



NSERC Discovery (DG) and Research Tools & Instruments (RTI) grants 2026 Internal Review and Application Deadlines

DISCOVERY

Step	Action	Deadline
~	Register for the DG Buddies program (optional but encouraged)	15 th June
1	Request for Internal review Submit the Intention to Apply (ITA)/Request for Internal Review form to grant.review@usask.ca using “NSERC – [your last name]” as the subject heading	July 24 th
2	Submit NOI via NSERC portal	August 4 th
3	Email a copy of the submitted NOI to grant.review@usask.ca using “NSERC – [your last name]” as the subject heading	August 10 th
4	Submit draft documents for review to grant.review@usask.ca using “NSERC – [your last name]” as the subject heading	September 14 th
5	Feedback from reviewers received	October 5 th
6	Academic Approval Upload your full application package, including CCV, to the University Research System (UnivRS) for Academic Approval	Varies – check with your Research Facilitator or A/VDR
8	Compliance and Institutional Approval <i>Note: Application must have Academic Approval on UnivRS by this date</i> You will have an opportunity to incorporate any changes required by RASI or elements you wish to address.	October 27 th
9	Submit final application via NSERC portal	November 2 nd

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- Consultation with Internal Reviewers, Research Facilitator, Assistant/Vice Dean Research, Mentorship Teams etc. and the development of the application should be an ongoing process from requesting Internal Review to the Compliance and Institutional Approval deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Michaela Lynds (Research Development Specialist, NSERC) at michaela.lynds@usask.ca