2027 Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund

Virtual Information Session

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Toronto Metropolitan University

Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation



Welcome



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If you would like to speak - please indicate in the chat or use the raise hand function



This meeting is being recorded

Toronto is in the 'Dish With One Spoon Territory'. The Dish With One Spoon is a treaty between the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee that bound them to share the territory and protect the land.

Subsequent Indigenous Nations and peoples, Europeans and all newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect.



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Competition Overview

Purpose

The **2027 Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund** is intended to recognize and support a TMU Indigenous faculty member's SRC excellence and, in particular, Indigenous Scholarship as defined by Memorandum of Understanding 26 (MoU 26): Hiring and Evaluation of Indigenous Faculty Members, Librarians and Professional Counsellors)[1].

- Provides internal funds in support of the advancement of Indigenous faculty members' SRC activities.
- One award of a maximum* of $25,000 for up to two years.
- Offered biennially.

You will not be penalized if your budget request is less than the maximum amount.

1. Indigenous Scholar as defined in MoU 26: An Indigenous faculty member or librarian who is affirmed as an Indigenous Scholar by the Indigenous Scholarship Committee.

Priorities

- Projects with Indigenous community or SRC partnership(s).
- Research addressing issues of significance to Indigenous Peoples in an urban context.
- Involvement of Indigenous undergraduate and/or graduate student(s).

Equity, diversity, inclusion and access (EDIA) at TMU is essential to our integrated approach to SRC activity.

Applicant Eligibility

- Indigenous tenured or tenure-track professors who are affirmed by TMU are **eligible** to apply.
- Applications can be submitted by an individual researcher or a team of researchers with a nominated PI that fits the eligibility criteria.
- Individuals can apply as the PI for only **one** SRC project per competition.
- You are **not eligible** for this competition if you have any internal or external funding for any SRC project that is or may be related to your proposal.
    - Start-up funds and the Supplemental Indigenous SRC Fund are not included in the scope of internal funding.

Expense Eligibility

- All expenses **must** conform to the university's guidelines regarding eligible research expenses.
- For further guidance, visit Financial Services - Research Accounting.

Examples of Eligible Expenses:

- Research-related costs, including costs related to Indigenous community or research partnership(s).
- Dissemination of findings.
- Recruiting costs, salaries, stipends and benefits for research personnel.
- Third-party subcontract costs.

Examples of Ineligible Expenses:

- Non-capital purchases (e.g., access to data).
- Basic computers and related equipment.
- Select stationery and office supplies.
- Items typically covered by departmental budgets (e.g., printers).
- Indirect costs.



Application Process

How to Apply

Deadline:

Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) ET

Applications are submitted via the Research Information System (RIS) as a Grant Authorization Form (GAF).

