

STRATEGY FOR PARTNERSHIPS AND INNOVATION







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My Goals Today

- 1. Quick overview of NSERC
- 2. Highlight NSERC programs that can help with research and development work
- 3. Answer your questions



What We Do at NSERC

We invest more than \$1 billion every year in people, discovery and innovation.



\$300 million



Attract Highly Qualified People (HQP)

Industrial Undergraduate Student Research Awards

- > NSERC award: \$4,500 for a 16-week term
- Company contribution: minimum of \$1,125

Industrial R&D Fellowships

- ➤ NSERC award: \$30,000 per year (2 yrs)
- Company contribution: minimum of \$10,000

Industrial Postgraduate Scholarships

- ➤ NSERC award: \$15,000 per year (2 yrs)
- Company contribution: minimum of \$6,000



Interaction Grants

...give companies that operate from a Canadian base and researchers from Canadian universities an opportunity to meet and identify a company-specific problem they could solve by collaborating in a subsequent research partnership.

➤ Maximum of \$5,000 for 3 months



Engage Grants

...foster the development of new research partnerships between academic researchers and companies that have never collaborated before. The grants support short-term R&D projects that address a company-specific problem.

- Six-month projects, max of \$25,000 from NSERC
- > The partner owns the IP
- Try it out see if it works consider the value/pertinence of subsequent collaboration



Applied Research & Development Grants

Three Levels Of Review And Contributions

Under \$25,000 for up to 6 months.

- 1. Requires a New partnership
- 2. Internal review

Up to \$75,000 per year for up to three years:

- 1. Partners contribution 1/3 of project costs
- 2. External review

Over \$75,000 per year for up to three years:

- 1. Partners contribute ½ of project costs:
- 2. External review and committee review



Key Advantages for Industry Partners

- Significant savings in research costs
- Projects are based on partner's requirements
- Access to high levels of expertise and research facilities
- HQP are potential future employees
- Built-in quality control NSERC peer-review system
- Access to IP
- Most company contributions are eligible for the SR&ED tax credit



NSERC Prairies Regional Office: How we can help













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Research Partnerships Toolbox

Strategic Partnerships (target national priorities)

- Strategic Projects
- Strategic Networks
- Strategic Workshops
- Collaborative Health Research Projects

Technology Transfer/ Commercialization

- Idea to Innovation
- College and Community Innovation

Industry-Driven (Industry participation)

- Collaborative R&D
 - ➤ DND/NSERC Research Partnership Program
- Industrial Research Chairs
- Chairs in Design Engineering
- Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering
- Interaction
- Engage

Regional Offices

- Priorities, trends
- Information from region
- Networks & connections
- Assist in matchmaking

