

Call for the Expression of Interest: Enabling Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS) Technologies

Terms and Conditions of Funding

Two core funding support models are available for the NRC's collaborators, as recipients of grants and contribution funding.

	Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP) Grants	Collaborative R&D Contributions
Purpose	Defray cost of the NRC's collaborators for projects advancing R&D Program objectives	
Funding	A total of \$400K in FY 2021 for a number of selected projects. Participants can request project funding for up to three years. Funding in subsequent fiscal years 2022 and 2023 will be conditional upon available funds.	
Eligible activities	Small-scale, short-term and/or low risk R&D projects	Large-scale, multi-year R&D projects; purchase of equipment and fit-up
Eligible recipients	Domestic and international: post-secondary institutions, non-profit research organizations, small- and medium-sized enterprises, municipal and/or provincial/territorial governments, Indigenous governments and representative organizations	
Eligible costs	Salaries*; research support costs (e.g., student stipends, research materials and testing tools); travel and accommodation costs	Salaries*; research support costs (e.g., student stipends, research materials and testing tools); travel and accommodation costs; professional services fees; equipment and fit-up costs
NRC cost share	Up to 100% of total eligible project costs	Up to 75% of total eligible project costs; up to 50% of equipment costs
	Above amounts are maximums; cost share is determined based on the nature of the project and related costs	
Indirect costs	Capped at 10% of eligible project costs	Reimbursement capped at 10% of total eligible project costs
In-kind	N/A	Direct project costs donated by a recipient's non-funded collaborator may count towards the recipient's cost share
Stacking	Maximum limit of total Canadian government assistance (federal, provincial, territorial and municipal) is 100% of total eligible project costs	

* Excluding academic principal investigator salaries, which are treated as in-kind