

NSERC Research Tools and Instruments Grants Program

Internal Pre-Selection Process

Background:

The Research Tools and Instruments Grants Program will continue again this year as a national competition. At the NSERC level, the program description will remain similar to previous years. Likewise, the NSERC RTI Selection Committee members will follow the guidelines found in the NSERC Peer Review Manual.

As in previous competitions, only applications from applicants and co-applicants who currently hold or are applying for an NSERC research grant (e.g., Discovery, Strategic, Research Partnership, Canada Research Chairs) at the time of application will be accepted. A researcher can be an applicant or co-applicant on **multiple** applications.

Similar to last year, **institutions are given a quota** of applications that they can submit to the national competition. Dalhousie University can submit 18 RTI applications to the national competition. NSERC is requiring that **institutions have an internal pre-selection process** to select applications to be submitted to the national competition. Dalhousie will conduct a similar process as last year in which five of our thirteen submitted were awarded funding.

DALHOUSIE PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS:

Key Dates:

August 4, 2016	Applicants submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply to Dalhousie Research Services (DRS).
September 15, 2016	Applicants submit a NSERC RTI full application via the Research Portal forms for review by internal committee (budget details and quotes can still be preliminary)
October 1, 2016	Applicants notified of pre-selection review results
October 25, 2016	Deadline for submission of full RTI applications to NSERC

Notice of Intent (NOI)

The NOI is an internal document for Dalhousie planning purposes. It will help identify how many applications we will be reviewing and which NSERC evaluation group will be involved. This will aid in establishing an internal review committee. It will also help identify if there are similar equipment requests that may be stronger if combined into a single application.

Full Proposal - Selection Criteria

Interested applicants will be required to submit via the Research Portal forms, the full proposal package internally on September 15th for pre-selection of the 18 applications to be submitted to the national completion.

The internal review committee will be asked to identify the proposals it believes are the highest quality with respect to the NSERC selection criteria. There are no internal Dalhousie quotas by faculties, research area or researcher group.

Quality of the proposal will be judged based on the following:

- ❖ Quality of researcher(s)
- ❖ Opportunities for new training of many HQP
- ❖ Plan to sustain and importance to program (essential)
- ❖ Institutional and other support
- ❖ Need
 - User group
 - No redundancy, multi-users
 - Aging equipment and new capabilities

Notice of Intent to Apply for NSERC RTI

Please submit to david.spurrell@dal.ca by noon August 4, 2016

Principal Investigator	
Department	
Faculty	
Co-Applicants	
Equipment Requested	
NSERC Evaluation Group	