

## **NSERC Discovery Grant – Notice of Intent (NOI) for 2023 Competition**

### **Sponsor**

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council(NSERC)of Canada

### **Program**

Discovery

### **For More Information**

For additional information, please visit:

[NSERC Discovery Grants Program](#) [1]

[Memo to Potential Applicants NOI NSERC Discovery 2023 Competition](#) [2]

[NSERC FAQ](#) [3]

[Canadian Common CV \(CCV\)](#) [4] (Required at NOI Stage)

### **Description**

The Discovery Grants Program supports ongoing programs of research with long-term goals rather than a single short-term project or collection of projects. These grants recognize the creativity and innovation that are at the heart of all research advances. Discovery Grants are considered “grants in aid” of research, as they provide long term operating funds and can facilitate access to funding from other programs, but are not meant to support the full costs of a research program.

Recipients of Discovery Grants are not restricted to the specific activities described in their applications, and may pursue new research interests, provided they are within NSERC’s mandate. This provides researchers with the flexibility to pursue promising research avenues as they emerge and the opportunity to address higher-risk (higher reward) topics. Researchers can use their grants to participate in collaborative efforts.

The Discovery Grants Program assists in:

- promoting and maintaining a diversified base of high-quality research capability in the natural sciences and engineering in Canadian universities;
- fostering research excellence; and
- providing a stimulating environment for research training.

Applicants are encouraged to increase the inclusion and advancement of women and other under-represented groups in the natural sciences and engineering, as one means to enhance excellence in research and training. Applicants should refer to the Discovery Grants application instructions and the [Guide for Applicants: Considering equity, diversity and inclusion in your application](#) [5].

## Eligibility

Eligibility for applying for/holding an NSERC grant:

- Hold (or have a firm offer) for an academic appointment at an eligible Canadian university at the time of application. This can be a tenured, tenure-track or lifetime professor emeritus position; or a paid or unpaid term or contract position of no less than three years. The position must be finalized no later than six (6) weeks following the competition deadline of November 1, 2022.
- The position must require the individual to engage in research that is not under the direction of another individual; and
- The position must authorize the individual to supervise or co-supervise the research of students registered in an undergraduate or graduate degree program, or postdoctoral fellows (e.g. thesis supervision and not supervision of regular course or laboratory assignments).
- While there are no specific sections dedicated to naming or describing specific collaborations, it is at the applicant's discretion if they would like to disclose such information.
- Applicants are categorized as either Early Career Researchers or Established Researchers. Refer to the [Discovery Grants - Applicant Categories](#) [6] for more information.
- Researchers can apply for and hold only one Discovery Grant at a time. Researchers who hold a Discovery Grant cannot reapply for another Discovery Grant until the last year of their current award. If you currently hold a team grant and wish to apply individually, consult NSERC.

Please review the following parameters as well as [NSERC's Eligibility Criteria for Faculty](#) [7], [UG NSERC Eligibility Criteria for Faculty](#) [8] and the [Addendum to Guidelines for Eligibility](#) [9] to determine your specific eligibility.

## Overlap

Applicants cannot submit the same proposal to both NSERC and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) or the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) (see [Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency](#) [10] and [Relationship Between NSERC Proposals and Other Sources of Funds](#) [11].) NSERC encourages researchers to obtain funds from other sources, but does not allow duplication of funding for the

same research.

### **Subject Matter**

Applicants to the Discovery Grants Program must apply with a program of research that is eligible under NSERC's mandate, which is to promote and assist research in the natural sciences and engineering, other than health. The intended objectives of the research program must be, primarily, to advance knowledge in the natural sciences or in engineering. If NSERC determines that the subject matter is outside of its mandate at any time during the review cycle, the application will be rejected. Refer to [Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency](#) [10], the [Peer Review Manual](#) [12], and [NSERC Discovery Grants Process for Decisions on Mandate Eligibility](#) [13] for further information on the eligibility of subject matter.

If you are uncertain about subject matter eligibility or overlap, please contact NSERC directly.

### **Indirect Costs**

0%.

