THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

Research Accelerate Grants

Aim: Research Accelerate Grants are awarded 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 an application for the Tri-Agency funding competitions in fiscal year 2019-20. Faculty who have either completed or are finalizing their pilot work funded by internal grants are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity e.g., Internal Research Fund, Community-Driven Research Fund, Tri-University Major Collaborative Grants. The Tri-Agency grant programs eligible for this funding are: NSERC-Discovery and Partnership programs; SSHRC-Insight and Partnership programs; CIHR-Project, Foundation and other operating grants.

Funding: Up to $4,000 could be used toward activities that will enhance new grant proposals with expenditures directly related to the research. Activities may include completion of any preliminary/pilot work, literature review, student training, research travel, and any other appropriate activity for success in the national competitions.

Accountability:
- A strong application for a Tri-Agency grant
- 1-page report on the use of funds is required *within one month* of the Tri-Agency application deadline

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 for Tri-Agency grants in 2019-20.

Duration: Funds are available March 31, 2019 and must be spent by the external deadline of the proposed grant competition (e.g., for NSERC Discovery program, deadline to spend funds is November 1, 2019). Unspent funds will be returned to the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

Expense Eligibility: 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 undergraduate and graduate students
- Expenses related to finalizing a pilot/preliminary study leading to the Tri-Agency application
- Travel for field and/or archival work
- Cost of holding meetings/workshops for developing partnerships
- Professional fees required for editing the Tri-Agency proposal

Funding *cannot* be used for conference travel.

Evaluation Criteria: Priority will be given to:
- The quality and originality of the Tri-Agency proposal
- The research achievements of the applicant (publications and training of HQP)
- The justification: 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

Lowest priority is given to the applications renewing their funding.

Application Submission: Submit application using the Template below, along with a 2-page CV of applicant highlighting publications, HQP training experience, and list of current and previous internal and external grants to facultyresearch@tru.ca.

Deadline: March 15, 2019
Result Announcement: Successful applicants will be notified within two weeks and funds will be available for use starting March 31, 2019. 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 black font, single line spacing and normal page margins;*
Submit complete application including CV as a single PDF file)

1. Name(s) and affiliation:
   Principal Applicant:
   Co-applicant(s), if any:
   Collaborator(s), if any:

2. Proposed Tri-Agency Funding Program (to which the application will be submitted):

3. Tri-Agency Deadline:

4. Title of the Proposal:

5. Description of Research Program (1 page)

6. Budget and Justification:

	Itemized list	Amount (CAD)	Justification (please justify how each expense will help you submit a strong Tri-Agency application)
	Total		

7. 2-page CV highlighting
   - Publications
   - HQP training experience
   - List of current and previous internal and external grants