

Update: NSERC College and Community Innovation Grants

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As NSERC continues its evolution and streamlining of the College and Community Innovation (CCI) grants, please note the following key program changes:

Applied Research and Development (ARD) grants:

As of February 1st, 2022, the ARD grants will temporarily stop accepting applications as NSERC changes to the Convergence application portal. The new and improved ARDs will be launched in April 2022. These grants will offer similar opportunities as the previous ARDs with several new features:

- Broadened partner eligibility to include organizations in health and social sciences (for instance, municipalities and not-for-profits)
- Support for college-university collaboration with the above partners (replacing Innovation Links)
- One matching level of 25% (no more streams)
- Adjudication process: NSERC review for small grants; larger grants will be assessed by external peer reviewers

If you intend to submit an ARD application, please contact the [Sheridan Research Office](#) as soon as possible to discuss the timing.

Innovation Links grants:

The last day to submit an Innovation Links application will be February 1st, 2022.

Engage grants:

As previously communicated, NSERC is no longer accepting Engage applications. Opportunities for new projects remain available through ARD, and through the new Mobilize program for which further details will be available in Spring/Summer 2022.

Applied Research Tools and Instruments (ARTI) grants:

Information on this program will be coming in Spring 2022.