### **Project Duration**

Grants are normally awarded for five (5) years. Although a shorter duration can be requested.

### **Special Notes**

#### **Extensions for ongoing Discovery Awards**

- **Maternity/Parental/Medical or Family Leave:** if you currently hold a Discovery Grant and have taken maternity, parental, medical or family medical leave during the grant period, you may request an extension of the term of the current grant, and in certain cases additional funds, for a period of up to two years. Learn more on the [Family and medical leave](#) [14] web page.
- **Covid-19 extensions:** To lessen the impact due to COVID-19 and to support all of our researchers and highly qualified personnel, all eligible, active Discovery Grants will be given the opportunity to receive a one-time one-year extension with funds at their current funding level. More specifically, NSERC will contact eligible grantees once they've entered the last year of their grant (in June) with information on how to accept this one-time funded extension. The [COVID-19 extension with funds](#) [15] process will commence in June. For more information on the Discovery Grants one-year extension with funds due to COVID-19, refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) [16].
  - This one-time one-year extension with funds will be available for the following programs: Discovery Grants, Discovery Grants – Subatomic Physics (Individual, Project and Major Resources Support), Discovery Grants – Northern Research Supplements and Discovery Development Grants.
- **Early Career Researcher (ECR) option for extension with funds:** Grant recipients who are eligible to begin their early career researcher's extension with funds will be

offered and asked to accept that one-time funded extension before being offered the Discovery Grants one-time one-year extension with funds due to COVID-19 the following year. The Early Career Researcher (ECR) option for Discovery Grant extension with funds process will commence in May.

If you are considering a grant extension for a current NSERC Discovery Grant and want to learn more about potential impacts on the 2023 competition, please refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) [15] and visit the [NSERC program information in relation to COVID-19](#) [17] webpage, which are updated regularly.

## Deadlines

**If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.**

Type	Date	Notes
<b>External Deadline</b>	Tuesday, August 2, 2022 - 8:00pm	<b>Notification of Intent to Apply (NOI):</b> Researchers submit directly to NSERC via the <a href="#">Research Portal</a> . [18] Researchers do not need to send a copy to the Office of Research Services.  Note: The system will be closed after this time.

## How to Apply

**Researchers who intend to apply for a Discovery Grant (DG), Subatomic Physics Discovery (SAP-DG), Major Resources Support (SAP-MRS), or Category 2 or 3 Research Tools and Instruments (SAP-RTI) in the 2023 competition must submit a Notification of Intent to Apply (NOI).**

**Applicants who do not submit an NOI by the deadline cannot submit a full application later in Fall 2022.**

Discovery Grant NOI now available on [Research Portal](#) [19].

Subatomic Physics NOI now available on [Research Portal](#) [20].

**Complete Instructions on How to Apply:** [Completing a Notification of Intent to Apply \(NOI\) for NSERC Discovery](#) [21]

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- Researchers applying for a Discovery Grant must submit a NOI using the [Research Portal](#) [22] and the [NSERC CCV](#) [23]. Completing the CCV the first time can be time-consuming, so applicants should start completing their CCV early and allow ample time to complete this task in order to meet the NOI deadline date. Researchers submit directly to NSERC via the Research Portal.

### Tips for applicants currently holding a Discovery Grant:

- Grantees are encouraged to verify the balance of their current Discovery Grant (DG) account before applying. If the available funds are sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures through the next fiscal year, they can choose to request a deferral of the installment or take advantage of the one-year extension to use the accumulated funds prior to submitting a new request for funding.
- Refer to the [Tri-agency Guide on Financial Administration](#) [24] for more information.
- Postponing an application does not adversely affect the review of the next application, but rather demonstrates good fiscal management of the funds and allows the grantee to re-organize his/her activities and postpone the application date by one year. It also provides the opportunity for NSERC to fund other researchers with more urgent needs.

## Attachment(s)

Attachment	Size
 <a href="#">NSERC Discovery Session June 2022</a> [25]	3.39 MB

For Questions, please contact

Please email questions to NSERC Research Grants Office: ?[resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca) [26].

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