

NSERC Strategic Network Grants Program

Strategic Networks may now be renewed in either of two categories.

- A. The proposed network will engage in research activities on aspects of a research area that **have been previously funded** through the NSERC Strategic Network Grants Program. Applicants in this category may apply for SNG funds between \$2.5 and \$5 million dollars over five years, subject to the following conditions:
- The research direction and objectives must be substantially different from the previously-funded network activities;
 - At least 50 percent of the funding must flow to co-applicants new to the network; **and**
 - At least 50 percent of the partners must be new to the network.
- B. The proposed network will engage in research activities **similar to those that have been previously funded** through the NSERC Strategic Network Grants Program. Where the change in the network is incremental in terms of the research direction and objectives, and does not involve both a substantive change in the co-applicants and partners (as noted above), the network partners must assume more responsibility for funding the network compared to the previously funded network. To be eligible to compete in this category, the network partners, collectively, must contribute significantly more money to the network to support its research and administration activities, resulting in a cash leverage of at least \$1 from the partners for every \$3 from NSERC. Other contributions to the network are encouraged (e.g., other funding agencies, university support), but are not included in the leveraging of NSERC funds. The network can request NSERC funding between \$2.5 and \$5 million dollars over five years.