

Awards in Support of Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities (ARSCAs): Grant Guidelines

What is an ARSCA?

According to the terms of the Collective Agreement (Article 34), each year NU provides a fund of \$25,000 for awards in support of research, scholarly and/or creative activities. The awards will be used to create research, scholarly and/or creative activity supports, including, but not limited to, seeding new research and scholarship, facilitating transitions from major grants and positions such as Canada Research Chairs, etc.

Eligibility

- Awards are available to tenured or tenure-track faculty Members only
- Award recipients will be eligible to apply for further awards in the fifth year following the year in which the previous award was received

Application process

Applications must be submitted to the AVP, Research, Innovation, and Graduate Studies (RIGS) by October 1 through the [Romeo application form](#). Applications will include:

- a. A curriculum vitae listing the total volume of the applicant's scholarship, including publications, grants, and contracts;
- b. A brief (up to 500 words) statement of the case, the amount requested, and a budget justification; and
- c. Any other information the applicant wishes to provide.

Application deadline	Committee will meet by	Recipients and amounts determined by	Recipients announced by
October 1	November 30	December 15	January 1

Adjudication

The AVP RIGS will convene a meeting of the Nipissing University Senate Research Committee to consider applications.

The awards are based solely on the merit of the application. The committee reviewing the applications will be looking for a strong plan, in keeping with the intent of the awards. If the applicant has held an award, the focus of the Committee's consideration will be on research, scholarly, and/or creative activities conducted since the last award.

Grant Regulations

- Awards are payable on May 1 following the date of application/nomination but may be deferred by the recipient for reasonable cause by up to one (1) year
- The award is available to the recipient as a research grant for a period of up to five years, as long as the Member remains a full-time employee of Nipissing University
- Unspent funds revert to the University if the Member leaves the institution
- A portion of the award equal to the appropriate overload stipend may be used to purchase a one-half course (3 credits) teaching release. The one-half course teaching release will be subject to the approval of the appropriate Dean and the Dean's ability to find a suitable replacement for the Member.

Questions?

New to Romeo? Learn more here: [How to Use Romeo](#).

For more information, contact Research Services at research@nipissingu.ca. For assistance accessing the funds, contact Research Finance at researchfinance@nipissingu.ca.