



OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

Team Grant Program

Overview: The Office of the Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies (OVPRGS) Team Grant Program provides support for research projects that have a high potential to build new partnerships, and to attract external funding for continuation of the research.

It supports the development of early stage and innovative research/creation and is designed to be up to a two-year research project with the purpose of undertaking pilot studies, collecting and analyzing initial data, validating new methodologies or approaches, or developing new partnerships and collaborations (including with external researchers). The funds, which are provided in two installments, aim to support initial research activities that will lead to the development of research/creation projects with a high potential for securing external team funding.

Applications must clearly target one or more team funding programs administered by external sources (e.g. funding agencies, industry, foundations) for the next phase of the project. At the one-year mark, a mid-evaluation of awarded projects will take place, and a draft for an external application will be required before the second installment can be released. The mid-evaluation must demonstrate the potential to attract external funding within a time frame of the next 1-2 years.

Value: Up to \$50,000 (in two installments). Up to five teams will be funded.

Duration: up to 2 years

Eligibility: All full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty members are eligible to apply. Part-time faculty members may be included as team members. A team must be composed of a minimum of 3 members (one of whom could be an external to Concordia; international collaboration is strongly encouraged), preferably not all from the same department. A team who includes a community partner<sup>1</sup> will be able to receive an additional \$2,000 in funding. Teams are required to clearly address in the application how the proposed work is collaborative and what each team member’s contribution is expected to be.

Faculty members can only apply once per competition, either as the lead applicant or as a team member. A faculty member cannot submit a new application to the same program while a previously-awarded OVPRGS grant is still active, nor hold an external grant for the same project.

Table with 2 columns and 1 row. Header: Eligible expenses include:
Column 1: Salaries/stipends for students, Postdoctoral fellows and other personnel directly involved in the research; Travel for field work and data collection; Supplies and small pieces of equipment, such as software or computers; Open access publication fees.
Column 2: Travel cost for partnership development and dissemination of research results (conferences, etc.) will only be considered if pertinent and justified.

1 A Community Partner may include partners from established communities with internal structure or groups of individuals with a shared characteristic, experience, belief, attitude, or interest.

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Research projects supported by the OVRPGS must comply with the University policies governing research.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Given that the University Research Committee (URC) and Faculty Research Committee (FRC) may not include a member from the applicants' discipline(s), adjudication will be based on the information that is presented; therefore, highly-specialized technical language and/or disciplinary jargon should be avoided.

Applications are evaluated by the FRC and adjudicated by the URC, based on the selection criteria below. The *weights* are only suggestions and may be modified by the FRC at its discretion, but must be justified in the evaluations provided to the OVRPGS.

1. Originality and innovation of the proposal: **(40%)**
  - Explores new ideas, methods, or practices
  - Holds the potential for a breakthrough in knowledge or practice
  - Demonstrates innovative knowledge mobilization activities
  - Fosters interdisciplinary research, develops new research synergies or networking opportunities
  - Significance of the proposal in building or moving forward a research question or an active body of work
2. Potential to attract external team funding within two years of receiving funding **(30%)**
3. Engagement of community partners and external collaborators, in addition to training of HQP **(20%)**
4. Evidence-based commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and decolonization<sup>2</sup> **(10%)**

**Note: Applicants must use the appropriate agency CV (for ex: CCV for CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC)**

The URC will make the final decision on funding allocations. The University may declare preferences related to its developmental needs and strategic directions, and might choose to fund those projects that best fit with this description in any given year.

**Competition Deadlines:** Faculties will set and communicate their own internal deadlines. Competition results will normally be announced by April 1, 2022.

**Application Submission Procedures:** Ready to apply? Specific application requirements can be found in ConRAD by accessing **Forms**, selecting the **Apply New** button and choosing the **Team Grant Form** to complete.

**Accessibility:** For users that navigate and access information on the web regardless of disability, device or technical constraint we have set in place a process should a different submission method be needed. Please contact the Office of Research directly for more information.

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx>