call for Proposals

Office of the Chief Scientist – Science Outreach and Engagement Grant (2025-2026) Engaging Canadians on the Sustainable Development of Natural Resources in the Arctic

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The Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) at Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) is now accepting applications for the **2025-2026 Science Outreach and Engagement Grant under the theme: “Engaging Canadians on the issues related to the sustainable development of natural resources in the Arctic”.**

The objectives of the 2025-2026 grant are to:

- Foster inclusive dialogue and engagement with Indigenous Peoples, Northern communities, youth, industry, and/or civil society to co-develop research and development opportunities in the Arctic.
- Enhance support for scientific initiatives that aim to improve the understanding of Arctic climate impacts, and sustainable resource management practices, in order to inform responsible development and policy decisions.
- Support evidence-informed public discourse by disseminating accessible, up-to-date scientific research and traditional knowledge on Arctic ecosystems and development impacts.

The activities funded under this grant should aim to increase public awareness or enhance the understanding of natural resource science in the North. Strengthening engagement in Northern natural resource science plays a vital role in reinforcing Canada’s presence and capacity in the Arctic. It also presents a valuable opportunity to deepen public understanding of the complex issues shaping the region.

The total amount of funding is up to \$37,000 for the period ending on March 31, 2026. The grants may be provided to any organizations contributing to this year’s theme: ***Engaging Canadians on the issues related to the sustainable development of natural resources in the Arctic*** as academic, non-profit or for-profit organizations. The grant may be divided among multiple recipients.

Eligible activities include meetings or initiatives that raise awareness of Canadian Arctic issues, promote sustainable practices in the region, and support outreach such as conferences, workshops, surveys, studies, and publications that directly address a range of topics related the development of Arctic natural resource.

Eligible expenditures include travel expenses, salaries, scholarships and bursaries, meeting room rentals, communication materials and professional and technical services or equipment directly related to improving accessibility and required to carry on the proposed activities.



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Please see the application form for more details. NRCan will evaluate applications according to eligibility criteria and assess the overall quality of proposals.

I encourage you to consider applying for this grant but would also appreciate it if you could share this information with your network, as you see fit.

Please be advised that the deadline for your application is August 22, 2025

If you have any questions, please contact the Outreach and Engagement Grant Office of the Office of the Chief Scientist at soeg-ses@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca.