






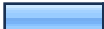













1. I am employed by or associated with:

		Response Percent	Response Count
government lab		5.6%	18
private sector enterprise		4.1%	13
large university (>30,000 students)		33.2%	106
medium sized university (15,000 - 30,000 students)		36.7%	117
small university (<15,000 students)		18.8%	60
college		1.6%	5
Other (please specify)			16
		answered question	319
		skipped question	14

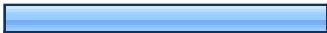








2. I am eligible to hold an NSERC grant:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		79.0%	263
No		14.4%	48
No opinion.		6.6%	22
		answered question	333
		skipped question	0











3. I currently hold a grant from the following NSERC programs (choose all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
DG		50.2%	167
RTI		8.7%	29
MRS		4.8%	16
SAP-DG		5.1%	17
SAP-project		10.2%	34
SAP-RTI		4.8%	16
SAP-MRS		3.9%	13
Discovery Accelerator Supplement		3.3%	11
Research Partnerships Program		5.1%	17
Not Applicable		34.8%	116
answered question			333
skipped question			0







4. I have applied for a grant from the following NSERC programs in the last four years (choose all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
DG		48.3%	161
RTI		23.7%	79
MRS		8.1%	27
SAP-DG		5.1%	17
SAP-project		10.5%	35
SAP-RTI		7.5%	25
SAP-MRS		3.3%	11
Research Partnerships Program		8.1%	27
Not Applicable		31.5%	105
answered question			333
skipped question			0

5. Although I do not personally hold an NSERC grant, my research depends critically on the following types of NSERC grants held by someone else (choose all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
DG		11.4%	38
RTI		4.2%	14
MRS		8.1%	27
SAP-DG		1.5%	5
SAP-Project		2.7%	9
SAP-RTI		2.1%	7
SAP-MRS		2.4%	8
Discovery Accelerator Supplement		2.7%	9
Research Partnerships Program		5.1%	17
Not Applicable		80.2%	267
answered question			333
skipped question			0

6. A key feature of the new DG evaluation system is that the scientific evaluation and placement of application into quality bins by expert panels is separated from decisions regarding funding amounts, ie. it has two steps. In my opinion:

		Response Percent	Response Count
The expert panels should have minimal input with regard to the grant size associated with each bin.		4.6%	14
There should be some input from the expert panels with regard to grant size associated with each bin.		16.6%	51
There should be significant input from the expert panels with regard to grant size associated with each bin.		28.3%	87
The grant size associated with each bin should be completely decided by the expert panels.		5.2%	16
Individual grant amounts should be decided by the expert panel on a case-by-case basis using the ranking in the binned system as the primary input.		33.9%	104
No opinion.		11.4%	35
		answered question	307
		skipped question	26




7. Another important feature of the new system is that the three evaluation criteria (excellence of researcher (E), research proposal (P) and HQP record (H)) are equally weighted. In your opinion, what should be the relative weightings of these three criteria for established researchers?

		Response Percent	Response Count
E=P=H, ie. they should remain equally weighted		24.4%	75
E=P>H		38.4%	118
E=H>P		6.8%	21
E>P>H		8.1%	25
E>H>P		2.6%	8
E>P=H		4.6%	14
None of the above.		9.1%	28
No opinion.		5.9%	18
answered question			307
skipped question			26





8. In your opinion, should the weighting of the HQP record for early career applicants be less than that for established researchers?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		82.1%	252
No		9.4%	29
No opinion.		8.5%	26
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
9. In your opinion, should there be some mechanism to allow some flexibility of the weightings based on, for example, career stage, field of research and research environment?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		86.6%	266
No		7.8%	24
No opinion		5.5%	17
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




10. Cost of research is taken into account as an adjustment within a funding bin. How large a role do you think cost of research should play in funding decisions?

		Response Percent	Response Count
It should have significantly more weight in determining the grant size.		38.4%	118
The current approach is about right.		32.9%	101
It should have significantly less or no weight in determining the grant size.		7.5%	23
No opinion.		21.2%	65
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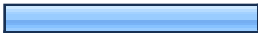



11. What is your opinion about the following statement? "Applicants should have an opportunity to apply for a grant shorter than 5 years at the time they submit their request, provided they provide compelling reasons, and I would be willing to dedicate more time to reviewing grant applications to accommodate any increased load this introduces."

