NSERC Discovery Grant (DG) and Research Tools and Instruments Grant (RTI) 2025 Application Deadlines

DG	RTI	Internal Review and Submission	Deadline
X	X	Applicants initiate their intention to apply and/or request for internal review by submitting the **Intention to Apply/Request for Internal Review Form for NSERC DG/RTI** to grant.review@usask.ca. Please put '**Lastname NSERC DG/RTI'** in the subject heading.	**25th July 2025**
X		**NSERC Deadline** for Submission of DG Notification of Intent (NOI) to Apply NOI must be submitted to NSERC through the NSERC Research Portal.	**1st August 2025**
X		Applicants participating in the internal review program to email a copy of your **submitted NSERC DG NOI** to grant.review@usask.ca . Please put '**Lastname NSERC DG'** in the subject heading.	**8th August 2025**
X	X	Applicants consult with their suggested reviewers, Research Facilitators, Associate/Vice-Deans Research, and/or mentorship teams to strategize and prepare their draft application.	**Until 12th September 2025**
X	X	Applicants submit **draft DG and/or RTI application** and **CCV** for internal review to their internal reviewers and copy to grant.review@usask.ca . Please put **'Lastname NSERC DG/RTI'** in the subject heading.	**12th September 2025**
X	X	Internal **reviews** are returned to the applicants and copied to grant.review@usask.ca directly from internal reviewers (or from Tri-Agency team if assistance is needed).	**6th October 2025**
X	X	Applicants consult with their suggested reviewers, Research Facilitators, Associate/Vice-Deans Research, or mentorship teams to incorporate reviewer feedback. Research Facilitator reads for the logistical flow and completion of the proposal.	**RTI: 6th-13th October 2025** **DG: 6th-20th October 2025**
X	X	**College/Unit Internal Approval** Applicants must submit **a full application package including CCV** through the University Research System (UnivRS) for Department and College academic approval. Applicants to comply with college/unit-specific internal approval processes and deadlines.	Please check with your Research Facilitator or Associate/Vice Dean Research/Director
	X	**Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives (RASI) Compliance Review and Approval (RTI)** College/school/unit of the applicant must review the application, decide on approval and submit the decision in University Research System (UnivRS). RSEO will review for eligibility, conduct a final compliance review check and provide Institutional approval. Applicants will have the opportunity to incorporate any required changes they wish to address or as noted by RASI. Paper applications will not be accepted.	**On or before 17th October 2025**

	X	**NSERC RTI Submission Deadline** Final applications must be submitted by applicants to NSERC through the NSERC Research Portal.	**27th October 2025**
X	X	**Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives (RASI) Compliance Review and Approval (DG)** College/school/unit of the applicant must review the application, decide on approval and submit the decision in University Research System (UnivRS). RSEO will review for eligibility, conduct a final compliance review check and provide Institutional approval. Applicants will have the opportunity to incorporate any required changes they wish to address or as noted by RASI. Paper applications will not be accepted.	**On or before 27th October 2025**
X		**NSERC DG Submission Deadline** Final applications must be submitted by applicants to NSERC through the NSERC Research Portal.	**3rd November 2025**

DG	RTI	USask Workshops	Date/Time

X	X	**NSERC Discovery Grant/RTI Spring Workshop**
		Workshop Highlights
		   o Specific strategies relevant to the merit indicators.
		   o Top tips and advice from Research Facilitators on CCV, HQP, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI) considerations, and Internal Review.
		   o Experienced NSERC Evaluation Group members regarding successful applications.
		   o Session focused on RTI grants
			**8th May 2025
			Time: 12:00pm – 2:30pm**

X	X	**NSERC Discovery Grant/RTI Fall Workshop**	**September 2025: Date TBA**

DG	RTI	NSERC Webinars and Information Sessions	Date/Time
X		**DG: Submission of a Notification of Intent to Apply (English & French)**	**2025 dates TBA Check NSERC Webinars for updates**
X		**DG: Submission of an Application (English & French)**	**2025 dates TBA Check NSERC Webinars for updates**
	X	**RTI: Submission of an Application (English & French)**	**2025 dates TBA Check NSERC Webinars for updates**

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

USask NSERC Grants Repository: https://usaskca1.sharepoint.com/sites/GrantsRepository

NSERC DG Program Information: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Grants-Subs/DGIGP-PSIGP_eng.asp

NSERC RTI Program Information: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RTII-OIRI/RTI-OIR_eng.asp