



LeverageR&D Program Guidelines

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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.

Program Description

LeverageR&D is an academic-led program 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), National 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, information and communication technologies, and health and life sciences.

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.



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