

GENDER-NET Plus ERA-NET Cofunded Call NSERC Funding Opportunity

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EDI and NSERC

As a promoter of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI), NSERC is pleased to participate in the [GENDER-NET Plus](#) European Research Area Network (ERA-NET) Cofund, which was launched September 15, 2017 and will run until 2022.

This is an important opportunity to fund research projects that will promote the integration of sex and gender analysis into research at an international level.



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Background



■ HORIZON 2020

- Biggest EU Research and Innovation program ever with nearly €80 billion of funding over 7 years (2014-2020)
- Providing funding to GENDER-NET Plus

■ GENDER-NET

- First ERA-NET (partners from across Europe and North America) dedicated to the promotion of gender equality through structural change in research institutions and the integration of sex and gender analysis in research
- Finished in 2016 and NSERC was an observer



Program Overview

- Consortium of **16 partners** from **13 different countries**, including Canada
- Each applicant team must include investigators from at least **three different countries** from the list of partners
- Each partner must have a Principle Investigator (PI) who is eligible for funding in their own country
- There must be one Project Coordinator (PC) for the whole collaborative research project (CRP)



Eligibility for NSERC Funding

- NSERC will fund projects related to **SDG 9 and SDG 13** only
- \$700K CAD – enough to fund at least two grants for up to three years (maximum of \$100K CAD/year)
- Duration 2 - 3 years
- Team must include one or more researchers in the NSE who are eligible to hold NSERC funds (see [eligibility criteria for faculty](#))



Call Topics

SDG 3: Good health and well-being

Gender-based violence

Sex, gender, and aging

Sex, gender, and health

SDG 9: Infrastructure, Industrialization, and Innovation

Gender and new technologies

Gender in Entrepreneurship and in the Innovation System

SDG 13: Climate Action

Gender dimension in Climate Behaviour and Decision-Making



SDG 9: Infrastructure, Industrialization, and Innovation

■ Gender and New Technologies

- New technologies crucial to address societal challenges – but lack of understanding gender dimension → new digital divides and gender bias
- Possible areas of research in relation to gender: ICT, AI, robotics, technology to promote empowerment of women, technology for special needs
- Potential impacts: understanding, awareness raising, policy-making/legislation, societal actions and interventions, product/service development



SDG 9: Infrastructure, Industrialization, and Innovation

- **Gender in Entrepreneurship and the Innovation System**
 - Sustainable development that benefits both women and men
 - Possible areas of research in relation to gender: open innovation, approaches to entrepreneurship in tech companies, skills, investor behaviour, women's leadership
 - Potential impacts: understanding, promoting women's leadership, policy-making/legislation, societal actions and interventions



SDG 13: Climate Action

- **Gender Dimension in Climate Behaviour and Decision-Making**
 - Women commonly face higher risks and greater burdens from impacts of climate change in situations of poverty, but have unequal participation in decision-making related to climate action
 - Possible areas of research in relation to gender: behaviour patterns related to environmental footprints, decision-making, attitudes towards environmental policies
 - Potential impacts: understanding related to life choices, lock-in effects and distribution of power, policy-making/legislation, societal actions and interventions



Consortium Partners

- **Austria:** Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
- **Belgium:** Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS)
- **Czech Republic:** Technology Agency of the CR (TA CR)
- **Cyprus:** Research Promotion Foundation (RPF)
- **Estonia:** Estonian Research Council (ETAg)
- **France:** National Research Agency (ANR)
- **France:** National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)
- **Ireland:** Irish Research Council (HEA-IRC)
- **Israel:** Ministry of Science, Technology and Space (MOST)
- **Italy:** Italian Ministry of Health (MoH-IT)
- **Norway:** Research Council of Norway (RCN)
- **Spain:** Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness (MINECO)
- **Spain:** Obra Social “la Caixa” (FBLC)
- **Sweden:** Swedish Research Council (SRC)





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How to Find Partners

- CIHR has created a linkage tool:

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50715.html>

- Updated every three days
- Over 60 researchers currently listed



Important Dates

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| March 1, 2018 17:00 (CET) | Pre-Proposal |
| May 2018 | Notice of Decision (Pre-Proposal) |
| July 2018 | Full Proposal |
| October 2018 | Notice of Decision (Full Proposal) |



How to Apply

- Ensure that your research project is eligible for NSERC funding
- If more than one NSERC-eligible applicant, designate one single PI
- Submit an itemized budget and a one-page justification at both the pre-proposal and full application stages
- The PC will submit the application to the [Electronic Proposal Submission System \(EPSS\)](#); partner PIs will also have access
- Applications must be in English



Evaluation Procedure



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- Organized by the Irish Research Council (IRC) and the Estonian Research Council (ETAg)
- Scientific Evaluation Committee with a minimum of 16 internationally recognized members
- External reviewers
- Selection criteria:
 - Research excellence
 - Potential impact
 - Quality and efficiency of the implementation
 - Quality of the consortium as a whole
 - Appropriate allocation and justification of the resources to be committed



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GENDER-NET Plus Joint Call Website

<http://gender-net-plus.eu/joint-call/cofunded-call/>



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Q & A

- Please submit your questions via the chat function
- Questions will be read aloud and answered

QUESTION!

