



FOCUSED RESEARCH INVESTMENTS (FRI)

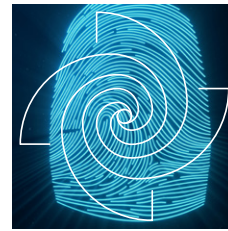
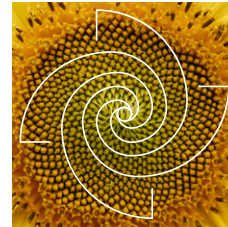


A new initiative created to tackle the salient issues of our time using a mission-oriented approach while providing the funding and resources required to meet specific outcomes.

SOCIETY DRIVING RESEARCH. RESEARCH SERVING SOCIETY.

In 2020, Research Nova Scotia adopted a **Mission-Oriented Strategy** to harness the imagination and expertise of the research community to help Nova Scotia solve some of its biggest challenges.

We are now pleased to share a new research funding opportunity:
Focused Research Investments.



THE INVESTMENT

“Research Nova Scotia developed and launched Focused Research Investments to pursue discovery on important matters that is timely, relevant, and actionable for those who need to use it. We seek researchers driven to work in service of society: those who search for answers to society’s most urgent questions, asking what is needed and crafting their research to respond. Research produces knowledge, but that is not enough: for FRI, what we solve matters more than what we learn.”

—STEFAN LESLIE, CEO, RESEARCH NOVA SCOTIA

FRI will address a gap in our current research support system by providing substantial, secure, and flexible funding so teams can tackle important Nova Scotia challenges.

Research Nova Scotia will select two or three research teams to receive between \$5 and \$20 million over 5 to 7 years, to support highly focused, collaborative, and determined efforts across research disciplines.

Funds can be used for personnel, equipment, infrastructure, projects and/or operating costs.



Are you a researcher who is driven to be a civic actor and participant, devoting your expertise in service of your community, improving public policy, and/or creating economic opportunity? Learn more and apply at researchns.ca/FRI.

FRI INGREDIENTS

1. There are **specified outcomes** connected to the research efforts, where clear pathways to societal impact can be defined.
2. Research **drives** the meaningful contributions to the solutions.
3. The research efforts benefit from **significant coordination and integration** across groups, disciplines or sectors.
4. Broad **societal value** will result from outputs that are applicable in different ways and for different end user groups.
5. The issues being addressed are **relevant and urgent** for Nova Scotia

IMPORTANT DATES



Expressions of Interest open

March 6th, 2024



Information Session Webinar for Researchers

March 7th, 2024 at 10a.m.



Expressions of Interest close

April 29th, 2024 at 1p.m.



Proposal Intake

May-July 2024



Review & Assessment

August-September 2024



Funding Announcement

October 2024



“The FRI initiative is a rare opportunity for researchers to invest in their communities and create a future with genuine impact. It’s more than a project; it’s a commitment to building a thriving Nova Scotia that draws in those hungry for purpose and connection. I think this is a unique chance for individuals to contribute to a meaningful and tangible future.”

MELISSA FLAGG, FORMER DEPUTY ASSISTANT U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH



“Research Nova Scotia’s focus on tackling provincial challenges is inspiring. The strength of this approach is the call for civic-driven research teams, emphasis on partnerships for effective solutions, addressing broad social issues, and the well-crafted, reassuring position paper. The FRI initiative positions us globally, appealing to both grant writers and public-minded philanthropists. Well done.”

DR. KENNETH ROCKWOOD, 2021 RECIPIENT OF THE RYMAN PRIZE