

Contributions Program - Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada - 2025/2026

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The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC)

Program

Contributions Program 2025-2026

For More Information

See the [Contributions Program Applicant's Guide](#) [1].

Description

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada has [launched the 2025-2026 funding cycle for its Contributions Program](#) [2] with a call for proposals for research and knowledge-translation initiatives related to how smart devices use personal information.

The theme - “Connected but exposed: exploring smart devices and privacy” - aims to increase knowledge and awareness about these devices and how they collect, share, and use personal data. It is also open to proposals examining policy or legislative steps that can be taken to ensure that they come with privacy built in.

Eligibility

Only not-for-profit organizations – including consumer, voluntary and advocacy organizations, educational institutions, and industry & trade associations – are eligible for funding.

Funding Availability

The budget for the OPC’s Contributions Program is \$500,000 annually. They are making the entire amount available as part of the present call for applications.

They will award up to \$100,000 to any single project and a maximum of \$200,000 per recipient organization.

Indirect Costs

Indirect administrative expenses (that is, overhead) must be limited to no more than 15 per cent of the total project expenses incurred under the contribution agreement.

Project Duration

The Contributions Program is structured to provide funding for eligible expenses that are incurred within the fiscal year during which the funding has been awarded – that is, between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026. Incurred expenses must have been paid by the funding recipient before they are invoiced to the OPC. Exceptionally, the OPC may fund projects that extend beyond the end of a fiscal year (that is, March 31, 2026) if the proposal persuasively demonstrates why the project requires more time to be completed and should be funded beyond the typical one-year period.

For multi-year proposals, applicants are requested to submit work plans that cover the entire duration of the project.

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	Completed application and OR-5 form due to research.services@uoguelph.ca [3]
External Deadline	Monday, March 24, 2025 - 11:59pm	Application to be submitted to contrib@priv.gc.ca [4]

How to Apply

The deadline for receipt of applications is March 24, 2025, at 11:59 PM (your local time).

Please forward your application to the following coordinates:

Email is preferred: contrib@priv.gc.ca [4]

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

Care of: Contributions Program

30 Victoria Street

Gatineau, Quebec

K1A 1H3

For Questions, please contact

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Links

[1] https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-actions-and-decisions/research/funding-for-privacy-research-and-knowledge-translation/how-to-apply-for-contributions-program-funding/applying-for-funding-under-the-contributions-program-annual-call-for-proposals/cp_guide/

[2] https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/news-and-announcements/2025/nr-c_250226/

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

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