

Option 2 overview

Alliance grants

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Who can apply?

- University researchers collaborating with private-sector, public sector or not-for-profit organizations

How long can a project be?

- Projects can be 1 to 5 years in duration and you can apply at any time

How much funding can I apply for?

- You can apply for over \$30,000 to \$1 000,000 per year from NSERC (up to 100% of project costs)

How to apply

- Fill out the proposal template
- Complete the Public Impact Value Proposition (PIVP)
- Submit through NSERC's online system

Evaluation

- Administrative review
- PIVP selection committee determines if the project fits the option 2 characteristics
- If the outcome of the PIVP is positive, the application proceeds to the next step, otherwise it is not funded
- External peer review evaluation

Does your project fit?

- It meets all three characteristics of option 2
- It aims to address an unmet societal need
- You and the partner(s) will broadly share project results
- The PIVP section distinguishes the project from an option 1 project
- All interested stakeholders in the project's ecosystem are involved to achieve optimal results and impact
- Barriers to the project justify a higher level of investment of public funds
- Reducing the cost of research for the partner is not considered an adequate justification

Projects supported by option 2 grants will

- address a societal challenge resulting in new NSE knowledge and societal impact
- bring together academic, partner organization, and societal perspectives and skill sets
- demonstrate how all interested individuals will learn about and use the products, services or policies that stem from the research

Projects demonstrate societal impact when

- they are driven by unmet societal needs
- their outcomes reach beyond near-term economic success
- they remove barriers to achieve impact and benefit society
- they build capacity to transform a sector and become a game changer
 - or support the development of government policies and regulations
 - or overcome an issue affecting an entire business area

Projects demonstrate making connections when

- there is active engagement of the key stakeholders in the ecosystem or value chain
- end users and implementers are at least consulted and participate in the project, even if not as formal partners
- all relevant stakeholders are engaged in the research design/implementation and
 - bring relevant societal perspectives/skill sets
 - help to merge ideas, overcome barriers and find creative solutions
 - ensure that the project is driven by a societal need
 - help to integrate solutions with decision makers, within and across sectors

Projects demonstrate broad outcomes when

- results have societal impact beyond the partner organizations participating in the project
- progress and results are conveyed to user groups using appropriate formats and channels in the context of a knowledge mobilization plan
- knowledge mobilization tools are not limited to scientific publications
- the management of any new intellectual property is not a barrier to the use of results and should be briefly described when working with private sector partners