



R&D Vouchers

R&D Vouchers facilitates business access to local, national, and international scientific/technical equipment, expertise, and research facilities.

Projects should establish or strengthen collaborative research and development (R&D) between business and academic researchers, research facilities, and other R&D performers.

Contribution Rate

Up to 75% of total eligible project costs.

Maximum Contribution

\$15,000

Leading Ocean Technology Research:
RDC is helping companies augment their R&D capabilities through collaboration with institutional research providers, as is the case with Marport Canada Inc. and their autonomous and untethered Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (UUV).
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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Description

The R&D Vouchers program provides businesses with R&D vouchers to improve access to and establish collaborative relationships with institutional researchers, research facilities and other R&D performers. Vouchers will provide up to 75% of eligible project costs to a maximum voucher of \$15,000 per project. The applicant must contribute the remaining 25% of eligible project costs. Eligible activities include applied R&D, prototyping, performance testing against pre-determined criteria, field trials, and small-scale demonstration projects.

Vouchers can be used to expand the reach of operations and engage external resources that the business would not normally be able to access, including expertise, infrastructure, and equipment. If required, RDC will work with the business to identify and access potential R&D facilities and collaborators that can address the technical challenges identified in the project description. As such, RDC maintains a list of accredited R&D performers.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are innovative businesses, located in Newfoundland and Labrador, with R&D needs and high growth potential.

Eligible R&D providers are not-for-profit research institutes, academic institutions, and laboratories.

Eligible Project Costs

Eligible costs include facilities, materials, equipment access fees, related technical support, and specialized consulting services in support of business research and development needs. Related equipment for the research provider is also eligible.

Software licensing or purchases, training courses, marketing-related activities, standard contract services, and major capital purchases and internal salaries for the business are ineligible costs, as are those incurred prior to receipt of application by RDC.

Project Timelines

The maximum duration of any project is one year. The project must commence within three 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.