WiCS-Canada+ Small Research Grant for Junior Scientists

Diverse research experiences and cross-lab collaborations can be beneficial for emerging researchers as they develop their own programs of research.

Thus, WiCS-Canada+ offers a seed grant to junior scientists (graduate students and postdoctoral fellows) based in Canada to help them foster a new research collaboration with a senior or mid-career scholar at another institution in Canada or elsewhere. The grant is intended to support junior scientists who identify as members of equity-deserving groups including but not limited to women, people outside of the gender binary, people of non-heterosexual orientation, people with disabilities, and Indigenous people.

At the discretion of the adjudication committee, one and possibly two awards will be granted.

A competitive application will document that the candidate has contacted a senior person and has begun to discuss details of collaborative research. Preference will be given to junior scientists who demonstrate preparation to initiate data collection and analysis for the collaborative project. In addition, preference will be given to new collaborations and those that are likely to have strong impact for the applicant's scientific career. Projects should be of modest scope so that researchers can realistically collect and analyze data within the period of one year.

Proposed topics of investigation should fall within the purview of CSBBCS.

The grant provides support of $1500 for the collaboration. These funds can be used to support travel to the senior scholar's institution, to pay for research assistance, to pay research participants, or other costs associated with the research that are eligible under the [tri-council policy for research expenditures](#).

Nomination deadline:
5 PM ET on April 3rd, 2026

Applicants must:
1. be a scientist who identifies as a member of an equity-deserving group.

2. be a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow in Canada.
3. be a current member of CSBBCS.
4. be requesting to visit a laboratory within or outside Canada where she has not worked previously, and outside of the institution at which the Master's and/or PhD will be (or were) awarded.

To apply, submit the following to the WiCS-Canada+ Seed Grant Adjudication Committee:

1. Evidence of an agreement to collaborate from the senior scholar who will be engaged in the research. The senior scholar need not be a member of CSBBCS.
2. The research plan. This plan should specify the general research question and theoretical context, and should detail the methodology including the methods of collecting data, proposed analyses, plans for dissemination, and timeline. The plan should also describe the relevance of this project to the applicant's research program. The plan should be approximately 2 pages long (single-spaced, using a 12-point font).
3. An itemized budget outlining how the seed grant funds will be spent to achieve the research goal.
4. A current CV for the junior scientist.
5. A current CV of the collaborating senior scientist.

Relevant Dates:

Submit all materials to the WiCS-Canada+ email address: **wicscanada@gmail.com** (subject heading = "2026 WiCSC+ Small Grant") by **5 PM EST on April 3rd, 2026**.

Winners will be notified on or around May 15, 2026 and will be honoured at the WiCSC Annual Meeting, which will be held during the CSBBCS Conference, June 1-3, 2026. Winners are required to submit a final report on the research collaboration within 15 months, and will consent to be featured by WiCS-Canada+ and CSBBCS in their promotional materials. The deadline for submitting the final report is October 31, 2027. Reports should be submitted to the WiCS-Canada+ email.

Decisions will be made by the WICS-Canada+ Seed Grant Committee chaired by Dr. Erin Maloney.

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