NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI)
Fall 2013 NEW Submission Process

Starting with the 2014 Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) Competition, universities will be provided with a quota of RTI applications that can be submitted to NSERC. NSERC will fund about 150 applications out of the 500 allocated across Canada.

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<th>Western's Submission Quota*</th>
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*Interested applicants must contact the appropriate Dean’s office for clarification of the review process and requirements. Only the approved list of applications from the above faculties will be finalized in the NSERC system on behalf of Western.

Please contact one of the faculty contacts listed for the Dean’s deadline.

RD&S Deadline for an optional internal review: October 1, 2013
Contact: Silke Nebel, snebel@uwo.ca, x87970

ROLA Deadline (mandatory): October 21, 2013
RD&S will initiate the ROLA Proposal upon receipt of the Application list from each faculty.

NSERC Deadline: October 25, 2013 (2:00 pm as set by RD&S)

RTI submission process: Applications are submitted through the NSERC Online system, and requires the Form 100 (CV). (This differs from the new requirements of the Discovery Grant Program, which is using the new Research Portal and requires the Common CV.)

The selection criteria for the program remain the same:
- Excellence of the applicant(s);
- Merit of the proposed research program(s);
- Need and urgency for the equipment, including availability of, and access to, similar equipment;
- Suitability of the proposed equipment for the proposed research program(s); and
- Importance of the equipment for the training of highly qualified personnel.
- Requested amount must be between $7,001 and $150,000 (total net cost of the equipment < $250,000).
- Proposals can include items that form a discrete system. Bundling of unrelated equipment is not allowed.
- Only applications from (co-) applicants who currently hold or are applying for an NSERC research grant (e.g., Discovery, Strategic, Research Partnership, CRC) at the time of application will be accepted.
- A researcher can be an applicant or co-applicant on multiple applications.
- All RTI applications received by NSERC will be peer-reviewed. Selection Committee Members will follow the guidelines in the NSERC Peer Review Manual.


NSERC RTI Contact: rti-oir@nserc-crsng.gc.ca

Questions regarding Western’s Allocation to Faculties: Bryce Pickard, bpickard@uwo.ca, x85313
RD&S Contact for ROLA and Institution Approval: researchoffice@uwo.ca

Western as CO-APPLICANT Institution (another institution is the Lead Institution):
Email PDF application to: researchoffice@uwo.ca before October 25, 2013