



New Frontiers in Research Fund
Fonds Nouvelles frontières en recherche

2019 Exploration Competition

How to prepare a Notification of Intent to Apply

July 2019



Canada



SSHRC CRSH



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New Frontiers in Research Fund

Exploration Stream

- Objective:
 - Generate opportunities to conduct high-risk, high-reward and interdisciplinary research
 - Support research that pushes the boundaries of what is funded through the agencies
- Minimum of 100 awards
 - Maximum of \$125,000 per year for up to 2 years (includes indirect costs of up to 25% of direct costs)

New for the 2019 competition

- Open to all researchers as the nominated principal investigator!
 - Protected funding for Early Career Researchers (ECRs)
- Minimum of 2 team members (including Nominated PI)
- 3 Application Stages
 - Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) – *Not adjudicated*
 - Letter of Intent to Apply (LOI) – *Adjudicated**
 - Application – By invitation, based on LOI – *Adjudicated**

* Evaluation Matrices are available on our [website](#)

Roles and Eligibility

- Nominated Principal Investigator
 - Independent researcher with primary affiliation at a Canadian Institution holding full institutional eligibility with one of the agencies as of March 31, 2020
- Co-Principal Investigator
 - Independent researcher
 - May not be affiliated with a government or for-profit organization

Roles and Eligibility

- **Co-Applicants**
 - Includes, but is not limited to, independent researcher, policy-makers, Indigenous Elders, community leaders, Indigenous knowledge keeper, or individuals working for a charity
 - Have access to funds
- **Collaborators**
 - Any individual that contributes to the project and is not supervised by a team member
 - No access to funds

Subject matter eligibility

- Must be interdisciplinary
 - Include elements from at least 2 disciplines (group level of Canadian Research and Development Classification)
- Push the boundaries of what can be funded through the agencies, according to their mandates and existing programs.

Review process - NOI

- Not adjudicated
- Purpose
 - Informing committee composition
 - Identifying external reviewers

Review process - LOI

Adjudicated by the Multidisciplinary Review Panel

- Interdisciplinarity/Fit to program (Pass/Fail)
- High Risk (50%)
- High Reward (50%)

Purpose

- Identify applications that don't meet the objectives of the program
- Manage application volume to:
 - Reduce the burden on applicants
 - Reduce the burden on committee members
 - Reduce the number of external reviewers required
 - Reduce the burden on Research Administrators

Review process – Application

- Applications by invitation only
- Evaluated by external reviewers
- Adjudicated by the Multidisciplinary Review Panel
 - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (Pass/Fail)
 - High Risk (40%)
 - High Reward (40%)
 - Feasibility (20%)

Competition timeline

July

Competition launch and Convergence Portal opens
(**July 3rd**)

August

Submission of Notification of Intent to apply (NOI)
(**due Aug. 7th**)

September

Submission of Letter of Intent to apply (LOI)
(**due Sep. 4th**)

October

LOI stage results and invitations to submit an Application
(**Oct. 31st**)

December

Submission of Application
(**due Dec.10th**)

Dec - March

External reviews and committee assessment

March

Multidisciplinary review panel meeting

March

Release of Notices of Decision and start of awards
(**by March 31st**)

Notification of Intent to Apply

- **Mandatory stage**
- **Deadline: August 7th**
 - **Check with your RGO for internal deadlines****
- **Main Components:**
 - Application title, fields of research, keywords*
 - Summary of proposal (2,500 characters)*
 - Completed profiles of at least two team members*
 - List of collaborators
 - Suggested external reviewers and exclusions

* Locked in at this stage for the remainder of the competition

Selecting External Reviewers

- Be mindful of **conflicts of interest**
- Identify appropriate **expertise**
 - Ability to review with confidence (incl. language)
 - Experts familiar with the various disciplinary approaches in the interdisciplinary project
- Consider **diversity** in your selection
 - Canadian, international
 - Private, government, public sectors
 - Gender
 - Under-represented groups
 - Established, mid career, early career researchers

Collection of information

- Collected for the purpose of program performance management
- Self-ID data collected as part of the user profile is **NOT** shared with reviewers (or agency staff)

Please consult [Data Collection policy](#) if you would like more details

How to use the Convergence Portal



Resources

NFRF contact	NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca
Internal Deadlines	Your institution's Research Grants Office / RGO
NFRF website	
Funding Opportunity	
On-line Services Helpdesk	E-mail: websupport@chairs-chaire.gc.ca Telephone: 613-995-4273