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Saltbox Brewery Announced \$25,000 Research Grant

Acadia University and Saltbox Brewery are continuing their partnership on a project to develop indigenous yeast strains suitable for making truly local beer. The amount of the research grant made by Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) is \$25,000 to carry forward and further the work already done by the Saltbox/Acadia partnership.

Dr. Russell Easy and Dr. Allison Walker, Associate Professors of Biology at Acadia are leading the project for the University. Patrick Jardine, Director of Operations for Saltbox, is leading the collaboration for the Mahone Bay Brewery.

Mr. Jardine said, “We have made substantial progress in establishing ourselves as a serious craft brewery and research of this kind where we are the corporate sponsor adds to our growing expertise. We already make Blue Nose 1850, a beer made entirely with Lunenburg County hops. Now we can add local yeast strains to our brews to come up with products more rooted in the Lunenburg agricultural community”

Dr. Easy of Acadia said “This is exciting news for us and we are very happy to continue this work with Saltbox. Research with a distinctly local focus reinforces the ties between the University and the community. It is very encouraging to have NSBI support for this work.”

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