NSERC Discovery and RTI Grants November 2023 - Internal Review and Submission Timeline

Dear NSERC Colleagues,
I am writing to update you on the plans and upcoming deadlines for this year's Internal Review Program for NSERC Discovery Grants (DG) and Research Tools and Instruments Grants (RTI).

We are encouraging all the DG applicants to please refer to the following online resources that you may find useful for your next Discovery Grant application:

- Videos and slides from our previous NSERC grant workshops:
  https://vpresearch.usask.ca/research-support/tri-council.php#NaturalSciencesandEngineeringResearchCouncilNSERC
- Successful grant examples on the USask Grants repository:
  https://usaskca1.sharepoint.com/sites/GrantsRepository
- Comprehensive list of resources available for the EDI component of your Discovery Grant application:
  https://usaskca1-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/maj944_usask_ca/EYGxUNh9HdZNhcWOjgrMZpgBpjpmZ1L6ryF5icyVf9vFIg?e=s9BNHz

Building upon the DG program from past years, this year's program features:

- **Internal peer review by USask NSERC DG holders within the same evaluation group**: Applicants can suggest their internal reviewers, and we encourage you to meet early to get strategic advice on which programs of research to include even before a draft has been prepared.
- **EDI Resources**
  A comprehensive list of various resources has been compiled into a document to guide the DG applicants on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) considerations for their Discovery Grant application. Please refer to the above link to access these resources.
- **USask NSERC Grants Repository:** Please refer to the above link to access the repository. If required, please use your NSID and password to log in. If you currently hold a NSERC grant, we ask you that please consider uploading it to provide examples of successful grants for this year's applicants from the USask (or you can just provide your email address if you would prefer to have applicants contact you to receive a copy of your grant). If you are planning to submit a NSERC DG/RTI for this upcoming competition, I hope that you will find these examples provide many helpful strategic and stylistic ideas for consideration while preparing your own grant.

Please note the following important deadlines:

July 26, 2023: Submit **Intention to Apply/Request for Internal Review Form** for NSERC DG and RTI to grant.review@usask.ca indicating **'Lastname NSERC DG/RTI'** in the subject heading. We recommend that DG applicants ask their internal reviewers to also provide feedback on their RTI application (if applying for RTI). We would like to ask **all DG and RTI applicants** to submit this form.

August 1, 2023: The official NSERC DG NOI is due at NSERC Research Portal

Finally, please refer to the **USask NSERC Research Facilitation and Administration Team Directory (available in the timeline document)** to find the right person to provide assistance and answer your questions.

Sincerely,

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