

RESEARCH MATTERS

Trent University, January Edition

Important Due Dates

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*As a reminder, the **internal due-dates** of proposals, or documents requiring institutional endorsement, is **set a week prior** to the external due dates in order to allow the Office of Research to address any challenges with the submissions. The internal deadline must be respected please plan accordingly*

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January:

Jan. 8 – New employee documentation

Jan. 9 – NSERC-URSA

Jan. 9 – NSERC – Idea to Innovation

Jan. 9 - SSHRC Storyteller Contest

Jan. 10 – SSHRC Mentorship Workshop

Jan. 12 – SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant

Jan. 13 - BMO Future Green Leaders Student Research Awards

Jan. 13 - McLean Graduate Student Award

Jan. 17 – CIHR Undergraduate: Summer Studentship Award

Jan. 23 – OCE Advancing Education

Jan. 23 – RSC College of New Scholars Internal Due Date

Jan. 25 – Mitacs Elevate Letter of Intent and Conflict of Interest

Jan. 27 – SSHRC Insight Development Grant

Jan. 27 – CIHR Personalized Health Catalyst Grants Webinar

NEW EMPLOYEE DOCUMENTATION

In order for new employees to receive payment for work in January, all necessary contracts and paperwork must be sent to the Office of Research and the Finance Officers.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

A fresh new year is once again upon us. It's the time to be thankful for the blessings of the past year and to take stock of all our achievements. At the same time, New Year 2017 is a brand new year to start afresh, to start strong, and yet another chance to do everything we want to do this year.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR NSERC ENGAGE APPLICATIONS

While NSERC fiscal year does not actually end until March 31, the NSERC Finance department closes in early March to permit year-end account reconciliations. No awards can be issued beyond the closing date. Taking into account the time also needed to evaluate an application and complete the internal paperwork, the submission cut-off date for Engage applications hoping to qualify for a current-fiscal-year award is therefore earlier than March 31. Therefore February 17th is the last date to submit for an Engage application that is wished to result in an award assigned to the current (2016-17) NSERC fiscal year. The last set of applications will be reviewed and decided on at the March 6th meeting of the NSERC Engage Evaluation Committee. Should the evaluation of an application generate a request for additional information from the applicant and/or the industry partner, all of the requested information must be submitted to NSERC by not later than March 3rd in order for the application to remain eligible. Note that the February 17th deadline will accommodate well-prepared applications only. If NSERC's evaluation of an application uncovers major issues that cannot be easily/promptly resolved, the award (if one is recommended) could very well end up assigned to the following, 2017-18 fiscal year. A more conservative submission deadline (i.e. one that will provide more latitude for fixing problems) would be February 3rd. Applications submitted as of February 18th will automatically fall into the new 2017-18 fiscal year. The dates noted above apply only to regular (NSERC-only) Engage applications, not the *Engage Plus*.

NSERC-OCE TARGET GREEN HOUSE GASSES (GHG) COLLABORATIVE R&D PROGRAM

This joint initiative aims to enable technology development between postsecondary institutions and industry partners for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. It will support Ontario's 2020-2030 targets and the Government of Canada's commitment to developing innovative clean technologies that promote environmental sustainability. This program provides a maximum 1:2 leverage on industry partners' cash and in-kind contributions.

The deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest for this program is **February 28, 2017**. For more information contact your Project Officer.

MITACS ELEVATE

Mitacs Elevate is now accepting applications for two-year postdoctoral funding:

- \$55,000 annual award (plus \$7,500 per year non-cash value in training)
- Exclusive, customized professional development training
- Long-term collaborative research project with a non-academic partner

For more information on this opportunity, contact either elevate@mitacs.ca, or your project officer

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA – COLLEGE OF NEW SCHOLARS, ARTISTS AND SCIENTISTS

Nominations are invited for 2017 "College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists" of the Royal Society of Canada. Nominations may be made by any member of the faculty. The members of the "College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists" are Canadians and Permanent Residents who are at an early stage of their career, have received their PhD within the last 15 years, and have demonstrated a high level of achievement. Trent University has **three** institutional nominations in which it can make this year.

Nominators are expected to submit a minor nomination dossier for their desired candidate by January 23rd. The dossier is expected to include:

- A copy of the nominee's CV
- A letter of reference from the nominator explaining why they believe that the nominee is qualified and worthy of the fellowship.

After receiving all the nominations, a review by a Research Awards Selection Sub-Committee, shall determine the candidates that best meet the requirements for the fellowship. This committee will operate under the purview of the Royal

Jan. 30 - Ontario-China Research and Innovation Fund

February:

Feb. 1 – SSHRC Connection Grants

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Feb. 1 – NSERC Strategic Partnership Grants Letter of Intent

Feb. 3 – Insight Development Grants

Feb. 6 - Ontario-Jiangsu Industrial Research and Development Program

Feb. 15 – SSHRC Partnership Grants Letter of Intent

Feb. 14 – CIHR Personalized Health Catalyst Grants Registration

Feb. 17 – NSERC Engage Final Date for submission for the 2016-17 fiscal year

Feb. 28 - NSERC-OCE Target GHG Collaborative R&D Program

Rolling Deadlines:

- OCE Talent edge
 - OCE VIP I
 - OCE VIP II
- OCE Ontario Social Impact Voucher (until July 2017)
- NSERC Connect Grant
- NSERC Engage Grant
- NSERC Collaborative Research and Development
- Mitacs Accelerate Program

Society of Canada and Trent University's Equity Policy. Successful candidates will be contacted by the Office of Research by the end of January to determine if they will allow their names to stand for nomination and participate in the nomination process.

