

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)

Innovation Enhancement (IE) Grants (Build IE & Extend IE)

Subject Area:

Across the spectrum of natural and social sciences, engineering, humanities or health.

Intended to:

- 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).
- The grant focuses on ONE area where the college has recognized expertise and that meets local or regional economic development needs.
- Highly competitive grant application with potential of renewal.
- For the Build IE Grants competition, NSERC and the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) have developed a joint application and review procedure for a comprehensive funding package supporting both research costs and research infrastructure.

Conditions:

- Sheridan is only eligible for Build and Extend IE Grants (not Entry Level IE Grants).
- Build IE Grant applications should focus on different applied research disciplines, technical expertise and facilities, and support a different and significant industry sector, versus previously awarded Build IE grants at the college.
- Colleges with a previously awarded Build IE Grant are eligible to apply for Extend IE Grant in the same sector.

Value: Build IE: \$400,000 per year for five years
Extend IE: \$300,000 per year for three years

Company Contribution*: Build IE: Cash and/or in-kind contributions totalling a minimum of \$300,000, of which at least \$75,000 must be in cash over the five years of the grant.
Extend IE: Cash and/or in-kind contributions totalling a minimum of \$600,000, of which at least \$300,000 must be in cash over the three years of the grant.

*The above contributions are required to be committed at the time of application. Additional, progressively increasing contributions are required through the term of the grant.

Sheridan's Contribution: Not required

Application Deadline: On hold

Notification of Award Decision: On hold

How to Apply: This is an institutional grant. Applications will be made by the Sheridan Research Office on behalf of the Principal Investigator. To begin the application process, please visit this [link](#), or email research@sheridancollege.ca to discuss your research idea.

More Information:

[NSERC website](#)

*Consult [College-Industry Innovation Fund: Stream 2](#) for information about CFI/NSERC Build IE joint application and review procedures.
