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UArctic Project Funding: Applications Now Open!

UArctic has launched its 2026 Calls for Applications for three Canadian UArctic Project Funds administered by Memorial University and supported by Global Affairs Canada. These funds support collaborative, community-driven research and education initiatives that strengthen partnerships between Canadian UArctic member institutions and Indigenous and Northern partners, in alignment with Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework and UArctic values.

The 2026 call includes a new five-year funding stream, offering up to \$100,000 for long-term circumpolar collaborations. Funding opportunities include:

- [Indigenous and Northern Relationship Development Fund](#) (up to \$15,000) to build or strengthen partnerships
- Collaborative Research and Education Engagement Fund – [Stream A](#) (up to \$40,000) for 2-year projects and [Stream B](#) (up to \$100,000) for 5-year projects (NEW)

All opportunities are open to Canadian UArctic member institutions, with a **deadline of April 24, 2026**. An [information session](#) will be held on **January 28, 2026**. Funding is subject to approval from Global Affairs Canada.

SSHRC Explore/Exchange Deadline + Winter Internal Grant Deadlines

For SSH researchers, be sure to mark your calendar with the deadline for SSHRC Explore/Exchange applications: **February 1**! Since the deadline falls on a weekend this year, applications will be accepted the following business day until 4 p.m.

As you start planning your research for 2026, keep in mind the deadlines for other internal grant competitions as well. (There are a few small changes from last year!)

Deadline	Competition
February 1	SSHRC Explore/Exchange (SIGs)
March 1 (earlier deadline)	Undergrad Student Research Awards (USRAs)
April 1	Internal Research Grants (IRGs)

Research Rendezvous: January Event! Grant Writing Panel



Join us for January's Research Rendezvous and learn from experienced grant writers and Tri-Agency reviewers. Bring your questions and gain insights from panelists Katrina Srigley (SSHRC Leader), Logan Hoehn (NSERC peer reviewer), and Brenda Bruner (CIHR Leader and peer reviewer).

Date: Wednesday, January 14

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Teaching Hub Sandbox (coffee provided)

Online option: Request the link from officegsr@nipissingu.ca

Science Meets Parliament - Ontario 2026

Science Meets Parliament – Ontario is now accepting applications, with a **deadline of December 20, 2025**. This initiative strengthens connections between Ontario's scientific and political communities by fostering two-way dialogue and promoting the use of scientific evidence in provincial policymaking. The program also helps researchers better understand the policymaking process at the provincial level.

Eligibility includes:

- Faculty researchers holding a full-time independent investigator position (within 15 years of initial appointment, excluding eligible leave)
- Indigenous and/or Black faculty holding a full-time independent investigator position
- Postdoctoral fellows holding a CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, or provincially funded fellowship, with fellowship status confirmed by January 1, 2026

NU360 2026: Share your research with NU and North Bay

The 8th Annual NU360 is now scheduled for **March 4, 2026**. This event provides an exciting opportunity for NU faculty members and postdocs to showcase their research to the broader community in an engaging and accessible format. If you are interested in sharing your research, we invite you to submit a proposal for a 6-minute TED-talk style presentation.

Event Details: March 4, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the NUSU Student Centre

How to Apply: Submit a brief title and description of your proposed presentation to research@nipissingu.ca by Friday, January 16, 2026.

19th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference – March 27-28, 2026!



The Undergraduate Research Conference returns in 2026 following a successful 2025 event. The conference will take place on **Friday, March 27** (evening) and **Saturday, March 28**, and faculty support is essential to its continued success.

Faculty members are encouraged to promote student participation by supporting and guiding students through the application process and by encouraging their attendance. Undergrad students may present posters, panels, poetry, or art, and must register by **March 2, 2026** (11:59 p.m.) via [Qualtrics](#). This year, the deadline is firm and non-negotiable, with **no extensions**.

The UGRC Faculty Committee is also seeking volunteers, including new committee members, judges, and moderators. Faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students from all disciplines are welcome. To learn more or to volunteer, contact UGRC@nipissingu.ca.

Funding Opportunities

Reach out to us early at research@nipissingu.ca if you plan to apply for external funding or need help with grant preparation. When you're ready, apply for internal approval through [Romeo](#) by the **internal deadline**, 3 weeks prior to the external deadline. Learn more about the process [here](#).

INTERNAL GRANTS	Internal Deadline	External	Link
SSHRC Explore, SSHRC Exchange, Capacity Building (SIGs)	Feb 1	N/A	
TRI-AGENCY GRANTS	Internal Deadline	External	Link
SSHRC			

2026 Storytellers Challenge	Dec 30	Jan 20	SSHRC
Destination Horizon Grants	Jan 1	Jan 22	SSHRC
Connection Grants	Jan 12	Feb 2	SSHRC
Insight Development Grants	Jan 12	Feb 2	SSHRC
Partnership Grants—Stage 1	Jan 20	Feb 10	SSHRC
2026 Canada Excellence Research Chairs competition	Feb 5	Feb 26	SSHRC
SSHRC Impact Awards Competition	Mar 11	Apr 1	SSHRC
NSERC			
Alliance Advantage	N/A	N/A	NSERC
Alliance Society	N/A	N/A	NSERC
Applied Research and Development grants	N/A	N/A	NSERC
Idea to Innovation grants	Dec 17, Mar 9, Jun 1, Aug 31, 2026	Jan 7, Mar 30, Jun 22, Sept 21,	NSERC
Alliance International Catalyst Quantum grants	Nov 7	Jan 8	NSERC
G7 Countries Alliance International Catalyst Quantum grants	Dec 18	Jan 8	NSERC
Dimensions Canada grants		Jan 21	NSERC
CIHR			
Research Excellence, Diversity, and Independence Early Career Transition Award (2025)	May 26	June 16	CIHR
OTHER COMPETITIONS		Internal Deadline	External
Environmental Damages Fund CFA	Nov 27	Dec 18	Info
SMP Ontario	Nov 29	Dec 20	Info
Brain Canada and Heart & Stroke: Personnel Awards for Indigenous Scholars	Jan 22	Feb 12	Info
Brain Canada and Heart & Stroke: Personnel Awards for Black Scholars.	Jan 22	Feb 12	Info

Academic-Industry Collaboration Opportunities

	Type	Deadline	Link
Mitacs Open projects	Internships	Varies	Mitacs
North Bay Economic Development Newsletter	Newsletter		Link

Commercialization & Innovation

	Type	Date	Link
Intellectual Property Education Level 1 – University of Toronto	Learning Module	Open	UofT
Bioenterprise: Canada's Food & Agri-Tech Engine			News
Power Plant Sessions: The Research Security Podcast	Podcast	Ongoing	Info

Webinars & Events

	Type	Date	Link

New to grant applications or Nipissing?

Check out our pages on [Applying for Funding](#) and [Research Resources](#) to get you started. We highly recommend signing up for an agency webinar if available for your grant competition (see above).

Unsure about which grant is the best fit for your project? Eligible expenses for your project? How to address knowledge mobilization? Contact us for more resources or to connect with mentorship opportunities.

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