

RESEARCH INITIATIVE GRANT (Major Research Projects)

Guidelines

The Research Initiative Grant (RIG) is intended to facilitate the preparation of external grant applications (strategic/collaborative/applied research/RD) involving a group of researchers and/or collaborators. The RIG provides funding for projects that do not require significant or lasting support.

The RIG cannot be used for preparing Tri-Council **standard** research grant applications (e.g. NSERC Discovery and Equipment grants, SSHRC Insight and Communication grants, CIHR Foundation and Operating grants). The RIG is not a substitute for external funding resources and faculty members are expected to make every effort to obtain support from external granting agencies for their research projects and programs. The RIG award (up to \$1,000) is administered through Research Services.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1) The applicant must hold a full time faculty position at Nipissing University
- 2) The proposed project involves external co-applicants and/or collaborators
- 3) Projects that have previously received internal research funding (IRF) are not eligible.

Selection Criteria:

- 1) Clear statement of the intended use of the grant, stressing the need for the grant and how the grant will help with the external application.
- 2) Specific information on the program applied to, indicating the submission deadline.
- 3) Relevance and quality of the proposed research project
- 4) Research record of the applicant
- 5) Soundness of the budget and precise, detailed budget justifications

Eligible Costs:

- 1) Communication costs
- 2) Supplies not provided for in departmental budgets
- 3) Photocopying
- 4) Travel for meetings (*Conference calls as alternatives to face-to-face meetings are encouraged*)
- 5) Other (*specify*)

Application Package:

Application is available for completion in Romeo

<https://nipissing.researchservicesoffice.com/Romeo.Researcher/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2from%2fdefault.aspx>.

Attach a PDF of your Common CV or CV format of SSHRC / NSERC / CIHR

Deadline:

- For tenured/tenure-track faculty: **anytime**
- For faculty with term contract: to apply at least **10 months before the end of the contract**

Selection Process:

- 1) All applications will be reviewed by the Faculty Dean and the provost and Vice-President, Academic & Research.
- 2) The review standards to be applied will be at the general level of those used by the Tri-Agency.

Availability of Grant:

- 1) Grants will be made available in the form of a restricted research account administered by Research Services.
- 2) Funds must be used within six months following the announcement of the award. All remaining funds will revert to the university.
- 3) If an applicant's pending external grant application is successful, all unused RIG funds will revert to the university.
- 4) Grantees must upload a copy of the external grant application on Romeo.
- 5) A final report must be completed and uploaded to the RIG on Romeo.

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