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February 11, 2022: Marking International Day of Women and Girls in Science

The CFI's President and CEO, Roseann O'Reilly Runte, published an editorial in the Hill Times on February 9, to highlight the opportunity Canada has to encourage women and girls to pursue careers in STEM, and how closing the gender gap can help the country fill the growing need for a skilled workforce to support research and bolster the economy. The Hill Times is a publication widely read by decision makers in Ottawa. Read the article [here](#).

February 18, 2022: Celebrate the CFI's 25th anniversary

February 18, 2022, marks the date 25 years ago when the Government of Canada created the Canada Foundation for Innovation. Over the last few months, our anniversary has offered the perfect occasion to celebrate everything Canada's research community has accomplished over a quarter-century. We have compiled all of our anniversary activities in one place [on our website](#). We will continue our celebration through the spring, so we encourage you to use #PromisingFutureNow on social media to share stories, testimonials, images or videos of CFI-funded infrastructure and the talented researchers and students who are using it. You may also want to consider getting in touch with our [communications team](#) if you have a researcher with a story to share through a "selfie video" for [our collection](#), or with any other ideas to help promote our anniversary.

Modifications to CV section in CAMS

Our CV requirements have changed to be more inclusive. The section of the CV formerly called "List of published contributions" has been renamed to "Most significant contributions" and researchers can now list both traditional and non-traditional research outputs. This revised CV will be used in all our competitions requiring CVs.

Traditional and non-traditional research outputs include, for example:

- Publishing research articles
- Reporting new knowledge or data (such as presenting at conferences and other venues)
- Developing new technologies
- Producing software
- Creating intellectual property
- Contributing to policy or business decisions
- Training highly qualified personnel
- Conducting community engagement and outreach activities
- Producing community products such as Indigenous scholarly works, cultural sensitivity training, etc.
- Discussing an article, book, presentation or other research on social media, podcasts and blogs
- Curating public exhibitions and events.

These changes will appear in CAMS in early March. Email your questions to 2023IF@innovation.ca.

2023 Innovation Fund

Material (video recording, slides from the presentation, and a Frequently Asked Questions) from the information session for the 2023 competition of the Innovation Fund is now available [here](#) on our website.

New digital signature process for institutional agreements

We have established a new digital signature process to approve institutional agreements using DocuSign. Instructions on how to update your institutional agreement using our new digital signature process are included on the “Resources to apply and manage your awards” page (under “Apply & manage your awards”) at [Innovation.ca](#). You need to update your institutional agreement when there is a change to your signing authorities.

Your feedback on our refreshed website

It has been a few months since we launched our refreshed website, [Innovation.ca](#), with a new look and more intuitive navigation. Now that you and your colleagues have had time to use the site, we would love your feedback. Do you like the new design? Can you easily find what you are looking for when you visit? Do you find the language easy to understand? If you have feedback to share, please send it to us at feedback@innovation.ca. You can also offer your input through a quick-survey pop-up window that is currently on our site.

CFI and Mitacs working together to help innovators connect

Last November, we informed you that the CFI and Mitacs are now working together to help innovators and entrepreneurs in all sectors access the R&D they need to innovate and succeed.

As part of this initiative, the Research Facilities Navigator has become an essential tool in Mitacs’s mission to connect industry with research-based solutions to business challenges. This means that facilities listed in the Navigator have even greater potential to be discovered. Researchers can also use this opportunity to connect — or reconnect — with Mitacs to share their interests regarding the private-sector organizations, industries or other partners they would like to collaborate with. Email navigator@innovation.ca to learn more.

You can help researchers at your institution reach potential partners and benefit from opportunities like our partnership with Mitacs by encouraging them to list their eligible facility on the Navigator. Since its launch in 2013, the Navigator has helped hundreds of innovators locate and connect with publicly funded research facilities that are open to collaboration. Visit listyourlab.innovation.ca for more information.

#FuelYourBusiness campaign launched

In January, we launched a marketing campaign that showcases the experts behind research labs listed on the [Research Facilities Navigator](#). The ads demonstrate the expertise the Navigator offers to various Canadian business sectors. Follow #FuelYourBusiness on LinkedIn and Twitter to discover researchers open to working with private-sector partners.



Important upcoming dates

You can always find key dates for all the CFI's funding opportunities on our website. Here are a few important dates coming up:

February 23, 2022	Deadline to submit notices of intent for the 2023 Innovation Fund competition
March 22, 2022	CFI Board of Directors meeting
April 7, 2022	Deadline to submit notices of intent for the College Fund
June 7, 2022	Deadline to submit proposals for the College Fund
June 14, 2022	CFI Board of Directors meeting
June 15, 2022	Deadline to submit proposals for the 2023 Innovation Fund competition
June 15, 2022	Deadline for John R. Evans Leaders Fund – unaffiliated proposals

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