NSERC Connect Grants

- **Purpose**: travel costs related to the development of new academic-industry partnerships in natural sciences or engineering research.
- **Grant/Term**: $5k/yr., up to 3 months.
- **Industry match**: None.
- **Review/Success**: reviewed within days, ~100%.
- **Note**: Travel expenses are only eligible expense.
NSERC Engage Grants (Plus)

- **Purpose:** New collaboration between industry and academic researcher to solve a company-specific problem

- **Funds/Term for Engage:** $25k/6 months, no industry match, in-kind only

- **Funds/Term for Engage Plus:** $12.5k/additional 6 months, $15.6K industry match (inclusive of overhead)

- **Review/Success:** 4-6 weeks, ~100%

- **Notes:** resulting IP owned by company
OCE’s Collaboration Voucher Programs – VIP 1

- **Purpose:** Collaborations that lead to knowledge mobilization, commercialization and increased productivity with significant economic impact for Ontario.

- **Funds/Term for VIP 1:** $20k/up to 12 months,

- **Industry Match:** 1:1 match of cash & in-kind – min. $5K cash from industry

- **Review/Success:** ~6-8 weeks, ~95%

- **Notes:** there is an opportunity to stack funding with NSERC programs
**OCE VIP II**

- **Purpose:** Collaborations that help Ontario companies develop, implement and commercialize technical innovations with an academic partner.

- **Funds/Term for VIP II:** min of $50k and max of $75K/year/up to 2 years.

- **Industry Match:** 1:1 match of cash & in-kind – industry cash must be a min. of 50% of the amount requested from OCE.

- **Review/Success:** ~2 months, ~95%.

- **Notes:** 30% overhead on industry contribution and there is an opportunity to stack funding with NSERC programs.

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**NSERC CRD Grants**

- **Purpose:** Well-defined projects undertaken by university and private sector partners

- **Funds/Term:** Typically $100-200K per year for up to 5 years. 1:1 match of cash and in-kind (industry cash must be a min. of 50% of the amount requested from NSERC)

- **Deadline:** No deadline

- **Review/Success:** 3-5 months, 80-90%

- **Notes:** 25% overhead on company cash contribution (overhead is not matched by NSERC)
NSERC Strategic Partnership For Projects Grants

- **Purpose:** Reduce risk associated with leading edge research. Early stage project research in targeted areas

- **Funds/Term:** ~$150k per year for 1-3 years, no industry match, in-kind only

- **Deadline:** April 1 each year

- **Review/Success:** 6 months, national average is ~25%

- **Notes:** while there is no cash required from the company, a letter of support must clearly detail company’s engagement and vested interest in the project.
NSERC Industrial Research Chairs

- **Purpose:** Support Faculty Salary and Research Program, capacity building

- **Funds/Term:** Typically $100-300K per year for 5 years. 1:1 match of cash only

- **Deadline:** No deadline, reviewed quarterly

- **Review/Success:** 4-7 months, proposals that won’t get funded typically are withdrawn before submission

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OCE TalentEdge

- TalentEdge Internship Program
  - College and university students (undergrad and grad) and recent grads work on collaborative industry-driven projects
  - 4 months, $10k for $5k industry cash & $5k in-kind

- TalentEdge Fellowship Program
  - Postdoctoral Fellows work on industry-driven research and development projects
  - 12 months, $32.5k from OCE for $25k industry cash & $25k in-kind, plus $2.5k for professional development
Mitacs Accelerate

- **Purpose:** Internship funds for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows for business-related research challenges. Now open to eligible not-for-profit and Crown corporation partners.
- **Funds/Term:** $7.5k, per 4 month block + 1:1 Industry match (total $15k, $10k salary), program is scalable, create clusters.
- **Review/Success:** Open deadline, 4-6 weeks, 80%+
- **Notes:** Max. 2 per Masters, 6 per PhD, and 6 per PDF.
- Separate program (Elevate) for PDF done via special call twice a year.
Maximizing Your Industrial Contribution

- When working with an Ontario-based partner, you can leverage their contribution provincially and federally.

**Example:**

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How Can We Help You

- MILO reviews, negotiates and is the signing authority on all NDAs and MTAs
- Advise on IP ownership for industry funded projects – contact us before you meet with a potential partner to discuss options
- Protect and negotiate publication rights in industry funded projects
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