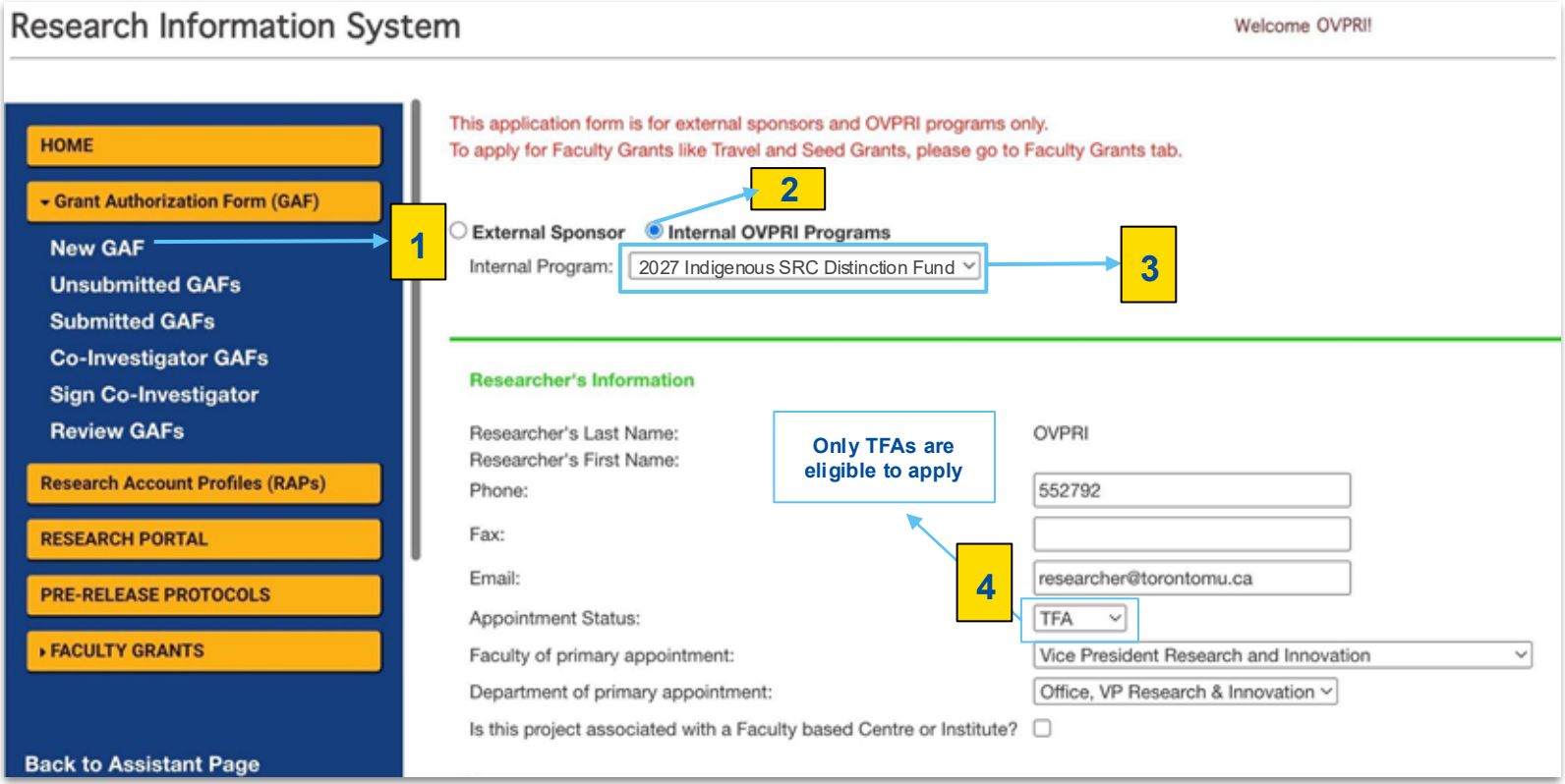
Application instructions:

- Download and complete the application package (fillable PDF).
- Create your new GAF.
- Upload your completed application (PDF) to your new GAF.
- Upload your up-to-date abbreviated Common CV or OCGS CV.

Two ways to access RIS:

1. torontomu.ca/research
   - OVPRI website, under “Researcher Resources”
2. my.torontomu.ca
   - Your TMU portal, under “My Links” > “Research”

