



## Research Funding Opportunities

### Applied Research Grants for NAIT Faculty, Instructors, Staff, and Students

#### Objectives:

The broad purpose of novaNAIT's Applied Research Grants program is to support applied research and develop excellence in applied research activities at NAIT. The specific objectives of the program are to:

- Support high-quality programs of research, as proposed by NAIT scholars
- Provide opportunities for the training of new scholars, future researchers, and/or NAIT students
- Contribute to the development of new programs, models, and/or methodologies for applied research
- Foster and develop collaborative, multidisciplinary applied research projects amongst NAIT researchers and community/industry stakeholders

#### Description:

Applied Research Grants support four types of applied research activities:

1. **Applied Research Projects:** An applied research project is defined as sustained research enterprise that includes one or more projects (or other components). It should be shaped by broad, applied objectives and it should be undertaken in collaboration with an industry (ex., a small or medium enterprise) and/or community partner (ex., a government agent, a non-profit). The project might be undertaken by one researcher or it could mobilize a team of researchers, internal or external to NAIT. In pursuit of project objectives, specific applied/real-world outcomes are advanced and findings are made and reported. *Eligibility is limited to faculty and staff.*
2. **Applied Research Ideas Development:** Applied Research Ideas Development involves the exploration and development of new research projects, funding proposals or other actions related to early stage research development. *Eligibility is limited to faculty and staff.*
3. **Applied Research Capacity-Building Activities:** Applied research capacity building activities involve work related to the development and/or maintenance of institutional processes and operational infrastructures that foster and/or facilitate applied research within one of NAIT's five Schools. These activities must be undertaken in coordination with School Leadership (ex., the Dean). *Eligibility is limited to faculty and staff.*
4. **Student Applied Research Activities:** Student applied research activities involve one of two types of activities: a) Student-led Applied Research Projects, wherein a student (or team of students) leads the project under the guidance of faculty mentor (see: applied research projects above); or b) Student Research-Assistant Projects, wherein a faculty instructor leads the project and a student (or team of students) provide research support and assistance. *Students enrolled in a program of study are eligible to apply. Additionally, faculty may apply directly (on behalf of their students).*

#### Value & Duration:

Applied Research Grants are available for one-year (academic; Sept-June). The value of these grants varies according to project need, requirements, and contributions from other sources. For successful applicants, levels of funding will be negotiated according to: i) the appropriateness of the originally proposed budget; ii) available funds; and iii) the quality of the proposed research.

#### Eligibility

Applied Research Grants are open to all full-time NAIT faculty, staff, and students (in good standing). Applications may be submitted by an individual researcher or a team of researchers (one applicant plus one or more co-applicants and/or collaborators).

#### Application Procedure

Interested faculty and staff should complete a project application found on the novaNAIT website ([www.nait.ca/novanait](http://www.nait.ca/novanait)) and/or by contacting program management ([mcnamara@nait.ca](mailto:mcnamara@nait.ca)).

#### Application Deadlines

Please submit electronic applications to [mcnamara@nait.ca](mailto:mcnamara@nait.ca) by **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (4pm)**. Funding will commence as early as September 1, 2011. Projects end dates should be before June 15, 2012.

#### Program Management

For all enquiries regarding this program, please contact Michael McNamara, Director of Applied Research in Social Sciences, novaNAIT; phone 780-378-6176; Email [mcnamara@nait.ca](mailto:mcnamara@nait.ca)