Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) funding opportunities

Strategic partnership grants for networks
Strategic partnership grants for networks fund large-scale, multi-disciplinary research projects in targeted research areas that require a network approach, and involve collaboration between academic researchers and Canadian-based organizations. The four target areas for this year’s competition are advanced manufacturing, environment and agriculture, information and communications technologies and natural resources and energy. Internal deadline: March 18, 2016. Read more.

Strategic partnership grants for projects - New target area
Strategic partnership grants for projects fund early-stage project research, with the goal to increase research and training in advanced manufacturing, information and communications technologies, and natural resources and energy. New this year is target area environment and agriculture. Internal deadline: March 25, 2016. Read more.

Science, action video contest
NSERC’s Science, Action! video contest challenges post-secondary students to show how their NSERC-funded research project is creating a better future for everyone. The best video wins $5,000. Submissions accepted by NSERC between January 20 and February 3, 2016. Read more.

Science exposed photo contest
The competition is devoted exclusively to images of scientific research, in the fields of natural sciences and engineering, social sciences and humanities or health sciences. The goals of the competition are to showcase images of Canadian research, foster interest in science and scientific curiosity in all audiences, build a database of scientific images of Canadian research and contribute to the advancement of knowledge and to new uses of scientific images. Submissions due to NSERC February 19, 2016. Read more.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) contests

Storytellers
SSHRC has launched its annual Storytellers contest, challenging postsecondary students to show Canadians how social sciences and humanities research affects our lives, our world and our future prosperity. The students’ task is to tell the story (in three minutes or 300 words) of a SSHRC-funded research project taking place at their institution. Deadline: January 29, 2016. Read more.

Award of excellence
Partnered with the Canadian Public Relations Society’s National Awards program, the SSHRC award of excellence recognizes the communications efforts of postsecondary institutions in promoting the benefits and impacts of social sciences and humanities research. The goal of this award is to recognize the hard work put into innovative and creative communications efforts aimed at promoting the impact of social sciences and humanities research. Online submission coming in January, 2016. Read more.
BioFuelNet Canada call for proposals

BioFuelNet has announced 10 calls for proposals for research to be conducted from 2017 - 2022. The calls are for the areas of feedstock, conversion technology, engines and combustion and social, economic and environmental sustainability. **Internal deadline: February 5, 2016.**

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Kidney Research Scientist Core Education and National Training Program (KRESCENT) new investigator and post doctoral fellowship

The objective of these programs is to attract and foster young investigators to initiate and/or continue training in kidney research. The KRESCENT program new Investigator award is awarded to individuals who have clearly demonstrated excellence during their pre-doctoral and post-doctoral training in kidney disease. A KRESCENT program post-doctoral fellowship is an “in-training” award intended for applicants with a PhD, MD or equivalent degree. **Internal deadline: February 5, 2016.**

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JRS Biodiversity Foundation request for proposals

The JRS Biodiversity Foundation is looking to fund multi-year research projects focused on biodiversity data, knowledge and information services related to freshwater biodiversity and pollinator biodiversity in eastern and southern Africa. **Internal deadline: February 9, 2016.**

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Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute (CCSRI) research funding opportunities

**Innovation Grant (second competition)**

The purpose of this funding initiative is to support unique, creative research ideas that will impact cancer. Although this grant program is primarily designed to support the biomedical, translational and clinical research communities, applications from all areas and disciplines of cancer research will be considered. **Abstract registration date to sponsor directly: February 16, 2016. Read more.**

**Innovation to Impact Grants**

These grants are intended to support the further development of successful findings based on the goals originally explored through a CCSRI Innovation Grant. **Abstract registration date to sponsor directly: February 16, 2016. Read more.**

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Ontario Centres of Excellence medical sciences proof-of-principle call for proposals

The medical sciences proof-of-principle program helps commercialize promising life sciences and medical technology intellectual property (IP). The goal is to deliver substantial and sustainable economic benefits to Ontario through newly created Ontario-based companies founded on this IP, or by licensing the IP to an existing Ontario-based company for incremental growth opportunities. **Round 2 internal deadline: February 18, 2016.**

