

Information Session: Entry Level, Build, and Extend Innovation Enhancement Grants

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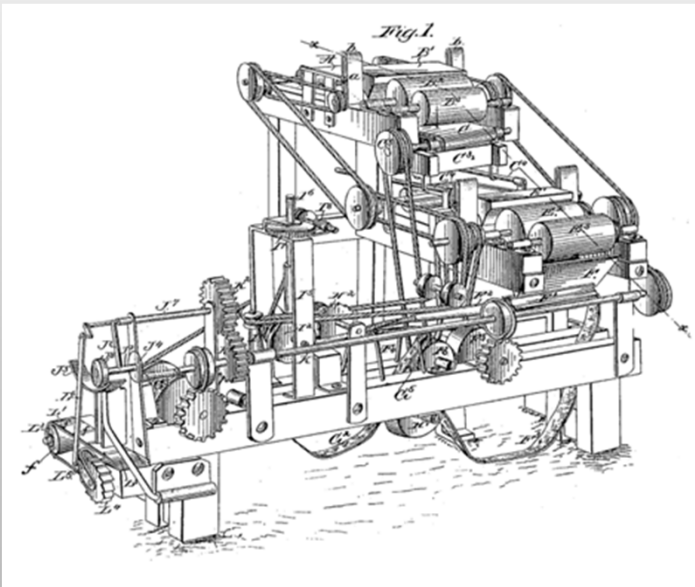
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Innovation Enhancement Grant Objectives

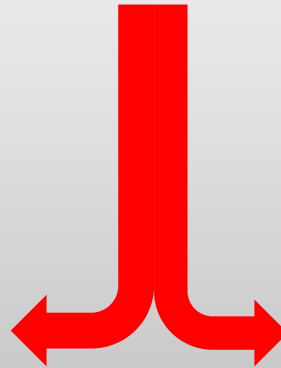
- Increase innovation at the community and/or regional level by enabling Canadian colleges to increase their capacity to work with local companies, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- Natural and social sciences, engineering, humanities and/or health

Innovation Enhancement Grant Objectives

Increased Applied
Research Capacity



Sustainable Business
Collaborations



Entry Level IE Grants

- Introduction to applied research
- Only available to those colleges who have NEVER received any of:
 - Industrial Research Chair for Colleges
 - Innovation Enhancement grant (any type)
 - Technology Access Centre
- If a college obtains a Build IE grant while they hold an Entry Level Grant, no further grant funds for the Entry Level will be released.

ENTRY LEVEL IE GRANTS

	NSERC FUNDING LIMIT	MINIMUM TOTAL COMPANY CONTRIUBUTONS (cash or in-kind)	MINIMUM CASH COMPONENT
Year 1	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
Year 2	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$200,000	\$0	\$0

- Colleges are not eligible to submit an Entry-Level IE Grant proposal to the same competition to which they are submitting an application for a Build IE Grant.

IE Selection Criteria

- **Potential to Contribute to Local or Regional Innovation**
 - Needs of the local region, potential for sustained innovation impact...
- **Excellence of the Proposal**
 - Focus and clarity, quality and feasibility ...
- **Need for, and Use of, Resources**
 - Demonstrated need for increased capacity in the area of the proposal and for supporting technology transfer, resources available ...

BUILD IE GRANTS

	NSERC FUNDING LIMIT	MINIMUM TOTAL COMPANY CONTRIUBUTONS (cash or in-kind)	MINIMUM CASH COMPONENT
Year 1	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$25,000
Year 2	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$50,000
Year 3	\$400,000	\$300,000	\$75,000
Year 4	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$100,000
Year 5	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$1,400,000	\$350,000

- Build IEs follow similar rules to the former 5-year IE.
- The minimum acceptable commitments at the time of application are \$300,000 total, with at least \$75,000 in cash over the five years.

Company Participation

- Business partners must be able to benefit from the activities
- Company participation will be monitored closely before releasing annual instalments
- Past and future contributions will be reported on an annual basis
- Progress reports will be requested at 18- (Build and Extend) and 30- (Build) months

CFI's College-Industry Innovation Fund: Stream 2

- CFI will participate in the Build IE program in 2017-2018
- Allows for comprehensive funding package supporting both research costs and research infrastructure
- Now up to 2 proposals per college (see [CFI website](#))
- Questions: ciif@innovation.ca

Applied Research Overlap

- Colleges may hold only ONE 5-year or Build Grant per applied research area



- Applications that overlap with a previously awarded IE grant will be rejected

Letter of Intent – BUILD IE

- A LOI is required for **BUILD IE grants only**
- Partner contribution amounts are **not** required in the LOI submission
- Two partner letters of support are permitted
- To maintain eligibility, invited LOIs **must** include in the full application:
 - A budget with the **required contribution levels** for each year of the grant
 - Form 183A and/or letters of support demonstrating the **minimum acceptable commitments**

The **EXTEND IE** grant

- For colleges who have increased their research capacities and have developed strong partnerships
- Complements the suite of CCI options:
 - Applied Research and Development Grant
 - College-University Idea to Innovation Grant
 - Technology Access Centre Grant
 - Industrial Research Chairs for Colleges Grant
- 1:1 leverage, with 50% as minimum cash

EXTEND IE GRANTS

	NSERC FUNDING LIMIT	MINIMUM TOTAL COMPANY CONTRIUBUTONS (cash or in-kind)	MINIMUM CASH COMPONENT
Year 1	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$150,000
Year 2	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$150,000
Year 3	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$450,000

- One-time renewal available in the same applied research area as a former 5-year Build IE grant.
- Original IE grant must have been completed and/or have received its fifth-year installment in good standing.
- The minimum acceptable commitments at the time of application are \$600,000 total, with at least \$300,000 in cash over the 3 years.
- No LOI required.

Tips

- Read our website!
 - Innovation Enhancement Grants
 - Instructions for Completing the Form 103
- Respond to the Selection Criteria
- Make a clear case for regional innovation
- Communicate potential economic impacts for the region
- Show organization and leadership

Tips

- Include references to the **state of the art**
- Include information about the **state of the market** in the target sector
- How will the proposal complement other research happening in this sector?
- Company Support Letters – clear, specific, precise, and unique. **How will this project help** that company succeed? What are the company contributions?

Dates & Deadlines

LOI
(Build IE only)

May 24, 2018

Invitation to submit
(Build IE only)

Early August
2018

Full Application
(Entry Level, Build, and
Extend)

October 25, 2018

Decision on Application

~ February 2019

Success Rates

ENTRY LEVEL:

Competition Year	Full Applications	Funded	Success Rate
2016	2	1	50%
2017	5	4	80%

Five-Year IE:

Competition Year	LOIs received	LOIs Invited	Returning	Full	Funded	Success Rate
2016	36	10	8	18	8	18%
2017	21	10	5	15	8	31%

Three-Year IE:

Competition Year	Full Applications	Funded	Success Rate
2017	3	3	100%

Questions?

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