Call for Proposals for Research Facility Support Grants (RFSG) for Science and Engineering

Awards Summary

The Vice Principal Research at UBCO has established the Research Facility Support Grants (RFSG) competition to provide funding for the operation, maintenance, repairs or upgrades of equipment used in UBCO facilities to support science and engineering research. The RFSGs are one-year grants of up to $30,000 intended to enhance the research that can be conducted at UBCO. Requests may be made for:

- salaries of technical and professional research support staff employed to operate and maintain the facility and provide assistance to users, with eligible expenses according to NSERC rules occurring or having occurred from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, and
- materials, supplies and minor equipment upgrades, equipment repairs and service contracts essential to the operation and maintenance of the equipment that can be completed by March 31, 2018.

UBCO researchers are invited to submit a proposal (up to a maximum of 2 pages) that describes:

- the research supported by the RFSG,
- the use of the facility by the UBCO research community,
- past and planned contribution of the facility to the training of highly qualified personnel,
- a budget and justification for the requested funds.

RFSGs are intended to support research groups funded by NSERC. To be eligible for this funding opportunity:

- the lead applicant must currently hold NSERC funding
- the facility must not currently have other significant resources at its disposal. For example, a CFI facility with more than 20% left in its IOF would be considered ineligible;
- the facility must not be obsolete or unsupported.

Funding Details

A total funding envelope of $100,000 is available for this competition, with the expectation that several applications will be funded with a cap of $30,000 per application. Successful applicants will be notified in mid-December 2017 and awards will be distributed shortly thereafter.

Submission and Selection Processes

Applications for this funding call should be submitted electronically along with a signed RPIF to ResearchOffice.UBCO@ubc.ca by end of day December 1, 2017. A UBCO committee will review applications and make decisions based on:

- evidence of research excellence supported by the infrastructure.
- evidence of high-quality training supported by the infrastructure.
- use of the facility by the UBCO research community.
- demonstrated need for support of the facility for the research programs.

Please include a quote for items with a cost of greater than $2500.

Questions should be directed to the NSERC Research Support Specialist, Richard Federley richard.federley@ubc.ca, 250-807-9516.