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Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) grant program
The central priorities for WSIB’s 2016 grants program are return-to-work and recovery by addressing barriers to successful return-to-work and recovery outcomes, integrating best practies to improve return-to-work and recovery programs and applying behavioural economics in a workers’ compensation system. **Initial proposal internal deadline: February 22, 2016.**

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**The Gryphons’ LAAIR open soon for applications**

The Gryphons’ LAAIR (‘Leading to Accelerated Advancement of Innovative Research’) funding program will be accepting applications to fund innovative University of Guelph projects that will accelerate the commercialization of new products and services that improve the competitiveness of the Ontario agri-food and rural economy, starting January 18, 2016. Program details and applications are available on the [UofG-OMAFRA Partnership - Gryphon's LAAIR website](#). Town Hall meetings are scheduled for January 18 and February 12, 2016 and **applications are due March 9, 2016.** For application assistance, contact: David Hobson, Gryphon’s LAAIR Program Co-ordinator, [log in to unmask], 591.824.4120 x58859.

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**Notices**

**2015 Tri-Agency financial administration guide now available**

The three federal granting agencies — the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council — have posted the Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide. Changes made to this year’s guide supersede the previous version and took effect on November 1st, 2015. Read more.

**University of Guelph grant agreement - reminder**

The University of Guelph grant agreement was made available in August, 2015. Previous versions of grant templates (i.e. "grant in aid" templates) will no longer be accepted. The University of Guelph grant agreement may be used with research sponsors who do not seek the right to restrict or delay the dissemination of the results of the research; do not seek any rights to intellectual property resulting from the research; and do not seek a warranty with respect to a standard of performance. Sponsors must agree to the grant agreement terms “as is”. If a research sponsor wishes to negotiate terms appearing in the University of Guelph grant agreement, a research contract will be required. Read more.

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**Workshops and Information Sessions**

**Faculty information exchange series 2015-16 offers case studies in research misconduct and conflict of interest**

Participants in this exchange session will review and discuss real cases of research misconduct and learn about the responsible conduct of research policy/framework within which all researchers at U of G are to operate. This session will take place Thursday, January 14, 2016 at noon, in UC 441. Read more.

**Faculty information exchange series 2015-16 offers an introduction to systemic reviews**

This session, presented by Lee-Anne Ufholz, Wolters Kluwer Health, is an introduction to systematic reviews with a focus on methods for developing a question and protocol, searching for evidence. It is also designed for those who want to better understand systematic reviews. This session will take place Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at noon, in the Library, Florence Partridge Room 384. Read more.

**Second smart computing research and development challenge partnering forum**

Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) is hosting a second and final smart computing research and development challenge partnering forum for academic institutions associated with the Southern Ontario Smart Computing Innovation Platform (SOSCIP) and potential industry partners. UofG faculty are welcome to attend to find out more about SOSCIP and meet potential industry partners. The forum takes place January 20, 2016 in Toronto. Read more.

**Ethics discussion and information**

Ethics clearance is required before any research is conducted involving human participants. Applications to involve humans in research are reviewed by the Research Ethics Board. The Director of Research Ethics offers weekly brown
bag lunches and monthly information sessions to help guide faculty and students through the process. The next monthly session is Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in UC 334. Read more.

**Polymer testing and analysis conference**
An international conference on the testing, characterisation and analysis of polymer materials and products is being held April 12-14, 2016 in Cologne, hosted by Applied Market Information Ltd. (AMI). Read more.

**Reminders**

These granting council newsletters are now available:
- NSERC Contact
- CIHR funding news
- SSHRC Dialogue
- CFI Innovation Now

Check the [Office of Research website](#), the [Office of Research Facebook page](#) and the [Office of Research Twitter feed](#) (@UofGResearch) for other current funding opportunities, updates and important deadlines in between editions of the INSIDER.

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