NSERC Discovery Horizons Webinar – 2022

Updated Information

New Webex links (available below and in "Notes"):

- Discovery Horizons webinar in <u>English</u>
- Discovery Horizons webinar in French

Date	Notes

Thursday June 2, 2022 12:00pm to 1:30pm Discovery Horizons (English) Webex Link for

the Webinar To join the webinar on the date and time specified, please use the link above

and use this password, DH0002.

Thursday June 2, 2022 10:00am to 11:30am Discovery Horizons (French) Webex Link for

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Description

NSERC will be hosting a webinar for applicants and research administrators for the second edition of the <u>Discovery Horizons</u> pilot program. A short presentation of the program will precede a Q&A session. For more information on the program, please visit the program website or contact NSERC, <u>horizons@nserc-crsnq.qc.ca</u>.

Furthermore, NSERC has provided some answers to frequently asked questions about the program below:

- Can applicants who hold a Discovery Grant or are applying for a Discovery Grant in Fall 2022 submit a LOI to Discovery Horizons?
 - Yes, researchers holding a Discovery grant or applying for one this year are eligible to apply to Discovery Horizons.
- Can co-applicants be from non-NSE disciplines (Economics, Sociology ...)
 - As long as the faculty members meet all eligibility requirements they can be from any departments. However, in the Discovery Horizons proposal, they must work towards advancing knowledge in the NSE.
- Is the proposed work under Discovery Horizons expected to be drastically different from

the work proposed for Discovery? Is conceptual overlap allowed as long as there is no budgetary overlap?

- Discovery Horizons proposals should be different from Discovery Grants (applied for or held) since the Discovery Horizons applications, due to their broad level of interdisciplinarity with the social sciences or health research are not suitable for the DG program. At the full application stage, applications must indicate that the funds requested from the Discovery Horizons program will be for expenses that are distinct from those covered by support from other sources. For funding applied for, you must indicate that there will be no duplication of funding for the same expense(s) and explain how funds will be used if all applications are successful.
- Does the application need to have all three components: (1) social sciences and humanities, (2) natural sciences and engineering, and (3) health and wellness?
 - No, Discovery Horizons applications must be rooted in the NSE and integrate elements from the social sciences and humanities and/or health and wellness.
- How does the Discovery Horizons Program and the Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review process differ from the interdisciplinary research funded under the New Frontiers in Research Fund?
 - Although the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) was also created to fund interdisciplinary research in response to the Fundamental Science Review's recommendations, it is focused on high-risk, high-reward, and fast-breaking research and supports research that proposes novel interdisciplinary approaches that bring together disciplines that do not traditionally work together. Please see the New Frontiers in Research Fund website for more details. Discovery Horizons, as well the other funding opportunities reviewed by the Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee will complement NFRF by focusing instead on investigator-initiated interdisciplinary research projects that are aligned with the core funding programs at each of the three major funding councils, including research projects that use existing interdisciplinary approaches.
- Can I submit the same application to more than one of the funding opportunities participating in the Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee?
 - No, applicants may not identical or essentially identical applications to more than one funding opportunity participating in the pilot of the Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee, NSERC's Discovery Horizons, SSHRC's Insight Grants and CIHR's Project Grants. In addition, all applications must meet the eligibility requirements and guidelines of the funding opportunity to which they apply, including those related to multiple applications. As a result, it is important to consult the funding opportunity's webpage.
- How do I determine which funding opportunity to apply in order to have my application reviewed by the Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee?
 - Applicants should apply to the agency funding opportunity that supports the dominant research area of the proposal.
- Will interdisciplinary applications that fall entirely within the research areas of one

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agency be considered by the Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee?

 No, applications that fall entirely within the research areas of one agency should be directed towards existing committees or evaluation groups, based on the practice and criteria of each agency. For example, interdisciplinary research solely within the natural sciences and engineering, with no social science, humanities, health, and/or wellness components should be directed towards another NSERC program, such as the Discovery Grants Program.

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