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		14.3%	44
Agree		39.7%	122
Neutral		24.8%	76
Disagree		9.1%	28
Strongly Disagree		1.3%	4
No opinion.		10.7%	33
answered question			307
skipped question			26





12. The impact of the changes to the DG two-step peer evaluation system on my research has been:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very positive		4.2%	13
Somewhat positive		8.8%	27
Neutral		18.6%	57
Somewhat negative		16.0%	49
Very negative		17.6%	54
No opinion.		34.9%	107
answered question			307
skipped question			26





13. In your opinion, which of the following programs has had the highest scientific impact in your field?

		Response Percent	Response Count
RTI		37.8%	116
MRS		19.2%	59
Discovery Accelerator Supplement		4.2%	13
no opinion		38.8%	119
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skipped question			26



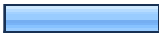

14. In your opinion, which of the of the following programs has had the lowest scientific impact in your field?

		Response Percent	Response Count
RTI		4.2%	13
MRS		9.8%	30
Discovery Accelerator Supplement		38.4%	118
no opinion		47.6%	146
answered question			307
skipped question			26

15. The impact of the loss of the RTI program on my research is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Neutral		21.2%	65
Somewhat negative		22.8%	70
Very negative		33.6%	103
No opinion.		22.5%	69
answered question			307
skipped question			26

16. The impact of the loss of the MRS program on my research is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Neutral		28.0%	86
Somewhat negative		19.9%	61
Very negative		23.1%	71
No opinion.		29.0%	89
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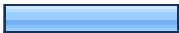



17. What is your opinion of the following statement? "In order to re institute and protect in future years something equivalent to the RTI and MRS programs, I would be willing to have the CAP-NSERC Liason Committee explore the possibility of having expert panels manage a suitably sized funding envelope which supports the DG, RTI and MRS programs for Physics, as exists or is being considered in other disciplines, and give them the freedom to determine the proportion of the funding envelope that is allocated to each of these programs based on guidance from a long term plan drawn up by the community."

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		16.9%	52
Agree		45.0%	138
Neutral		14.0%	43
Disagree		7.8%	24
Strongly Disagree		1.6%	5
No opinion.		14.7%	45
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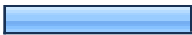






18. I have been able to participate in CFI projects at my institution:

		Response Percent	Response Count
A great deal		23.1%	71
Only moderately		28.3%	87
Not at all		25.4%	78
I have no need for CFI project funds		9.4%	29
No opinion.		13.7%	42
answered question			307
skipped question			26

19. The number of CFI projects at my institution that have benefited my research program is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
0		25.7%	79
1 or 2		40.1%	123
>2		16.3%	50
No opinion.		17.9%	55
answered question			307
skipped question			26

20. For my research, the main limitations of the existing CFI funding programs are (choose all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
Requirement to align my research with the strategic priorities of my institution.		28.0%	86
Infrequent CFI competitions and delays in these competitions		31.3%	96
20% funding matching requirement		27.7%	85
40% provincial funding matching requirement		25.7%	79
Need to develop large scale projects involving many different disciplines and institutions that go beyond my primary research focus.		42.3%	130
None of the above.		7.5%	23
No opinion.		25.1%	77
answered question			307
skipped question			26

21. What is your opinion on the following statement? "In the absence of the RTI program, it will be difficult to maintain, repair and extend my research infrastructure through the existing CFI funding programs."

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		38.1%	117
Agree		17.3%	53
Neutral		10.4%	32
Disagree		3.6%	11
Strongly Disagree		1.6%	5
No opinion.		29.0%	89
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skipped question			26

22. What information/factors does NSERC need to examine during its review of the effectiveness of the Discovery Grants Program?

	Response Count
	171
answered question	171
skipped question	162

23. Do you have suggestions for improvements to the DG evaluation process (please keep them brief and constructive)?

**Response
Count**

140

answered question

140

skipped question

193

24. Please provide general comments about the impact of the elimination of the RTI program.

**Response
Count**

153

answered question

153

skipped question

180

25. Please provide general comments about the impact of the elimination of the MRS program.

**Response
Count**

117

answered question

117

skipped question

216

26. Other Comments:

	Response Count
	81
answered question	81
skipped question	252