

General Research Fund (GRF) - SSHRC & NSERC Subject Areas

Background:

GRF funds are the residual funds from expired SSHRC and NSERC grants. Okanagan College administers General Research Funds (GRF) for both SSHRC and NSERC, under the Tri-Agency policies. Each GRF account is administered and reported on separately.

At Okanagan College, formal responsibility for these funds is held by the VP Academic/Provost, as delegated by the President. Applied Research maintains functional responsibility for these funds and works collaboratively with the VP Academic/Provost and Financial Services to administer and report on funding annually.

Internal Use of Funds:

The Office of Applied Research uses GRF funds to support three internal grant programs: Applied Research Seed Grants (up to \$7500), Applied Research Bridge Grants (up to \$7500), and Applied Research Dissemination Grants (up to \$2500). Grant terms are a maximum of 1 year. An applicant cannot hold both a seed grant and a bridge grant in the same term. Applicants are expected to seek external funding before applying for additional GRF funds.

Scope and Eligibility:

Projects for all grant programs must fall within [eligible subject matter for either SSHRC or NSERC](#). Projects that fall exclusively within CIHR subject matter are not eligible for GRF funding. Applicants are encouraged to consult with Applied Research staff to confirm their eligibility for funding.

Funding is limited annually based on GRF transfer balances. Eligible expenses for all GRF funds are governed by the [Tri-agency Guide on Financial Administration](#).

Awards Available:

For detailed terms and conditions please see individual documents

Type	Value	Partner Contribution	Purpose	Term	Deadline
Seed	Up to \$7500	Yes, cash or in-kind, no minimum.	To support researchers in developing a new project.	Up to 1 year	11:59pm PST March 2, 2026
Bridge	Up to \$7500* *some exceptions		To support researchers who are between funding applications.	Up to 1 year	Continuous intake, pending funding availability
Dissemination	Up to \$2500		Offset costs of disseminating the results of externally-funded projects	Up to 1 year	Continuous intake, pending funding availability