

**Tri-Success Grant Program (TSGP)
For NSERC Discovery Grant Applicants
(Maximum \$5,000 request)**

The goal of this program is to provide assistance to researchers who wish to improve their Tri-Council grant application which was judged by the agency to be of high quality but was not funded due to restrictions in the financial resources of the agency. Following an internal review, the number of awards will be dependent on the availability of the funds and the ranking of the applications by the adjudicating Committee. The Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (VPRI) is responsible for providing the funding. Provision of funding and continuation of this program are contingent upon availability of funds.

Eligibility and Requirements:

To be eligible to apply for this competition, the applicant must have received a rating of very strong, strong and/or moderate (in the three rated categories) from the most recent NSERC competition. During the internal review process, higher ratings will be weighted at a higher value.

The applicant will be required to submit the following to ORIS to be provided to the Adjudication Committee:

- A completed TSGP – NSERC application form which includes a budget and justification and a brief plan of how the money will be spent to address issues raised in the reviewers' comments;
- Reviews, ratings and panel comments received by the applicant regarding the NSERC application;
- A signed agreement to resubmit an application in a targeted NSERC competition, that being the fall competition following the awarding of the TSGP, and to attend an NSERC Discovery Grant Information Session (in application form);
- A signed agreement to submit to ORIS a revised grant eight weeks prior to the targeted NSERC deadline for internal review and to take advantage of reviews resulting therefrom (in application form);

If an applicant currently has funds from an existing grant or grants, an application for a TSGP award may be considered ineligible unless the need for the funding is explicitly justified in the application form.

Adjudication

Adjudication Committee: The Committee will normally consist of one researcher from each faculty and will be chaired by the VPRI or designate. The decision of the Committee will be final. The process is outlined below.

- Submissions will be evaluated on the basis of NSERC ratings, proposed timeline for revision, and the extent to which the plan addresses the concerns highlighted in reviews (e.g., need for pilot data, HQP training, increased ancillary productivity, grant coherence, etc.).
- For proposals with areas of concern related to the productivity of the researcher and/or the HQP, the Committee may recommend other sources of longer term support other than TSGP.
- The Committee may request a face-to-face meeting with the applicant.
- Applications are to be received by the Office of Research and Innovation Services by May 20th in each year.
- Decisions will be made within 30 days of the application submission deadline to ensure sufficient time to address outstanding issues and to prepare a revised grant.

Other Regulations:

- The grant will have a term of one year, from June 1 to May 31.
- NSERC applicants may apply upon being unsuccessful in renewing their NSERC Discovery Grant, applicable once in a five-year period.
- Early career researchers are eligible for a TSGP if they are unsuccessful in their first attempt.
- The Committee may recommend that the successful applicant work with a mentor and will expect the applicant to abide by the recommendation(s).
- Successful applicants who subsequently fail to comply with the terms of agreement as listed above will be ineligible for future competitions.