Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) - Alliance Grants Option 2 - Call for Applications
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Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) is pleased to announce that Option 2 of Alliance grants is now open and accepting applications.

During this initial phase, applications requesting over $30,000 and up to $100,000 per year will be accepted, and the number of applications each applicant (as principal investigator or as co-applicant) may submit will be limited to one within a 12-month period. As with the staged Option 1 introduction in 2019, the full range of Option 2 applications will be accepted only at some point in future.

Alliance Option 2 applications will be evaluated in two stages. Complete applications will be submitted to a multidisciplinary and multisectoral selection committee that will assess whether the higher NSERC contribution (associated with Option 2) is justified. The selection committee will meet on a quarterly basis, starting in the Spring of 2020. If selected, applications will then proceed to the second step for review of overall merit, similar to Option 1.

Please note that all Alliance applicants (Options 1 or 2) are reminded to follow NSERC’s posted instructions as closely as possible - any deviations in formatting or structure of the application may lead to rejection of the proposal by NSERC.

NSERC personnel have been invited to present a workshop on optimizing Alliance applications on the downtown St. George campus in late March 2020. Details of this visit will be shared in a subsequent Research Alert.
For full details about Alliance grants and how to apply, please visit:
https://research.utoronto.ca/funding-opportunities/db/natural-sciences-and-engineering-
research-council-canada-nserc-alliance

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