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Our investments

Since its creation in 1997, the CFI has committed more than **\$9.09 billion** in support of **13,128 projects** at **177 research institutions** across **82 municipalities**.*

Specifically in the **earth sciences**, CFI has provided **\$1.2 billion** in support of **3,886 projects**.*

*As of August 15, 2024

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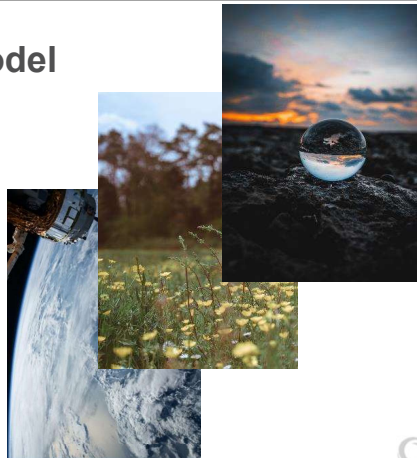
A unique funding model

Institutional Awards for research infrastructure – equipment, renovations, database development.

CFI provides 40% of infrastructure costs (remaining 60% matching fund to be provided by provinces, institutions and private sector). Tri-council grants are ineligible matching funds.

Competitive funding requiring excellence and institutional commitment to maintaining the infrastructure for its useful life.

Operational support through the Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF). For awarded projects, the CFI provides 30% of the CFI funded amount towards operation and maintenance costs.

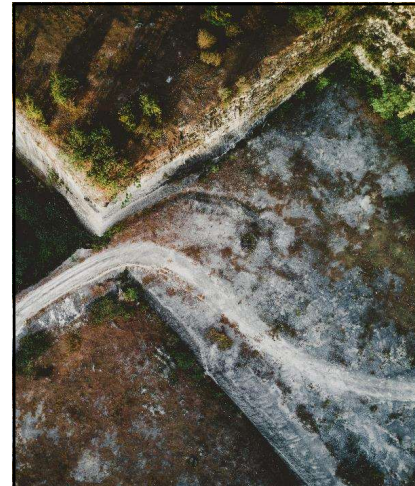


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Eligible projects

Typically support:

- A broad range of research programs
 - Natural science & engineering
 - Health
 - Social sciences, humanities, and the arts
- Research spanning the full spectrum of research
 - Fundamental
 - Applied
 - Technology development



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Eligible infrastructure

- Acquisition or development of research infrastructure to increase research capacity and enable innovative research activities.
- Facilities, laboratories, equipment, computer hardware, software, and databases.
- Including workhorses and upgrade or replacement of aging infrastructure.



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The Innovation Fund

Objectives of the fund:

- **Enable internationally competitive research** or technology development through the equitable participation of expert team members
- **Enhance the capacity of institutions** to conduct the research or technology development program over the useful life of the infrastructure
- **Generate benefits** for Canadians.



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The Innovation Fund 2025

STREAM
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Leading edge of exploration and knowledge generation (open).

This stream is open to proposals from all disciplines.

STREAM
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Leading edge of exploration and knowledge generation in the social sciences, humanities and arts.

To access this stream, the primary field of research must be in SSHA.

STREAM
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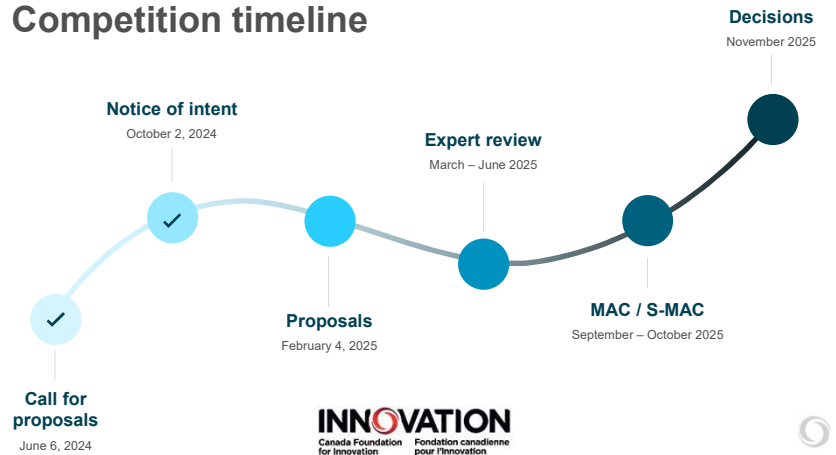
Creation, renewal and upgrade of core facilities.

