



# Applied Research and Development (ARD) Grants

**Value:** Up to \$150,000/year for one to three years

## Intention

- Supports one- to three- year research and development (R&D) projects (at any point in the research-to-innovation spectrum) led by college researchers in partnership with private sector, public sector or not-for-profit organizations based in Canada while encouraging collaboration with universities and/or other colleges.
- Provides access to the capabilities available at Canadian colleges, and to train students in essential technical skills required by companies.
- Results in economic, environmental, health or social benefits to the Partner(s) and/or Canada.

## Conditions:

- The Partner must operate from a Canadian base, have been incorporated for a minimum of two years and have a minimum of two full-time employees.
- The Partner must be fully able to exploit the results of the applied research.
- The Project must apply knowledge in an innovative manner and/or to lead to new knowledge. Projects that provide routine analysis, training, use of college equipment or professional practice or consulting services, are NOT eligible.
- Ownership of Project Intellectual Property (IP) is negotiable between the college and the Partner, but must consider the objective of creating partnerships and sharing of eventual benefits. Note that Sheridan's standard agreement is for IP to be industry-owned.
- To help larger projects or support additional students, applicants may request funding through the Mitacs Accelerate Internship or Ontario Centre of Innovation (OCI) Voucher for Innovation and Productivity (VIP) programs.
- Universities or other colleges may contribute as co-applicants and receive a portion of the funding from the main college applicant.
- EDI considerations should be integrated into the rationale for the research team composition, and the student mentorship and professional development opportunities; this is included in the assessment criteria.
- Applications for \$40,000 or less per year will be reviewed internally by NSERC within 5 to 6 weeks. Applications for \$40,001 to \$150,000 per year will be externally reviewed within 3 to 5 months.

## Contact Us:

For more information or to discuss this opportunity, please email [research@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:research@sheridancollege.ca).

## Company Contribution:

A minimum of 25% cash contribution is required, regardless of the value of the funding request.

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