The RIS Portal



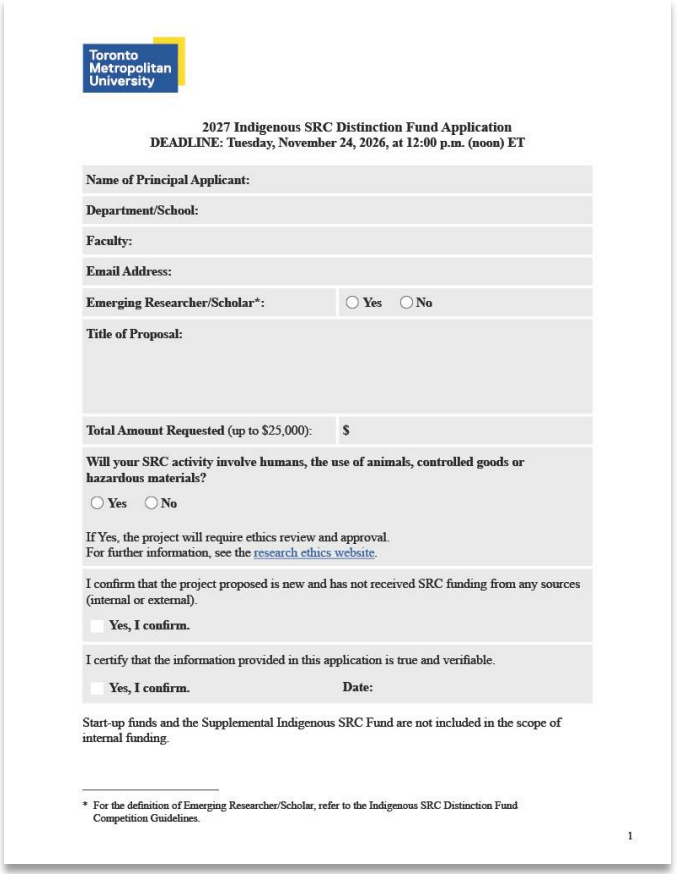
Application Package

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Proposals must be submitted using this fillable application form (PDF).

The application form is accessible via:

- 2027 Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund Application
- OVPRI Internal Funding Opportunities page



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2027 Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund Application
DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) ET

Name of Principal Applicant:

Department/School:

Faculty:

Email Address:

Emerging Researcher/Scholar*: ○ Yes ○ No

Title of Proposal:

Total Amount Requested (up to $25,000): **$**

Will your SRC activity involve humans, the use of animals, controlled goods or hazardous materials?

○ Yes ○ No

If Yes, the project will require ethics review and approval.
For further information, see the research ethics website.

I confirm that the project proposed is new and has not received SRC funding from any sources (internal or external).

☐ **Yes, I confirm.**

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and verifiable.

☐ **Yes, I confirm.** **Date:**

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* For the definition of Emerging Researcher/Scholar, refer to the Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund Competition Guidelines.

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Abstract (max 100 words)

- The abstract should be free of technical jargon and clearly describe the proposal and its potential impact.

Project Description (max 1500 words)

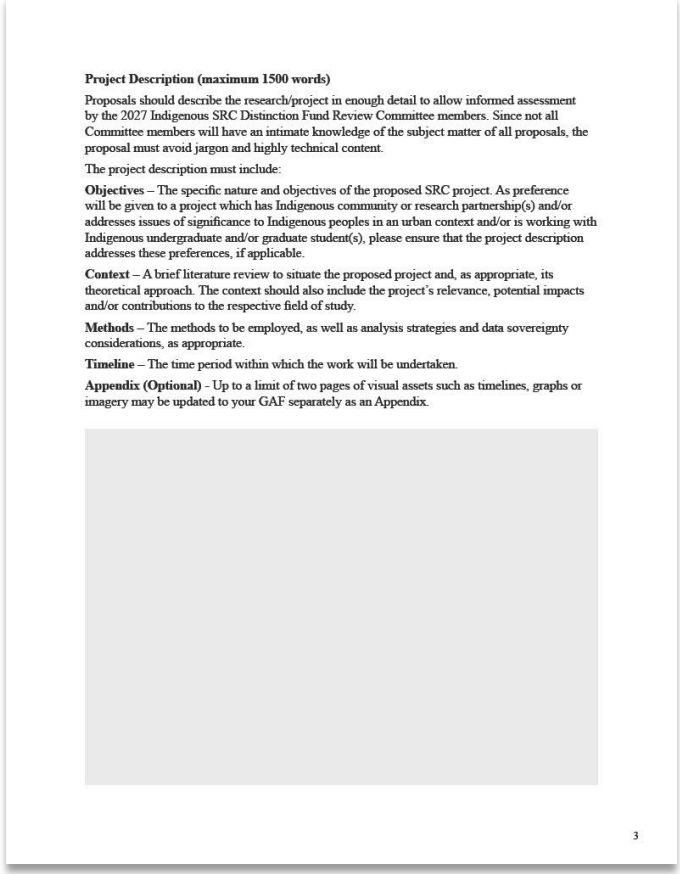
- Describe the research/project in enough detail to allow informed assessment by the review committee.
- Please avoid jargon and highly technical content.

