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ENGAGE GRANTS

University or college researchers can apply to launch a new research collaboration with an industrial partner through a short-term research and development (R&D) project that applies their expertise to address a company challenge. Partnering companies gain by having the expertise of the academics focused on their R&D issues and by discovering what the researchers and the students working with them have to offer. These projects serve as the first step (no prior collaboration) to establishing a longer-term, impactful collaboration.

Award Value	Up to \$25,000 for up to six months
Intellectual Property Agreement	Any intellectual property arising from the project will belong to the company.
Company Contribution	No cash required, In-kind only. The company must collaborate on the project and be able to exploit the research results.
Company Eligibility	Must be a Canadian-based, incorporated for-profit company engaged in R&D, with appropriate research and /or manufacturing facilities, sound finances and the ability to apply results. The company must also have at least two full-time employees and must have been in operation for a minimum of two years.
Researcher Eligibility	The applicant must be an NSERC-eligible researcher and must have been granted an individual or small team (principal investigator and up to two co-applicants) peer-reviewed grant from NSERC within the past six years. Applicants who have received a rating of "Strong" or higher for the criterion "Excellence of the Researcher" in their most recent Discovery Grant competition within the past six years are considered to have met the requirement for peer-reviewed research support. Engage Grants with colleges are also possible.
Application Submission	Proposals can be submitted at any time using the appropriate application forms for university- or college-based applicants. A letter of support from the company involved in the project must be provided. There is no deadline to submit applications.
Evaluation Method	NSERC internal evaluation. Staff can also review drafts prior to official submission by the academic.
Evaluation Time	Four to six weeks from receipt of a complete application.
Use of funds	Direct costs of research such as salaries of students, postdocs, and research assistants, equipment, materials, services and project-related travel.
Reporting	A project report on the project's outcomes is required from the grantee and company representative within one month following the end of the grant.
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