

# Carleton University(CU) Natural Sciences and Engineering (NSE) Research Development Grants (RDG) (CU-NSE RDG) Guidelines

## DESCRIPTION

### **Purpose:**

The Carleton University (CU) Natural Sciences and Engineering (NSE) Research Development Grants (RDG) provides modest financial support to natural sciences and engineering (NSE) researchers:

- to re-apply to the next Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Discovery Grant (DG) program after an unsuccessful result in this same competition; and
- for bridge-fund their programs of research, including graduate students, until the competition results of the next cycle.

**Source:** Office of the Vice-President (Research, Innovation, and International) (OVPRII)

**Value:** Up to \$10,000 per application

**Duration:** 12 months maximum (No extension)

## DEADLINES

*Should the date fall on a weekend or statutory holiday, the deadline will be the next business day.*

**Deadline:** May 29, 2026

**Funding Start Date:** July 1, 2026 (prior expenses cannot be charged to the fund)

### **Notes:**

- The CUResearch Approval Form must be fully approved by all signing authorities by the application deadline date.
- Late applications will not be accepted
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted
- Ineligible costs will be debited from the amount requested
- Proposals related to ineligible [subject matter](#) will not be accepted
- Applicants may only apply to one of the CU RDG streams: NSE RDG, SSHRC Explore or Health RDG (if offered) per annum.

### **Post-Award Requirements:** (*See full Terms and Conditions*)

- Submit an Notice of Intent (NOI) and an application to the next NSERC DG competition;
- Work with faculty research facilitator towards the development of a competitive application during the term of the grant, respecting internal and OVPR I deadlines; and
- Complete an [final report](#) within six months of the end date of the grant.
- Transfers of funds to other institutions are not permitted.

## ELIGIBILITY

### Applicants:

- Be a faculty member whose contractual duties include research AND holds a tenure or tenure-track appointment at Carleton.
- Have worked with a Faculty Research Facilitator in the last NSERC DG competition cycle and received an unsuccessful result
- Intend to re-submit to the NSERC DG in the next competition cycle.
- Previous recipients of a CU RDG must wait 3 years after the completion of their grant term and have submitted the corresponding [final report](#) prior to being eligible to apply again

## BUDGET

- **Expenses must be eligible under [Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](#) and the [Research Expense Guidelines](#), and CU policies, and can include but are not limited to the following:**
  - Stipends to students and postdoctoral fellows
  - Salaries of technical and professional staff
  - Materials, supplies and services
  - Small equipment (i.e. computers) cannot account for more than 1/3 of the total budget
  - Knowledge mobilization activities
  - Fieldwork
- **Expenses that are NOT eligible include, but are not limited to the following:**
  - Collection or preparation of material primarily intended for personal classroom needs or teaching purposes
  - Teaching release
  - Large equipment and renovations
  - Technology transfer costs (e.g. patent filing)
  - Alcoholic beverages

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on the following four criteria:

- **Scientific or engineering excellence of the researcher (30%)**
  - Ranking of application within the Committee cohort;
  - Knowledge, expertise and experience of the researcher in the NSE;
  - Quality and impact of contributions to the proposed research and/or other areas of research in the NSE;
  - Importance of contributions to, and use by, other researchers and end-users; and
  - Past contributions to training of Highly Qualified Personnel (i.e. training environment, HQP awards and research contributions, outcomes and skills by HQP)
- **Budget (40%)**
  - The degree to which the requested budget is reasonable, adequately justified, and appropriately allocated to meet the basic and essential needs of the research program, given its limited value.
- **Contributions to the training of HQP (30%)**
  - Training plan (training philosophy, research training plan) that can be provided within the time limits and amount provided of this short-term funding; and
  - Extent to which equity, diversity and inclusion considerations are integrated into the planned HQP training.

## **SUBMISSION STEPS**

1. Download and complete the CU NSE RDG application form
2. Save the application form with the following attachments in a SINGLE pdf file using the naming convention PIlastname.PIfirstname\_cuNSERDG.pdf:
  - **CV:** CV must include currently active and applied for research grants, publications, student supervisions and, if possible, the record of knowledge translation activities.
  - **Optional:** References (one (1) page max)
3. Login to the [cuResearch](#)
4. Create and complete all fields of the Approval Form. Sponsor information is included below:
  - Start Date: July1, 2026
  - End Date: June 30, 2027
  - Agency abbreviation: CORIS
  - Program: CU NSE Research Development Grant
  - Disbursement: amount requested
5. Attachments Tab: Upload your application package
6. Submit

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