Description Must Include:

1) Objectives
2) Context
3) Methodology
4) Timeline

Optional:

5) Appendix



Project Description (maximum 1500 words)

Proposals should describe the research/project in enough detail to allow informed assessment by the 2027 Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund Review Committee members. Since not all Committee members will have an intimate knowledge of the subject matter of all proposals, the proposal must avoid jargon and highly technical content.

The project description must include:

Objectives – The specific nature and objectives of the proposed SRC project. As preference will be given to a project which has Indigenous community or research partnership(s) and/or addresses issues of significance to Indigenous peoples in an urban context and/or is working with Indigenous undergraduate and/or graduate student(s), please ensure that the project description addresses these preferences, if applicable.

Context – A brief literature review to situate the proposed project and, as appropriate, its theoretical approach. The context should also include the project's relevance, potential impacts and/or contributions to the respective field of study.

Methods – The methods to be employed, as well as analysis strategies and data sovereignty considerations, as appropriate.

Timeline – The time period within which the work will be undertaken.

Appendix (Optional) - Up to a limit of two pages of visual assets such as timelines, graphs or imagery may be updated to your GAF separately as an Appendix.

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Knowledge Mobilization and Anticipated Outcomes

- How will the research be disseminated?
  - (e.g., publications, presentations, student training, community engagement, etc.)
- What do you expect as a result of this research?
- How will this prepare you for future external funding?


Knowledge Mobilization and Anticipated Outcomes (maximum 500 words)

There should be a clear indication of the expected outcome(s) of the proposed SRC project (e.g., publications, presentations, preliminary stage of a large project, community engagement initiatives/outreach, etc.), including any relevant student/HQP training. As appropriate, proposals should indicate how the SRC project will prepare the applicant for future externally funded opportunities.

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List of References (max. 1 page)

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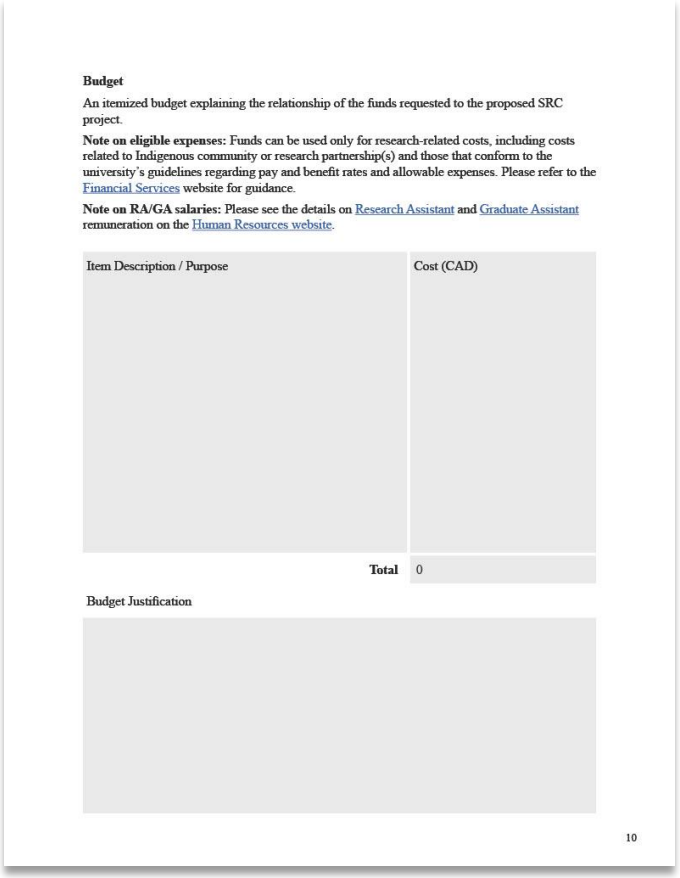
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Proposed Budget