Any questions regarding the nomination process, or the "College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists" of the Royal Society of Canada, are to be directed to research@trentu.ca or 748-1011 ext. 7496

ONTARIO CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE: UPDATES AND PROGRAMS

TalentEdge Internship Program

OCE's TalentEdge Internship Program intake re-opens in February 2017. Please refer to our website (www.oce-ontario.org) in February for exact dates and any updates to the program requirements.

Please note that the TalentEdge Data Analytics Internship Program remains open.

Upcoming VIP-Engage Deadlines for NSERC

As you may know from previous years, the NSERC award system closes in mid-March to let its staff conduct end-of-year financial reconciliations before its new fiscal year begins on April 1. This has significance for Engage Grant applicants (including those pursuing VIP1-Engage funding), because most of them will be attempting to secure their one-per-year Engage Grant allocation before the NSERC fiscal year ends. Many of these applicants will be mistakenly assuming that the deadline for application submission is March 31. This is not the case. To meet the end-of-fiscal-year cut-off, NSERC recommends that regular (non-VIP1) Engage applications be submitted and in their system by no later than February 3.

For VIP1- Engage projects, applications will need to be ready for External Review (i.e. all revisions completed and the OCE funding agreement signed) by no later than January 27, 2017 to permit the dual evaluation, review, and conditional approval processes of OCE and NSERC to take place in February. Additionally, any VIP1-Engage projects that do win approval in February must be activated (i.e. Industry Partner's cash contribution paid in full) by no later than March 2, 2017 if the Engage award is to be allocated to NSERC's current (2016-17) fiscal year. PIs applying for VIP1-Engage who wish the Engage part of their award to be assigned to the current NSERC fiscal year are therefore encouraged to work with their OCE Business Development Manager to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Ontario-Jiangsu Industrial Research and Development Program (OJIRDP)

The Ontario-Jiangsu Industrial Research and Development Program (OJIRDP) will support joint industrial R&D projects focusing on the development of products or processes that lead to commercial success and socio-economic benefits for both jurisdictions. OJIRDP now has a Call for Proposals open to joint projects that include science and technology development activities. Application are due at 2 p.m. on February 6, 2017.

This is a partnership of the Jiangsu Science and Technology Department (JSTD), the Ontario Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science (MRIS), and Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE), which will administer OJIRDP on behalf of MRIS.

OCE Call for Proposals: Ontario-China Research and Innovation Fund (OCRIF)

This Call for Proposals is open to projects that support scientific and technological collaboration projects between China and Ontario, with a current emphasis on biomaterials.

OCRIF is offered through a partnership with MRIS, China's Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and OCE. Ontario funds will be disbursed to successful Ontario applicants through OCRIF and administered by OCE. Application ends at 2 p.m. on January 30, 2017.

OCE Advancing Education Program

The Advancing Education Program helps connect Ontario's public education system with companies to test early-market interest and demonstrate innovative products and technologies in an education setting. This includes English and French K-12 schools as well as post-secondary institutions. Designed to bolster innovation in Ontario's public education system through partnerships between schools and companies, the program invests in collaborative innovation procurement projects to demonstrate new technologies in a public sector setting as a means of building a strong case for adoption and system-wide scaling.

For more information, contact your Project Officer

ONTARIO GENOMICS: PRE-COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND (PCDF)

The PCDF is an investment fund uniquely focused on enabling the advancement of Ontario 'omics research projects and technology development toward commercialization and economic impact. Specifically, it aims to provide early-stage financial support as companies (with or without academic collaborators) move towards commercial applications, to speed up the transfer of products from R&D to market.

Applications will be accepted for projects within the following fields: Biofuels, bio-products; Human or animal diagnostics, Human or animal therapeutics; Crop or livestock trait improvements; Environmental management (related to water, mining, energy, other); Forestry, natural resources; Laboratory and medical devices; Food, nutrition; Informatics including databases, software, and other tools.

For more information, contact your Project Officer

ETHICS COMMITTEES

Research Ethics Board Application Schedule

Protocol Due Dates	REB Meeting Dates
August 29, 2016	September 14, 2016
September 26, 2016	October 19, 2016
October 31, 2016	November 23, 2016
November 28, 2016	December 14, 2016
December 19, 2016	January 25, 2017
January 30, 2017	February 22, 2017
February 27, 2017	March 22, 2017
March 27, 2017	April 19, 2017
April 24, 2017	May 24, 2017
May 29, 2017	June 14, 2017

Animal Care Committee Protocol Schedule

Protocol Due Dates	ACC Meeting Dates
August 29, 2016	September 13, 2016
September 26, 2016	October 18, 2016
October 31, 2016	November 22, 2016
November 28, 2016	December 13, 2016
December 19, 2016	January 24, 2017
January 30, 2017	February 21, 2017
February 27, 2017	March 21, 2017
March 27, 2017	April 18, 2017
April 24, 2017	May 23, 2017
May 29, 2017	June 13, 2017

Should you require any assistance with the Romeo system, please contact Karen Mauro at extension 7896 or kmauro@trentu.ca

If you wish to have a short demonstration of the system please let Karen know and she can meet with you or a small group.

CIHR PERSONALIZED HEALTH CATALYST GRANTS

The purpose of the Personalized Health Catalyst Grant funding opportunity is to support researchers to maximize and leverage previous collaborative investments in personalized medicine, e-health and data platforms by driving evidence-based implementation of personalized health solutions that can contribute to more cost-effective and sustainable health care.

For more information on this granting opportunity, please contact your Project Officer.