

3 Important Updates for Supercluster Project Applicants

As of January 2020, NGen has allocated over 80% of our first tranche of Supercluster funding in support of advanced manufacturing projects. We are currently negotiating a recapitalization and extension of NGen funding with the Federal Government and hope to report good news on that front soon.

1. Project Application Deadlines

Only project applications that are fully compliant and have submitted all required documentation prior to these deadlines will be eligible for assessment by NGen's panels of independent experts. Applications that are incomplete or that do not meet the assessment deadlines outlined below are invited to submit their applications for consideration before the next deadline. Resources to support the development of high-quality applications will be made available through workshops on the following dates.

Important Dates	Type	Project Funding Stream
19 th January 2pm EST	Q&A Workshop	Feasibility Studies / Pilot Projects
27 th January 5pm EST	Assessment Deadline	Feasibility Studies / Pilot Projects
3 rd February 2pm EST	Q&A Workshop	Major projects over \$500k
17 th February 5pm EST	Assessment Deadline	Major projects over \$500k
24 th February 2pm EST	Q&A Workshop	Feasibility Studies / Pilot Projects
3 rd March 2pm EST	Q&A Workshop	Major projects over \$500k
10 th March 5pm EST	Assessment Deadline	Feasibility Studies / Pilot Projects
24 th March 5pm EST	Assessment Deadline	Major projects over \$500k

2. Updates to NGen Project Application Guides

We are updating our Feasibility Study, Pilot Project and Supercluster Project guides which are available at <https://www.ngen.ca/supercluster-projects>

All projects submitted after January 11th for one of the assessment batches above must complete the 10 questions outlined in the new guides.

3. Cash Advances to Projects

NGen's funding model is based on a quarterly reimbursement of eligible costs. NGen has reserved a limited amount of funds for cash advances available to SME's. NGen intends to maximize the distribution of advances among the largest number of SME's as possible. As such, these funds are available on a first come, first served basis upon completing the contracting phase of the project application.