

Call for Proposals - National Cybersecurity Consortium (NCC) - 2025

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National Cybersecurity Consortium (NCC)

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Call for Proposals 2025

For More Information

See NCC's [Call for Proposals webpage](#) [1].

Description

The National Cybersecurity Consortium (NCC) is a catalyst to build a future where Canadian organizations are global leaders in cybersecurity, so Canadians benefit from the prosperity, growth, and safety that comes from advancing and creating innovative cybersecurity products and services. The NCC is committed to building partnerships among the academic, not-for-profit, and private sectors to further cybersecurity initiatives across Canada.

The annual Call for Proposals, made possible by the [Cyber Security Innovation Network](#) [2] program, contributes approximately \$80 million in funding over four years, supporting projects spearheaded by Canadian organizations within industry, academia, and not-for-profit sectors.

Funded projects fall within three streams (See [2025 Call for Proposals Guide](#) [3] for further details on each stream):

- **Research and Development:** Projects with Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)1-6 via the design and implementation of innovative cybersecurity technologies, advancing the state-of-the-art, and supporting studies into emerging cybersecurity issues;
- **Commercialization:** Projects that include new technology with TRL 7-9, developing products and services that address cybersecurity challenges in critical infrastructure protection, human-centric cybersecurity, network security, software security, and privacy protection; or,
- **Training, Upskilling, and Reskilling:** Projects that provide and build opportunities for cybersecurity and privacy professionals across a myriad of disciplines.

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The 2025 Call for Proposals also supports projects in three funding categories:

- [Accelerated Projects](#) [4]: Intended to make impactful progress on highly targeted, larger budget projects;
- [New 2025 Projects](#) [5]: An open call for cybersecurity and privacy-related projects; and
- [Top-ups to 2023/2024 Projects](#) [6]: Intended to increase the impact of projects already vetted and approved by the NCC by allowing them to incorporate nascent insights or cover gaps that emerged through the work to date.

Eligibility

Projects submitted to the NCC for funding may not be submitted for consideration for other funding opportunities. Refer to the [NCC's Pre-award Guide](#) [7] to review eligible organizations, sources for matching contributions and project expenses.

Funding Availability

The NCC estimates awarding up to \$22M to support \$60M+ worth of activities in Call 2025.

Indirect Costs

15% maximum permitted on NCC funds

40% on partner cash

Special Notes

The NCC funds projects under three major streams:

1. Research and Development (R&D);
2. Commercialization; and
3. Training.

See the [funding guidelines](#) [3] for additional information on the individual streams.

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Monday, March 17, 2025 - 4:30pm	Letter of Intent and OR-5 form due to

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Type	Date	Notes
		research.services@uoguelph.ca [8]
External Deadline	Monday, March 24, 2025 - 11:59pm	Letter of Intent to be submitted via NCC's Adsigno Portal [9].

How to Apply

For Category 1 and 2 Projects, LOI submissions must be submitted through the NCC's [Adsigno Portal](#) [9]. For help navigating the Adsigno Portal, please review the [User Guide](#) [10].

For Category 3 – Top Ups, application materials will become available by June 16, 2025.

Visit the [Application Process](#) [11] page for more information.

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Links

[1] <https://ncc-cnc.ca/call-for-proposals/>

[2] <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/cyber-security-innovation-network/en>

[3] <https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Call-2025-Guide-Final.pdf>

[4] <https://ncc-cnc.ca/accelerated-projects/>

[5] <https://ncc-cnc.ca/new-projects/>

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[6] <https://ncc-cnc.ca/top-ups/>

[7] https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/NCCPreAward_ProgramGuide_2024-03-22.pdf

[8] <mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca>

[9] https://ncc-cnc.smartsimple.ca/s_Login.jsp

[10] <https://ncc-cnc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCC-Adsigno-Portal-User-Guide.pdf>

[11] <https://ncc-cnc.ca/application-process/>

[12] <mailto:projects@ncc-cnc.ca>

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