

## LeverageR&D

LeverageR&D attracts public funding for academic-led research and development (R&D) in areas relevant to both industry and the Newfoundland and Labrador economy.

### Funding Summary

Projects should enhance R&D capacity through leveraged funding where the majority of funding is from public sources. Priority projects are those that align with industry needs and development opportunities.

#### *Applicant*

Applicants must hold full-time positions for two or more years at a publicly-funded academic or not-for-profit research institute or facility in Newfoundland and Labrador.

#### *Contribution Rate*

Up to 50% of total eligible project costs.

#### *Maximum Contribution*

\$500,000

Building Real World Labs:  
RDC is investing in new infrastructure at the Ocean Sciences Centre to enable research related to fisheries and marine science on invasive species, aquatic infectious diseases, and deep-sea organisms.  
Photo by Dave Howells for RDC.



## Description

LeverageR&D supports academic-led research that attracts R&D investments in priority areas where the majority of funds are coming from non-provincial, public funding sources. Target sources of funding include: the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE), and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), along with other sources of funding.

LeverageR&D provides up to a maximum of 50 percent of total eligible costs of a specific project, with a maximum RDC investment of \$500,000. RDC may consider projects that exceed the maximum contribution where the proposal warrants the investment. Priority consideration will be given to projects with greater leveraging. Preference is given to projects with a direct and indirect leverage ratio of 1:5 (RDC : Non-RDC). Proposed R&D projects must enhance R&D capacity and have significant potential for economic impact in Newfoundland and Labrador. Priority projects are those that align with industry needs and development opportunities. Through the LeverageR&D program, RDC targets investments in the following areas: energy, ocean technology, natural resources (minerals & mining, fisheries, aquaculture, forestry, and agriculture), manufacturing, health and life sciences, and information and communication technologies.

Applicants must also demonstrate that there is a need for RDC's investment, whether as a requirement of the other funding source or when the total available funds from other sources are not sufficient to execute the project scope.

## Eligibility Criteria

Eligible institutions are publicly-funded academic or not-for-profit research institutes and facilities in Newfoundland and Labrador. Private sector and federal government research organizations are ineligible to apply.

Applicants must hold full-time positions for two or more years at an eligible institution.

## Eligible Project Costs

- Capital costs: building renovations, equipment and other R&D-related infrastructure
- Wages and salaries for highly-qualified personnel: researchers, research assistants, graduate student researchers, post-doctoral fellows and technical project managers
- Other direct operating funds related to materials, equipment, and maintenance

Costs incurred prior to receipt of application by RDC are ineligible.

## Project Timelines

The maximum duration of any project is five years. The project must commence within six months of approval, and the start date cannot be earlier than the application receipt date at RDC.

## About Us

The Research & Development Corporation (RDC) is a provincial Crown corporation with a mandate to strengthen research and development (R&D) in Newfoundland and Labrador for the long-term economic benefit of the province.

RDC invests in highly-qualified people, innovative research and world-class infrastructure in priority areas that have the potential to strengthen Newfoundland and Labrador's R&D capacity and impact our economy.

RDC supports academic, business and government clients through ongoing programs, targeted and competitive calls for proposals, as well as other strategic investments in priority areas.