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| ACOA Atlantic Innovation Fund | To increase R&D in Atlantic Canada research facilities and strengthen innovation system by building private and public sector alliances. | | X | X | X | X | | \$500,000 to \$3 million | Max of 5 years | 80% | X | | X | | | Anytime | Click here |
| ACOA Business Development Plan | Eligible for start-up and expanding businesses, to modernize, develop or commercialize products to improve competitiveness. | | | X | X | X | | Up to \$500,000 | | 80% | X | | X | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| ACOA Innovation Community Fund | Focuses on projects that build strategic economic development in communities | X | | X | X | X | | | | | X | | X | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| NS Dept. Agriculture Growing Forward 2 Homegrown Success Program | The focus is on innovation, competitiveness and market development to ensure Canadian producers and processors have the tools and resources they need to continue to innovate and capitalize on emerging market opportunities. | | | | X | X | X | Up to \$30,000 per year | Max of 2 years | 60% | X | X | X | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, Going Global Innovation | To enhance Canada's innovation efforts (seed \$) through international collaborative opportunities | | | | X | X | | \$5,000 to \$75,000 | NA | 25% | | | X | ◇ | | | Click here |
| Innovacorp Early Stage Commercialization Fund | To support novel early stage/proof of concept research that demonstrates commercial potential for NS based institutions | | X | X | X | X | X | \$50,000 | NA | | | | | | | Round 1 – Sept. Round 2 – Feb. | Click here |
| Innovacorp - Productivity and Innovation and Voucher Program | Tier I - To assist eligible business companies, namely SMEs to acquire the direct assistance they need to help make their business more innovative and productive | X | | X | X | X | | Up to \$15,000 | Max of 6 months | 100% | | | | | X | June | Click here |
| Innovacorp - Productivity and Innovation Voucher Program | Tier II - To build on projects approved for tier I funding. | X | | X | X | X | | Up to \$25,000 | 1 year | 50% | | | | | X | June | Click here |
| LearnSphere Canada Commercialization Consulting and Mentoring | To support activities in Atlantic Canada that are limited in scope, time-sensitive and focused on providing funding support to hire consulting, mentoring or training services | | X | X | | | | \$16,750 | 6 months | 67% | X | | X | X | X | Anytime | Click here |
| Mitacs Accelerate Program | To support a single or team research internships that address a larger single research plan | X | | | | X | | \$15,000 | | 50% | | | X | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| Mitacs Elevate Program | To support HQP PhD students that excel in their field and can contribute applied research to address a company challenge. | X | | | | | X | \$50,000 per year | 2 years | | | | X | | X | Nov. | Click Here |
| NRC-IRAP Science and Technology Assistance Program | To support SME driven requests for direct R&D support, facility may be approached by the OICE to work on a project | X | | | X | X | | \$5,000 | 3 to 5 days | 100% | | | | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| NSERC Collaborative Research and Development Grant | To expand R&D capacity by generating new knowledge or apply existing knowledge in an innovative way through collaboration | X | X | X | X | X | X | \$10,000 to \$100,000 per year | 1 to 5 years | 50% | X | X | X | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| NSERC Discovery Frontiers | To support a few large international activities or projects that address a company specific-problem | X | X | | X | X | X | 1 million per year | 4 years | 50% | X | X | X | | X | Mar-LOI May-invite to apply July-appl. | Click here |

