

New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration Stream

Information Session and Panel Discussion

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New Frontiers in Research Fund
Fonds Nouvelles frontières en recherche

- Established in 2018 with \$275M in funding
- Three funding streams:
 - Exploration – build strength in high-risk, high-reward, interdisciplinary research
 - Transformation – large scale, to be launched October 2019
 - International – forthcoming

NFRF - Exploration

- High-Risk, High-Reward, Interdisciplinary research
- Support for research that is not easily funded by existing programs available through CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC
- Funding: up to \$125,000/year for up to two years
 - Up to \$100,000/year for direct costs
 - Up to \$25,000/year for indirect costs



Competition Deadlines

	Internal Deadline	NFRF Deadline
Notice of Intent to Apply	August 7, 2019 – 4:30 pm (AST)	August 7, 2019 – 9 pm (AST)
Letter of Intent to Apply	August 21, 2019	September 4, 2019
Full Application (by invitation)	December 1, 2019	December 10, 2019

At each submission stage, the researcher must submit, via the Convergence Portal, to the institution.

ORS will submit to NFRF.



Participation as an NPI, Co-PI, or Co-Applicant is limited to one application

- Minimum of 2 Team Members
- **NPI, Co-PI** – an independent researcher affiliated with an academic institution
- **Co-Applicants** – may be independent researchers, or may include practitioners, policy-makers, educators, decision-makers, health care administrators, Indigenous elders, Indigenous knowledge keepers, community leaders or individuals working for a charity
- **Collaborators** – not eligible to receive funding
- **Early Career Researchers** – both the NPI and Co-PI must be ECRs

Assessment Criteria

Criterion	Weighting at LOI Stage	Weighting at Full Application Stage
Interdisciplinarity	Pass/Fail	Not assessed
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)	Not assessed	Pass/Fail
High-Risk	50%	40%
High-Reward	50%	40%
Feasibility	Not Assessed	20%

The Notice of Intent is for registration purposes only and is not evaluated

Assessment Criteria – Definitions

High-Risk:

- defying current research paradigms;
- proposing unique scientific directions;
- bringing new disciplines together with different perspectives to use novel approaches for solving existing problems; and/or
- enhancing our understanding of complex and challenging issues

High-Reward:

- transforming and/or disrupting conventional thinking;
- resolving a longstanding issue or debate;
- significantly advancing current knowledge, methods and/or technologies; and/or
- having a high degree of impact and/or affecting a large community

Feasibility:

- research problem being addressed
- the capacity of the investigators;
- current research in the field;
- the proposed approach, including GBA+/SGBA (where appropriate);
- engagement and reciprocity with First nations, Inuit and Metis (for Indigenous research) (where appropriate); and
- the suitability of the research environment

Assessment Criteria - Definitions

Interdisciplinarity:

- Projects that are not easily funded through existing agency-specific programs
- Combining two or more disciplines that do not traditionally collaborate together, or are being combined in a novel way

Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI):

- Team commitment to EDI
- Meaningful engagement with members of under-represented groups
- Team composition and training activities; recruitment processes; and inclusion.

EDI Considerations

- Look beyond the existing team members – how will you support the recruitment and retention of under-represented groups
- May reference institutional strategies and initiatives, but indicate how these link to activities within your team
- It is not advised to list the demographic information of team members



Contact your Faculty Grants Facilitator for more Information

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Questions