- An itemized budget explaining the relationship of the funds requested to the proposed SRC activity.
- **Please ensure that the calculated total on this page matches the requested amount on the cover page.**

Budget Justification

- Explain the relationship of the proposed items to the proposed SRC activity.



Budget

An itemized budget explaining the relationship of the funds requested to the proposed SRC project.

Note on eligible expenses: Funds can be used only for research-related costs, including costs related to Indigenous community or research partnership(s) and those that conform to the university's guidelines regarding pay and benefit rates and allowable expenses. Please refer to the Financial Services website for guidance.

Note on RA/GA salaries: Please see the details on Research Assistant and Graduate Assistant remuneration on the Human Resources website.

Item Description / Purpose	Cost (CAD)
Total	0

Budget Justification

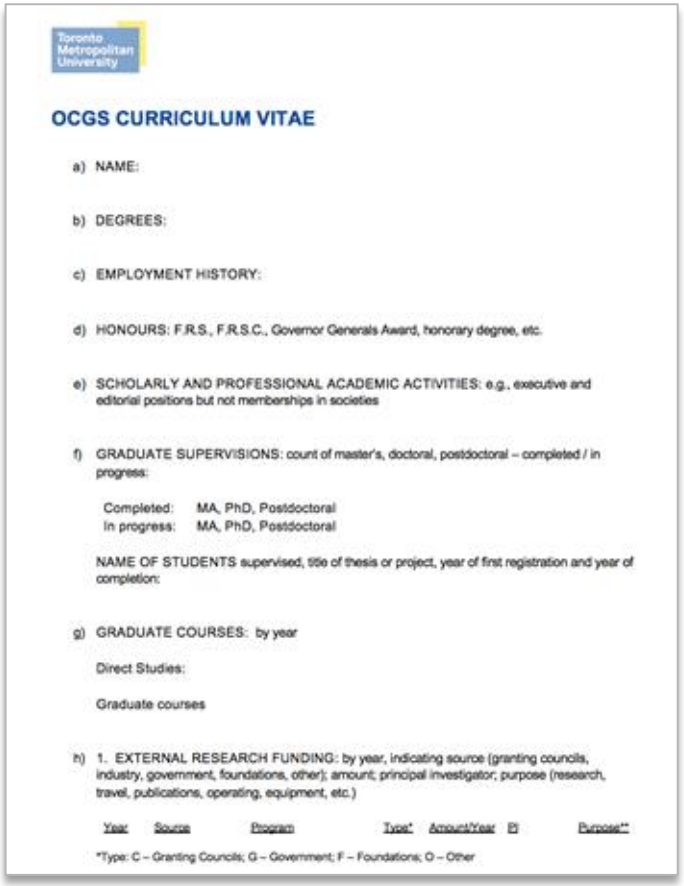
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Curriculum Vitae

Separate PDF Upload

Current Common CV (CCV)

- Updated CV in CCV or OCGS format highlighting the relevant key contributions related to the proposal in yellow.



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OCGS CURRICULUM VITAE

a) NAME:

b) DEGREES:

c) EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

d) HONOURS: F.R.S., F.R.S.C., Governor Generals Award, honorary degree, etc.

e) SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES: e.g., executive and editorial positions but not memberships in societies

f) GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS: count of master's, doctoral, postdoctoral – completed / in progress:

Completed: MA, PhD, Postdoctoral
In progress: MA, PhD, Postdoctoral

NAME OF STUDENTS supervised, title of thesis or project, year of first registration and year of completion:

g) GRADUATE COURSES: by year

Direct Studies:

Graduate courses

h) 1. EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING: by year, indicating source (granting councils, industry, government, foundations, other); amount; principal investigator; purpose (research, travel, publications, operating, equipment, etc.)

