

ONTARIO CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (OCE)/ NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA (NSERC)

Voucher for Innovation and Productivity (VIP)-Engage

Subject Area:

All disciplines

Intended to:

- Help companies develop, implement and commercialize technical innovations by supporting partnerships between Ontario's industry and publicly funded colleges.

Conditions:

- New partnership: The Industry Partner must not have previously partnered with the college on applied research in any way (including previous research collaborations, capstone projects, consulting contracts, or involvement of a member(s) of the college research team with the company).
- The Partner must be a for-profit SME, be incorporated in Ontario for a minimum of two years, have between 5 and 499 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees in Ontario; and have operations and/or R&D in Ontario with capacity to commercialize the results of the project.
- The Project must generate new knowledge or apply existing knowledge in an innovative manner, and should have a high potential for regional economic development and commercialization in Ontario.
- Partners are limited to a total of two Engage projects per fiscal year (April 31 to March 31) across all colleges. If the Partner is providing cash to ongoing NSERC projects outside of Engage, they may be permitted two additional Engage applications.
- Project Intellectual Property will be owned by the Partner.

Value: \$20,000 to \$30,000 from NSERC, plus \$20,000 to \$30,000 from OCE, for up to 12 months

Company Contribution: \$20,000 to \$30,000, of which at least 50 % must be spent at Sheridan College; the remainder may be spent at the Industry Partner.

Sheridan's Contribution: Not required

Application Deadline:

Pre-vetting of project by OCE: January 7, 2021

Submission to OCE: January 15, 2021

Notification of Award Decision: 4 to 6 weeks

How to Apply:

To begin the application process, please download the **Expression of Interest Form** (for Faculty Researchers) or **Grant Application Summary Form** (for Research Centres) from [Sheridan Central](#), or email research@sheridancollege.ca to discuss your research idea..

The Industry Partner must also connect with their Business Development and Commercialization Manager at OCE to vet the project and initiate the application. The application must be completed jointly between the Industry Partner and the Principal Investigator, in partnership with the Sheridan Research Office. Final vetting and submission will be done by the Sheridan Research Office.

More Information:

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