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# GRANT PREPARATION COSTS MAY EXCEED GRANT GIVEN

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Using Natural Science and Engineering Research Council Canada (NSERC) statistics, we show that the \$40,000 (Canadian) cost of preparation for a grant application and rejection by peer review in 2007 exceeded that of giving every qualified investigator a direct baseline discovery grant of \$30,000 (average grant). This means the Canadian Federal Government could institute direct grants for 100% of qualified applicants for the same money. We anticipate that the net result would be more and better research since more research would be conducted at the critical idea or discovery stage.

Will that be ever read by our governments? Nay, nay.

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