

NSERC Alliance Advantage and Society Grants

Alliance grants, in collaboration with partner organizations (private, public or not-for-profit sectors) support research projects led by strong, complementary, collaborative teams that will generate new knowledge and accelerate the application of research results to create benefits for Canada.

Research supported by Alliance grants will:

- generate new knowledge and/or technology to address complex challenges;
- create economic, social and/or environmental benefits;
- contribute to Canada's long-term competitiveness;
- support public policy;
- train new researchers in areas that are important to Canada and to the partner organizations;
- draw on diverse perspectives and skill sets to accelerate the translation and application of research results.

Projects supported under Alliance Society grants will also:

- address a societal challenge that will result in new natural sciences and engineering knowledge and societal impact;
- bring together academic, partner organization and societal perspectives and skill sets throughout the collaboration; and
- demonstrate how all interested individuals will learn about and use the products, services or policies that stem from this research.

Your partner organizations can be private, public or not-for-profit. You may involve whichever partner organizations you need to achieve your research goals and successfully mobilize your research results to achieve the desired impact. At least one of these partners must have a demonstrated ability to exploit such research results, while other partners may be chosen for their ability to generate and mobilize knowledge. Your partner organizations must collectively support the project through cash contributions; where applicable (see [Funding your research project](#)). Each partner organization must actively play a role in the project and support it through in-kind contributions. Such involvement must be achieved by doing at least one of the following:

- play an active role in the project's research activities
- utilize the project's research results to help achieve its desired outcomes
- play an active role in translating or mobilizing knowledge to ensure that the research results have an impact

Deadlines: Open

You can apply to support any R&D project that seeks to respond to a research challenge in the natural sciences or engineering. However, you cannot use an Alliance grant to support secret or contract research. NSERC's grant is calculated based on cost-sharing options with partner organizations. Advantage applications may request up to 66.7% of the project costs (2:1) regardless of partner organization size or sector and you can request from a minimum of \$20,000 to a maximum of \$1 Million per year from NSERC. Society applications may request up to 100% of the project costs from a minimum of \$20,000 to a maximum of \$1 Million per year.

The portion of the cost of your project that can be cost-shared with NSERC includes only cash contributions from partner organizations that are recognized for cost-sharing. You can include cash contributions that were spent, up to three months before the application is submitted, in order to start the project. However, NSERC funds can only be applied to expenses incurred after an award is approved.

Private sector contributions to an NSERC Alliance project could be eligible for Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) tax incentives.

https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/Alliance-Alliance_eng.asp

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/scientific-research-experimental-development-tax-incentive-program.html>