

VPRI Matching Funds Guidelines

Office of the Vice President Research and Innovation

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Matching funds are increasingly required or needed to be competitive for certain external larger-scale research funding opportunities.

Matching Funds Requests to Vice-President Research and Innovation (VPRI)

To request matching funds from the VPRI for larger-scale research funding applications, the lead Dalhousie researcher must fill out the attached form for review and consideration. **Requests should be made at least one month prior to the application deadline date**, or earlier if possible. Requests should be submitted as soon as it is apparent matching funds are a requirement for the funding program.

The guidelines and table below will help inform VPRI decisions. There is an expectation a significant portion of the application budget will be designated for Dalhousie and that the application to the funding agency will be led by a Dalhousie PI or Co-PI or include a Dalhousie researcher significantly involved in the research application and project. Other factors may impact final commitments, including researcher engagement with the Office of Research Services' (ORS) internal processes and internal deadlines. **VPRI matching funds are not guaranteed and are subject to budget availability.**

Guidelines

- Lead Dalhousie researcher must request matching funds from their Department Chair and Dean
- Department and/or Faculty are expected to provide matching funds. These funds must be confirmed at the time of submission.
- The following will be taken into consideration:
 - Are the matching funds a requirement from the funding agency?
 - Is this research area a strategic priority for the Department, Faculty and/or University?
 - What is the extent of Dalhousie's involvement, i.e., Dalhousie budget amount, researcher's role?
 - Are other institutions partnering on the application?
 - Are other institutions and/or partners providing matching funds for the application?
 - Have ORS' internal processes and deadlines been followed?

VPRI Matching Funds Table

Dalhousie Request from Funding Agency	Examples of Funding Programs	Potential Annual Contribution from VPRI	Potential Number of Years	Maximum VPRI Commitment
\$1M - \$2.5M	Tri-Agency programs involving teams including SSHRC Partnership Grants*	up to \$10,000	5 - 7	\$50,000
\$2M - \$10M	CFI Innovation Fund, Genome Canada, NSERC Strategic Partnership Grants for Networks, CIHR Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research	up to \$20,000	5	\$100,000
\$10M - \$25M	Canada Excellence Research Chairs	up to \$30,000	7	\$210,000

*SSHRC Partnership Grants led by other institutions with at least \$200,000 held at Dalhousie and Dalhousie-led SSHRC Partnership Development Grants requesting \$200,000 will also be considered for matching funds support of up to \$5,000/year; \$15,000 maximum.