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Description

The Synergy Awards for Innovation were launched in 1995 by NSERC to recognize partnerships in the natural sciences and engineering research and development (R&D) between universities and Canadian industry. Since their inception, the Awards have honoured the most outstanding achievements of university-industry collaborations in the natural sciences and engineering. Nominations can be made in one of four categories: Small and medium sized companies, large companies, two or more companies, and Colleges.

Eligibility

The nominated partnerships must be in the natural sciences and/or engineering and be between a Canadian university professor, or group of professors and a Canadian-based company or companies with commercial activities in Canada, such as R&D and/or manufacturing. An individual, a team of individuals, or a college may be nominated for these awards. Only nominations in the natural sciences, and/or engineering will be considered. There is no limit to the number of nominations that a University or college can put forward in a given competition.

Funding Availability

Universities The winner in each category will receive a \$200,000 NSERC research grant.

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Industrial partners will each receive a \$30,000 voucher valid towards a cash portion of their required contribution in a new Collaborative Research and Development Grant (CRD). Applicants using the voucher must be received within three years of the Synergy Award for Innovation being awarded. The value of the voucher can be divided across multiple years of the CRD project.

Special Notes

Nominations must be submitted by a senior executive from one of the participating organizations, such as the President, Chief Executive Officer, Vice-President of Research, or equivalent of one of the industrial partner organizations; or President, Vice-President of Research, or equivalent from the university or college.

Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Friday, April 15, 2016 - 4:30pm	Nominator saves nomination package on a USB key or a CD and sends one printed original copy and the USB key (or CD) to the address below. An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent for all nominations received. Please arrange for letters of support well in advance of this deadline.

For Questions, please contact
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