

Research Accelerate Grants

Aim: To accelerate and enhance Tri-Agency grant applications

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies invites interest from faculty who are actively engaged in developing applications for Tri-Agency funding competitions in fiscal year 2020-21. Faculty who have either completed or are finalizing their pilot work funded by internal grants e.g., [Internal Research Fund](#), [Community-Driven Research Fund](#), [Tri-University Major Collaborative Grants](#) are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. The Tri-Agency grant programs eligible for this funding are: NSERC-[Discovery](#) and [Alliance Grants](#) programs; SSHRC-[Insight and Partnership and Connection](#) programs; CIHR-[Project](#) and other [Operating](#) grants; Tri-Agency [New Frontiers in Research Fund](#).

Applicants who applied for seed funding from the Internal Research Fund for the current fiscal year (2020-21) must demonstrate that the Research Accelerate Grant will be used for a different research project/program. Previous Research Accelerate Grant holders who have not fulfilled the commitment to apply to Tri-Agency are not eligible to apply, however, if Tri-Agency submissions were not successful, applicants can apply for their resubmissions.

Funding for NSERC and SSHRC eligible grants are made possible from the [General Research Fund](#). The General Research Fund is a special account in which residual funds of the expired or terminated grants from NSERC and SSHRC are transferred with the authorization of granting agencies. In accordance with the Tri-Agency regulation and depending on the available balances, TRU utilizes these funds to support NSERC and SSHRC eligible Research Accelerate Grants.

Funding: Up to \$3,000 is available for use toward activities that will enhance grant proposals with expenditures directly related to the research. Activities may include completion of any preliminary work, literature review, student training, and any other appropriate activity that contributes to the development of the application.

Accountability:

- A commitment to applying to Tri-Agency in 2020-21

Applicant Eligibility: Full-time faculty (with ongoing or tenure-track appointments or term-certain appointments of more than one year and not be in the final year of these appointments) who are applying as Principal Investigators for Tri-Agency grants in 2020-21.

Duration: Funds are available March 15 and must be spent by the deadline of the proposed grant competition (e.g., for NSERC Discovery program, deadline to spend funds is November 1). Unspent funds will be returned to the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

Eligible Expense: Expenses must be specific and justified in relation to how they will strengthen your application for submission to the Tri-Agency competition. Eligible expenditures must adhere to the [Tri-Agency financial administration guide](#) governing the use of funds, and may include but are not limited to:

- Salaries/benefits for Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP)/research assistants
- Expenses related to finalizing a preliminary study
- Cost of holding meetings/workshops for developing partnerships
- Professional fees required for editing

Funding *cannot* be used for conference travel.

Evaluation Criteria:

- The quality and originality of the proposed research program/project and alignment with the selected Tri-Agency program
- The research achievements of the applicant: publications, research grants and training of HQP
- The justification of how the Research Accelerate Grant will enable the applicant to position their application for a successful outcome in the selected Tri-Agency funding program
- Feasibility of timeline of activities leading to the submission of Tri-Agency grant application

Application Submission: Applications are accepted in [Romeo](#) (click on Apply New, followed by Research Accelerate Grants Application Form and fill all the tabs). Prepare your application using the [Template](#) below and attach it along with a 2-page CV highlighting publications, HQP training experience, and list of current and previous internal and external grants under 'Attachments' tab.

Deadline: 4 p.m. on Feb 20 (if the deadline falls on a weekend, application portal will be open till the following Monday until 4 p.m.)

Results: Applicants will be notified and funds will be available for use starting **March 15**. If your research requires human ethics, animal care and/or biohazard approval, the fund will not be established until such approvals are in place.

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Application Template**

*(Use 11-point Arial font, single line spacing and normal page margins;
Submit complete application including CV in [Romeo](#))*

1. Tri-Agency funding program (to which the application will be submitted):
2. Tri-Agency deadline:
3. Title of the research program/project :
4. Description of research program/project (1 page)
5. The justification of how the Research Accelerate Grant will enable you to position your application for a successful outcome in the selected Tri-Agency funding program (1/2 page max)
6. Timeline of activities leading to the submission of Tri-Agency application (1/2 page max)
7. Budget and Justification:

	Itemized list	Amount (CAD)	Justification (please justify how each expense will contribute to prepare a strong Tri-Agency application)
	Total		

8. 2-page CV highlighting
 - Publications
 - HQP training experience
 - List of current and previous internal and external grants