



The **Discovery Grants Program** supports ongoing programs of research (with long-term goals) rather than a single short-term project or collection of projects. These grants recognize the creativity and innovation that are at the heart of all research advances, whether made individually or in teams.

### Important Discovery Grant Competition Dates

**Aug 1** — NOI submission to NSERC by the applicants

**Oct. 15** — Full application submission to the Research Office on the Research Portal

**Oct. 29** — Full application submission to NSERC by the Research Office

### Funding

- Funding supports up to a five-year high quality program of research within the natural sciences and engineering fostering research excellence and providing a stimulating environment for research training.

### Application process

There is a two-stage application process: Mandatory Notice of Intent (NOI) due Aug. 1, and full application due Nov. 1 to NSERC. Please be aware of internal deadlines below.

### Notice of Intent

The information contained in the NOI allows NSERC to start some aspects of the review process, including preliminary assignment to an Evaluation Group, selection of external reviewers and verification of the eligibility of the subject matter. You must complete and submit NOI using the Research Portal by Aug. 1, 2015. Applicants and co-applicants are required to complete and submit NSERC CCV using the Canadian Common CV by Aug. 1. For NSERC Application Submission Procedures, please go to [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Grants-Subs/DGIGP-PSIGP\\_eng.asp#procedures](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Grants-Subs/DGIGP-PSIGP_eng.asp#procedures). For helpful resources, please check DG Information Centre.

### Evaluation and scoring:

Evaluation is based on three equally-weighted selection criteria:

1. Excellence of the researcher (1/3 of final score)
2. Merit of the proposal (1/3 of final score)
3. Training of highly qualified personnel (1/3 of final score)

The application is scored by five committee members: the primary reader, secondary reader and three others. The majority of your reviewers will not be experts in the field.

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*The Research Office will host an information session about the Discovery Grants competition detailing how to complete an application on the Research Portal and CCV this summer. Researchers planning to apply to the Discovery Grants program this fall are strongly encouraged to attend this session (dates to be announced).*