

Who can apply?

University researchers collaborating with private-sector, public-sector or not-for-profit organizations; college faculty can apply as co-applicants

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 \$20,000 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 steps

1. NSERC staff confirms the proposal meets administrative requirements
2. The PIVP selection committee determines if the project meets the objectives of Alliance Society
3. If successful, the application proceeds to external peer review evaluation

Does your project fit?

- Your project must involve research at the intersection of science/engineering and society, with societal impact as the main driver
- Your team must involve the people affected by these issues—who will benefit from the research results—in identifying the challenge and designing a strategy to solve the challenge
- Your team must share the results in ways that the affected groups can use; a collaborative approach is expected

Partnerships supported by Alliance Society grants will:

- have at least one partner organization recognized for cost sharing under Alliance Society, and that will make in-kind contributions to the project
- include societal groups affected by the challenge that can benefit from and use the results of the project

Projects demonstrate societal impact when:

- they identify a need affecting Canadian end users and society
- they develop an approach involving natural sciences and engineering research to meet the societal need
- they aim for benefits that reach societal end users and go beyond the direct interests of participating partner organizations

Projects demonstrate making connections when:

- they identify partner organizations and societal groups affected by—or interested in—the problem, including those outside natural sciences and engineering, when appropriate
- they engage these partner organizations and societal groups to bring their knowledge to the research design and implementation
- they involve these partner organizations and groups in integrating the solutions within and across sectors

Projects demonstrate broad outputs when:

- they have a clear plan to communicate progress and the resulting products, services or policies beyond the academic world
- they use appropriate non-technical and innovative formats that partner organizations and societal groups can understand and that help exchange knowledge with these organizations and groups
- they demonstrate how management of intellectual property the project generates allows organizations and groups affected by the societal challenge to use the results without any obstacles