Year | Source | Program | Type* | Amount/Year | PI | Purpose**

*Type: C – Granting Councils; G – Government; F – Foundations; O – Other



Review and Reporting

Review | Process

Committee Structure

- **1 Indigenous TFA faculty member** from each relevant TMU faculty.
- The Committee member can be non-Indigenous if they have sufficient experience with Indigenous SRC activities.
- **1 Indigenous member designated by the university's Indigenous Scholarship Committee**
- **Associate Vice-President, Research and Innovation as an ex-officio non-voting member.**
- Chair to be determined by committee consensus.
- Guided by:
  - SSHRC Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research
  - Chapter 9 of the TCPS2: Research Involving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples of Canada
- Vice-President, Research and Innovation approval.
- Competition results expected mid-February 2027.

Review | Selection Criteria

- **Feasibility and challenge:** 45% emerging scholar score and 35% established scholar score.
- **Contribution to HQP training and development:** 20% emerging scholar score and 30% established scholar score.
- **Knowledge mobilization:** 35% emerging scholar score and 35% established scholar score.

Emerging Researcher/Scholar: To identify as an emerging scholar, the applicant must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Have completed their highest terminal degree no more than seven years before the competition deadline.
- Have held a tenured or tenure-track academic appointment for less than seven years total at any institution.

SRC Ethics and Integrity

- Funding for all projects that require REB and/or other SRC approval will not be released prior to the relevant approval.
- If you are unsure of whether your study requires Research Ethics review and approval, please refer to the OVPRI Research Ethics page.
- Completion of the SRC Integrity eLearning Modules is highly recommended.





FAQs

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Q: Does the deadline date refer to the point when the applicant submits the GAF or when the chair and dean approve the submitted GAF?

A: The deadline refers to the point when the applicant submits the GAF.

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Q: How do I know whether my research requires REB Approval?

A: Most research involving human participants will require ethics approval before recruitment may begin. If you are unsure of whether your study requires Research Ethics Board review and approval, please refer to the **OVPRI Research Ethics page.**

FAQs

Q: If I had a one-year leave, can I exclude this from my calculation for the emerging researcher/scholar distinction?

A: Periods of career interruptions due to health or family reasons are not included when calculating the number of years for the emerging researcher/scholar distinction.

FAQs

Q: I am applying for the fund as part of a team of scholars. How do I indicate this on the application form?

A: Applications can be submitted by either an individual researcher or a team of researchers (consisting of one principal applicant and one or more co-applicants and/or collaborators). Only one can be the principal applicant. The rest of the team may be listed in the “co-applicants” section of the application.

Q: Does this mean that each of us can submit the exact same application as a primary applicant and identify the rest as co-applicants?

A: No. Only one application per project is allowed. Please do not submit multiple applications for the same project.

FAQs

Q: If Person X is a Principal Applicant in one application, can they be a co-applicant in another application?

A: The same person can be on two applications (one as PI and one as co-applicant) as long as the proposals are different.

FAQs

Q: How and when do I reference this award?

A: Please acknowledge the support of the University in the dissemination of research results. Here is some suggested text:

> *"This research has been supported by Toronto Metropolitan University's 2027 Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund."*

Helpful Links

- SSHRC Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research
- Chapter 9 of the TCPS2: Research Involving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples of Canada
- Application Form
- Competition Guidelines
- NSERC EDI Considerations
- Research Data Management
- DMP Assistant
- Research Ethics Website
- Research Information System (RIS)
- SRC Integrity E-learning Module
- Strategic Research Plan 2025-2030
- Financial Services
- Tri-Agency Statement on EDI



Questions?

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