

NSERC College and Community Social Innovation Fund Grants (CCSIF)

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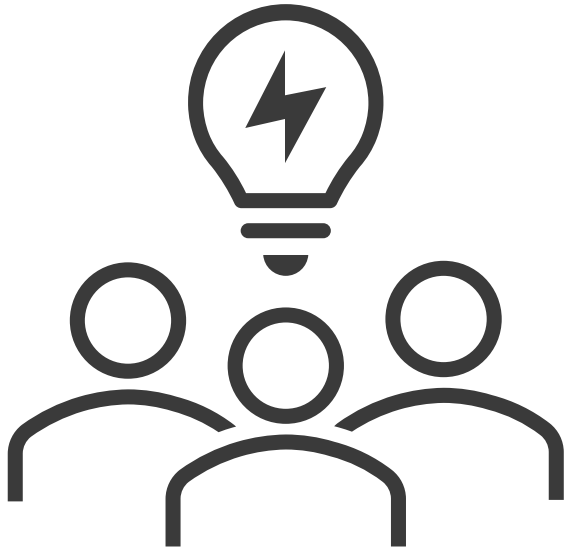
Land Acknowledgement: Honouring the Land and Peoples of Adoobiigok

Humber College is located within the traditional and treaty lands of the Mississauga's of the Credit. Known as Adoobiigok, the “Place of the Alders” in Michi Saagiig language, the region is uniquely situated along Humber River Watershed, which historically provided an integral connection for Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Wendat peoples between the Ontario Lakeshore and the Lake Simcoe/Georgian Bay regions. Now home to people of numerous nations, Adoobiigok continues to provide a vital source of interconnection for all.

Agenda

1. Overview
2. Social Innovation
3. Application and Proposal Components
4. Timeline
5. Roles & Responsibilities
6. Notice of Intent
7. Questions & Discussion

OVERVIEW: CCSIF Grants



CCSIF grants are intended to:

- Foster social innovation by connecting the talent, facilities, and capabilities of Canada's colleges and polytechnics with the research needs of local community organizations.
- Facilitate collaborative social innovation research that brings together researchers, students, and partners to address research challenges in social innovation, leading to solutions addressing a Canadian community need.

Social Innovation

- The development of new ideas or the use of existing ideas to find **solutions to social challenges**.
- Social innovation involves an **initiative, product, process, or program** that creates positive social outcomes for societies.
- It can result in **more effective, fairer, and more durable solutions to complex social problems**. It aims to produce benefits for the **entire society**, not only for some individuals.



Examples of Successful CCSIF Social Innovations

Develop and measure the impact of...

- ✓ an employment readiness program for internationally trained professionals
- ✓ a compassion-based human services delivery framework
- ✓ public education materials surrounding young adult cannabis use
- ✓ educational resources – multi-media cases of successful Indigenous business models – to be included in post-secondary classrooms
- ✓ community-based and nurse-led mobile health and social services clinics
- ✓ a trauma-informed and culturally sensitive community agency partnership network

OVERVIEW: CCSIF Application

- Colleges can submit a maximum of up to 5 CCSIF applications each year.
- Working with Community Partner(s). (1 partner minimum required)
- May request up to \$120K per year. (We aim for \$120k per year)
- Project duration is 1-3 years. (We aim for 3-year projects)
- Eligible partners include Canadian organizations from the public, private, and/or not-for-profits.
- Must have a social impact on the community.
- Project lead/Principal Investigator (PI) has a firm offer of an academic appointment at an eligible post-secondary institution.



Application components include:

- CV Contributions (F103)
- Research Proposal (10 pages including references)
- Budget table – (Proposed budget – ORI will assist)
- Budget Justification (03 pages maximum)
- CV/Bio Collaborators (02 pages for each person)
- Letter of support from partner(s) (02 pages maximum)



Proposals require evidence of:

- Specific performance metrics, targeted goals, and pre/post-social impact measures
- Strong partnerships with partner organizations
- A detailed work plan and budget justification
- Defined to student training
- Concrete actions for commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion



CCSIF Research Proposal—Key Areas Of Focus:

Introduction

- The overall context of the project
- The importance of the research topic
- The anticipated outcomes
- The expected benefits (e.g., to the community, partner(s), college, research discipline, etc.).



CCSIF Research Proposal—Key Areas Of Focus:

Quality of the Proposal

- Objectives of the proposal
- Literature review
- Work plan and research methodology, including integration of EDI in the research process (e.g., research design, questions, methodology, analysis and interpretation, dissemination, knowledge mobilization), where relevant.
- Application of knowledge in an innovative manner and the development of new knowledge
- Impact measures to monitor progress and assess outcomes
- The overall budget and justification of individual budget items



CCSIF Research Proposal—Key Areas Of Focus:

Partnership and Impact

- Innovation that addresses the needs of the community and partner organization(s)
- Resources available from the college, the partner organization(s) and other sources, and their relevance to the project
- Involvement of the partner organization(s) and/or relevant stakeholders in the design and conduct of the research and use of the project results
- Knowledge mobilization plan
- The long-term potential for Canadian societal benefits at the local, regional, or national level



CCSIF Research Proposal—Key Areas Of Focus:

Applied Research Competence

- The experience and expertise of the research team
- The applicant's and the research team's experience working with community partners
- At least one concrete practice to ensure that EDI is intentionally and proactively considered in recruiting, selecting, and/or integrating personnel into the research team



CCSIF Research Proposal—Key Areas Of Focus:

Training

- Plan to incorporate student training as an integral component of applied research
- Student training and mentoring that meet the needs of the community, region, and/or partner organization(s)
- At least one concrete practice that will promote the participation of a diverse group of students and other trainees, including those from underrepresented groups
- At least one concrete practice that will promote an equitable, inclusive, and accessible training environment



CCSIF Research Proposal—Key Areas Of Focus:

References

- List of the most relevant literature references
- Ideally, current literature within the last 3 – 5 years
- Do not include links to resources or hyperlinks in the list of references



Timeline: September 2023 through December 2023

Notice of Intent Due by: **Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

Application development begins: September 2023

Internal submission deadline to allow necessary approvals and uploads to the portal: Deadline to complete all the components: Dec 2023.

Submission to NSERC: Feb-Mar (TBD)



Timeline: September 2023 through December 2023

- ***Submit Notice of Intent – Due June 21, 2023***
- Everyone's CV to ORI
- Convergence Portal
- Letters of Support (on letterhead)
- Budget Template
- Budget Justification
- Organizational in-kind (budget), Calculating in-kind
- Contribution to HQP – industry ready
- EDI plans
- Research Proposal
- ***Full DRAFT application ready for review and approvals –
December - January 2023***



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Roles and Responsibilities



ORI

- Overall administrative coordination, support, and approval of all application components (Pre- Application)
- Overall administrative coordination and support of all project implementation components (Post-Application)

Faculty/Staff

- PI / Co-PI / Research Team Member
- Subject Mater Expert
- Primary contact with the partner
- Lead development of all application components
- Active lead throughout application development project implementation and knowledge mobilization

Partner

- Letter of Support
- Allocate resources to project (In-kind and/or financial)
- Active involvement throughout project implementation and sustainability

Upcoming Workshops – for the selected projects

- Project Proposal Development and Overview of Convergence Portal
- Budget and Budget Justification Development including the Letters of Support
- Overview and Development of CCSIF EDI Requirements



Questions???

Let's Discuss!



**There are
no mistakes...
only research**



Thank You

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