

# College of New Caledonia



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **CNC eligible to receive federal funding for applied research**

CNC is now eligible to receive federal funding for applied research from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

It means CNC students involved in applied research activities receive new and enhanced opportunities for learning. CNC employees gain enhanced knowledge and experience and work to further the college's reputation while participating in applied research.

"CNC is excited about achieving NSERC approval for a number of reasons," said Dr. Don Precosky, Dean, School of Academic Studies. "It does enhance our academic credibility and it also makes it easier for us to get funding from other federal funding agencies and from the private sector."

Besides employees and students benefitting, the learning environment at CNC also improves through the enriched opportunities applied research provides. The community gains by the establishment of collaborative, mutually beneficial arrangements and/or partnerships with local business, academic, government, non-government and not-for-profit organizations.

Under NSERC, CNC can apply for four types of grants: Innovation Enhancement, Applied Research and Development, Applied Research Tools and Instruments and Technology Access Centre. College faculty who meet the eligibility criteria can participate in a number of other NSERC programs, either as applicants or co-applicants, depending on the program.

"We are lucky to have the CNC Research Forest and it will be a major focus of research, but all discipline areas at CNC have potential for applied research," said Precosky. "We already have internally funded applied research projects under way in our Social Service Worker and Dental Hygiene programs and are in the planning stages of one in College and Career Preparation in Burns Lake."

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