

General Research Fund Grants: Seed Grant

Purpose:

The purpose of the Applied Research Seed Grant is to support researchers in either SSHRC or NSERC disciplines to develop a new project. For this funding program, priority is given to the following:

- New researchers who are looking to develop an applied research profile
- Established researchers with a track record of external research funding

Applicants are encouraged to work with Applied Research staff in the development of their project and proposal. Researchers whose projects sit solely within CIHR subject-matter eligibility are not eligible to apply.

Value:

Up to \$7500

Scope:

Funds may be used for direct costs associated with a pre-developing stage of a research or scholarly idea with the intention of finding a solution to a problem or need as identified by a project partner. Projects for which a primary focus is curriculum development, program evaluation or quality improvement are not eligible; applicants should consult the [NSERC ARD](#) description of "Activities Supported" for a full list of projects that fall outside the scope of the Applied Research Seed Grant. Expenses may include: student salaries, purchase of materials and supplies, purchase or rental of specialized equipment (20% max of total budget), surveys and questionnaires design, etc. Support for salaried time (i.e. course release) is not an eligible expense for this funding program.

Project partners can be industry/private sector SMEs, other research institutions, non-profit organizations, hospitals or clinical settings and/or other government institutions. It is expected that the partner will contribute resources and expertise in a collaborative fashion for the project execution; these contributions can be either cash or in-kind, or both. There is no minimum contribution required for this funding program.

Eligibility and Funding Terms:

1. Successful recipients of Applied Research Seed Grants will be required to work with Applied Research staff in the development and management of their project, and to discuss further funding opportunities for their research.
2. New researchers may be required to participate in training or workshops to support capacity development.
3. All recipients of Applied Research Seed Grants are required to submit a final report within 6 months of the end of the grant term.
4. Failure to meet any of the terms of the grant will result in ineligibility to hold internal research funds allocated by Applied Research.

How to Apply:

Seed grant applications require the completion of the application form, a research proposal of 2-3 pages, a budget, and the inclusion of a CV aligned with the plans for future funding. The proposal must be completed using the NSERC ARD research proposal template which can be found linked on the applied research webpage below the grant terms. *Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Applied Research prior to the submission of their application to ensure that they meet the subject matter and project scope eligibility.*

Completed applications must be submitted to OCAppliedResearch@okanagan.bc.ca by 11:59pm PST on the deadline.

Funding Available:

In general, a maximum of one application per GRF fund (SSHRC, NSERC) will be funded per year, provided that funds are available. Funding is limited annually based on GRF transfer balances.

Adjudication:

Applications will be peer-reviewed by an interdisciplinary committee based on [ARD merit indicators](#).