

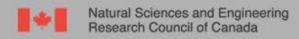


## NSERC partnership and innovation programs

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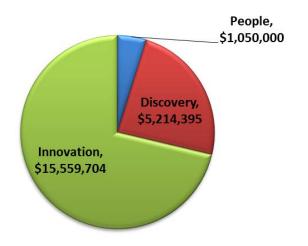


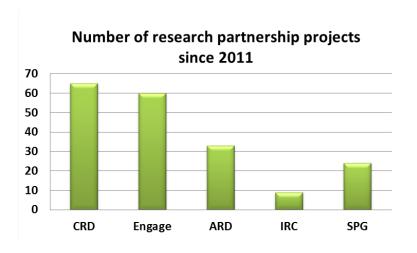




## THE NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH COUNCIL IS A FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDING NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH IN CANADA

- Budget : \$1.1 billion (2015-2016)
  - over 11,300 professors
  - more than 30,000 students
- > \$330 million in 2014-2015 for research partnership programs between universities/colleges and businesses in Canada
  - research projects with over 3,550 Canadian companies
  - more than \$200 million in cash contributions from companies
- \$22 million invested since 2011 to support research in waste water treatment and technologies





## **NSERC SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION**

#### **ENGAGE**

### **COLLABORATE**

### **COMMERCIALIZE**

Connect
with colleges & universities
(Grant: Connect)

with colleges & universities (Grants: CRD, ARD, CU-I2I)

Collaborative R&D

Idea to Innovation for colleges & universities (Grant: I2I)

Engage
with colleges & universities
(Grant: Engage)

Industrial Research Chairs at colleges and universities (Grants: IRC, IRCC, CDE)

Centres of Excellence for Commercialization and Research (Grant: CECR)

**Student Training in Industry** (Grants: Experience, CREATE)

Strategic Partnerships with universities

(Grants: Strategic Networks & Projects)
Strategic Initiatives

(Grants: CHRP, APC)

College Technology Access
Centres
(Grant: TAC)

Networks of Centres of Excellence (Grants: NCE, BL-NCE) **CELEBRATE** 

Building College Capacity (Grants: IE, ARTI) Synergy Awards for Innovation

## **CONNECT GRANTS**

Provide targeted financial support to researchers to connect with industry and other knowledge end-user communities in order to form new partnerships

- > Level 1 : up to \$5,000 for up to three months
  - for travel costs related to the development of new academic-industry partnerships
- > Level 2 : up to \$10,000 for one year
  - for regionally oriented activities or events aimed at developing or promoting new academic-industry partnerships
- Level 3 : up to \$25,000 for one year
  - for nationally oriented research planning workshops aimed at building substantial new research collaborations between researchers and partners in industry







# ENGAGE GRANT (EG) UP TO \$25,000 NO CASH CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED

Support a <u>new</u> collaboration between a university researcher or a college and an industrial partner

Aimed at solving a company-specific problem over a six month period

**Grant approval success rate: 85%** 

Applications are processed by regional offices within a 4-6 week turnaround time

IP owned by the company

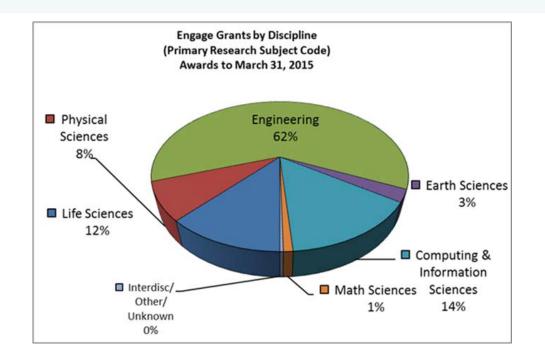
**NSERC** contributions since 2009: \$160 M

Possibility of continuing the project with Engage Plus grant



### **ENGAGE GRANT: SOME STATS**

- > Nearly 7,000 projects supported in Canada since 2009
  - 3,800 companies
  - 3,000 university researchers
  - Companies have contributed over \$83 M of their own R&D resources
- > 45% of participating companies have 10 or less employees

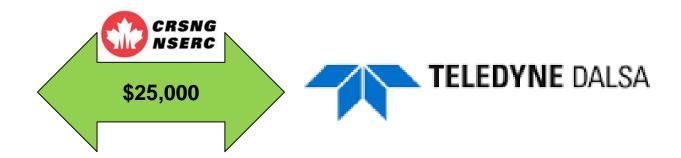




# EXAMPLE OF ENGAGE GRANT SUPPORTED RESEARCH PROJECT

# Réduction de la charge organique dans les rejets d'une entreprise de semi-conducteur par procédé avancé d'oxydation





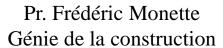
Pr. Roland Leduc Génie civil



# EXAMPLE OF ENGAGE GRANT SUPPORTED RESEARCH PROJECT

# Traitement des rejets aqueux concentrés issus des procédés d'impression de l'usine Transcontinental Métropolitain









# EXAMPLE OF ENGAGE GRANT SUPPORTED RESEARCH PROJECT

### Remediation of waste water with biochar









THE COLLEGE OF HIGHER LEARNING.

# COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT (CRD) UP TO \$500,000 PER YEAR

Covers the entire spectrum of R&D activities

Specific short- and medium-term objectives (up to 5 years)

Grants may range from \$20K to \$500K/year

Equivalent contribution from the company (50% in cash + 50% in kind)

Success rate: 80-85%

Intellectual property agreement between the university and the partner

**NSERC** contributions in 2015-2016: \$83 M





# EXAMPLE OF A CRD GRANT SUPPORTED RESEARCH PROJECT

## Development of hollow fiber anaerobic membrane bioreactor for industrial wastewater treatment







Pr. Baoqiang Liao Chemical engineering



# EXAMPLE OF A CRD GRANT SUPPORTED RESEARCH PROJECT

## Control strategies for hydrogen sulphide in stormwater retention ponds







Pr. Yang Liu
Civil and Environmental Engineering



## APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT (ARD) UP TO \$150,000 PER YEAR

To support well-defined applied research and development projects with college researchers

Projects can be at any point in the R&D activities

### **For grants up to \$75,000:**

 the company partner contributes at least half of the amount requested in cash and/or in-kind of which at least \$10,000 must be in cash

### For grants between \$75,000 and \$150,000

 the company partner's contribution must be at least equal to the amount requested with at least 50% in cash

Success rate: 80-85%

**NSERC contributions: \$14 millions in 2015-2016** 





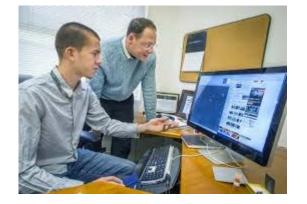


## FIND QUALIFIED PERSONNEL THROUGH NSERC'S EXPERIENCE AWARDS

### **Experience awards:**

- \$4,500 from NSERC for a16-week term
- supplement of \$2,000 from FRQNT
- hosting organizations supplement the award by at least 25% of its value
- students address company-specific R&D challenges while gaining valuable industrial experience
- 37% of companies report hiring a former Experience Awards holder
- 1,500 awards in 2015







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