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| NSERC Discovery Grants | To promote and maintain diverse base of HQP in engineering and sciences in Canada | X | X | | X | | X | | Max of 5 years | | | | | | Aug-LOI Nov-Application | Click here | |
| NSERC Discovery Accelerator Supplements Program | To provide substantial and timely additional resources to accelerate progress | X | X | | X | | X | \$120,000 | 3 years | 60% | X | | | | | Click here | |
| NSERC Engage Grant | To develop new partnerships by supporting short-term R&D projects that address a company specific problem | | | X | | X | X | Up to \$25,000 | 6 months | 100% | | | X | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| NSERC Engage Plus Grant | Supports a completed Engage Grant project so that the partners can build on progress in the Engage Grant and/or continue the project while seeking longer term funding support | | X | X | | X | | Up to \$12,500 matching company cash | 6 months | 50% | X | | X | | | Anytime | Click here |
| NSERC I2I Idea to Innovation | Market assessment | | X | X | | X | | \$15,000 | 1 year | 75% | X | | | | ◇ | Jan, Apr, Jul, Sept | Click here |
| | Phase 1: reduction to practice | | X | X | | X | | \$125,000 | 1 year | 100% | X | | X | | ◇ | | Click here |
| | Phase I b: supplement | | X | X | | X | | \$60,000 | 6 months | 100% | X | | X | | ◇ | | Click here |
| | Phase II a: early stage investment | | X | X | | X | | \$125,000 | 6 to 18 months | 67% | X | X | X | | ◇ | | Click here |
| | Phase II b: partners with Canadian company | | X | X | | X | | \$350,000 | Max of 2 years | 50% | X | X | X | | ◇ | | Click here |
| NSERC Connect Grant 1 | To foster new relationships between companies and academic researchers | | | X | | X | | Up to \$5,000 | 3 months | 75% | | | X | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| NSERC Connect Grant 2 | For non-recurring regional events that are aimed at developing or promoting academic-industry partnerships, as well as student industry training opportunities. | X | | | | X | X | Up to \$10,000 | 1 year | 75% | | | X | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| NSERC Connect Grant 3 | For non-recurring national research planning activities or workshops that build new collaborative partnerships between academic researchers and industry partners. | X | X | | X | X | | Up to \$25,000 | 1 year | 75% | | | X | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| NSERC Industrial Research Chair | Associated IRC: early stage researchers; Senior IRC: senior researchers; Executive IRC: R&D professionals | X | | | X | X | X | Up to \$500,000 | 5 years | 50% | X | ◇ | X | ◇ | X | Anytime | Click here |
| NSERC Experience Award | To stimulate interest in the fields of science and engineering. | X | | | | | | \$4,500 | 12 to 16 weeks | 75% | | | X | | | Anytime | Click here |
| NSERC Strategic Partnership Grant | To increase early stage research and training in targeted areas to enhance Canada's economy, society, and or environment within 10 years | | X | X | X | X | X | \$100,000 to \$200,000 | 1 to 3 years | | X | X | X | X | ◇ | April (preliminary application) | Click here |
| RRFB – Business and Academics – R&D | Development of innovative products and services that divert solid waste from landfill | X | | | X | | | \$5,000 to \$50,000 | | 50% | X | X | | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| RRFB – Business and Academics – Value Added Manufacturing | Commercializing new products from solid waste resources, develop new waste resource handling processes or new markets for waste resources. | X | | X | X | | | | | 50% (loan, forgivable loan or non-repayable contribution) | X | X | | | X | Anytime | Click here |
| RRFB – Business and Academics – Student Research Grants | Research related to solid waste diversion | X | X | | X | | | \$10,000 (honours) \$17,000 (graduate) | | | X | | | | X | May, August, November or January | Click here |
| Springboard Industry Engagement | Promotes partnership development of effective regional partnerships with industry | X | | X | | X | | \$15,000 | 1 year | 65% | X | | X | | | Anytime | Click here |

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| Springboard Market Support | To build and develop a prototype of technology for marketing purposes | X | X | X | X | X | | \$5,000 | 1 year | 65% | X | | | | | Anytime | Click here |
| Springboard Proof of Concept | To support early stage technology validation and market connection in Atlantic Canada assigned to an institution | | X | X | | X | | \$20,000 | 1 year | 65% | X | | | | | Fall | Click here |
| Springboard Patent and Legal Fund | To protect IP to attract early stage investment technology transfer in Atlantic Canada. | | X | X | | X | | \$15,000 | 2 years | 65% | X | | | | | Fall | Click here |
| SSHRC Partnership Development Grants | To develop potential or emerging partnerships by supporting R&D and related activities in humanities and social sciences. | X | | X | X | X | X | \$75,000 to \$200,000 | 1 to 3 years | | X | X | X | X | X | Nov | Click here |
| SSHRC Partnership Grants | To support formal research partnerships, knowledge mobilization and best practices through networks, centres and chairs. | X | | X | X | X | X | \$500,000 to \$2.5 million | 4 to 7 years | 67% | X | X | X | X | X | February | Click here |
| SSHRC Connections Grant | To help assemble larger SSHRC applications | X | | X | | X | | \$7,000 to \$25,000 | | 75% | X | X | X | | X | Feb, May, Aug., Dec. | Click here |
| STDC Tech Fund | SDTC helps commercialize Canadian clean technologies, reading them for growth and export markets. | | | | X | X | | \$1 million per year | Max of 5 years | 75% | X | X | X | X | X | Sept. | Click here |

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