To access this stream, all requested infrastructure must be housed in and managed by a core facility

\$425 million
Capital
+
\$127.5 million
Infrastructure
Operating Fund



Competition timeline



Objectives & assessment criteria

1 Enable internationally competitive research or technology development through the equitable participation of expert team members	2 Enhance the capacity of institutions to conduct the research or technology development program over the useful life of the infrastructure	3 Generate benefits for Canadians
Research or technology development Team	Infrastructure Sustainability	Benefits

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Innovation Fund 2025

Notices of intent

By stream

Stream	NOIs submitted (%)	Total cost (%)	CFI request (%)	Average CFI request
Stream 1 (Open)	238 (67%)	\$2.53 billion (71%)	\$958 million (71%)	\$4.00 million
Stream 2 (Social Sciences and Humanities)	36 (10%)	\$261 million (8%)	\$104 million (8%)	\$2.89 million
Stream 3 (Core facilities)	81 (23%)	\$758 million (21%)	\$288 million (21%)	\$3.56 million
TOTAL	355	\$3.55 billion	\$1.35 billion	\$3.81 million



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John R. Evans Leaders Fund

- Aimed at the attraction and retention of faculty members in universities & research hospitals.
- Funds smaller, more focused research infrastructure projects.
- Typically, below \$2 million.
 - Minimum \$75,000, Maximum \$800,000 CFI request (\$2M total).
 - Exceptions for SSHA and small institutions
- University allocation based on share of tri-agency funding.
- Three deadlines per year.



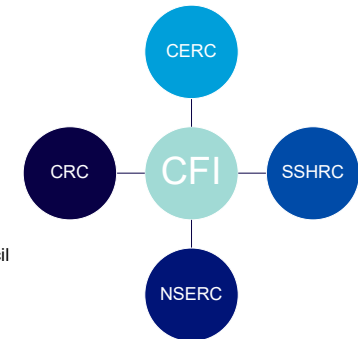
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Partnerships

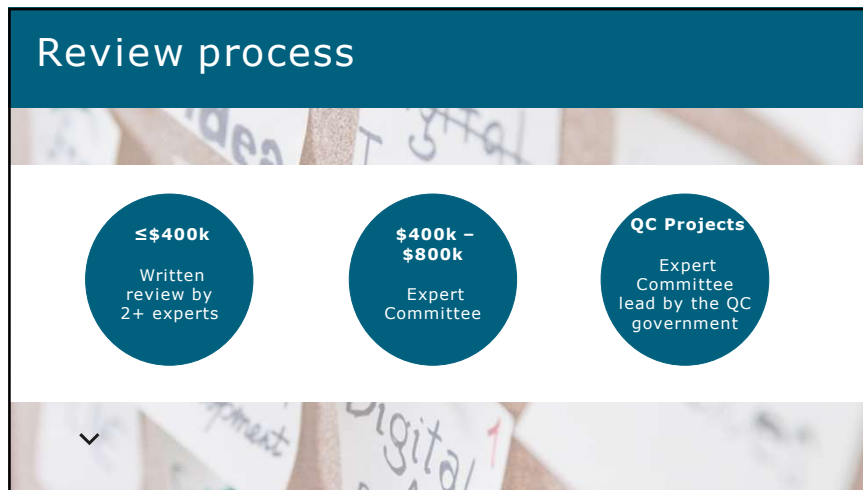
Joint proposals and review

The JELF Partnership streams accept proposals that are submitted alongside an application for research support from our funding partners:

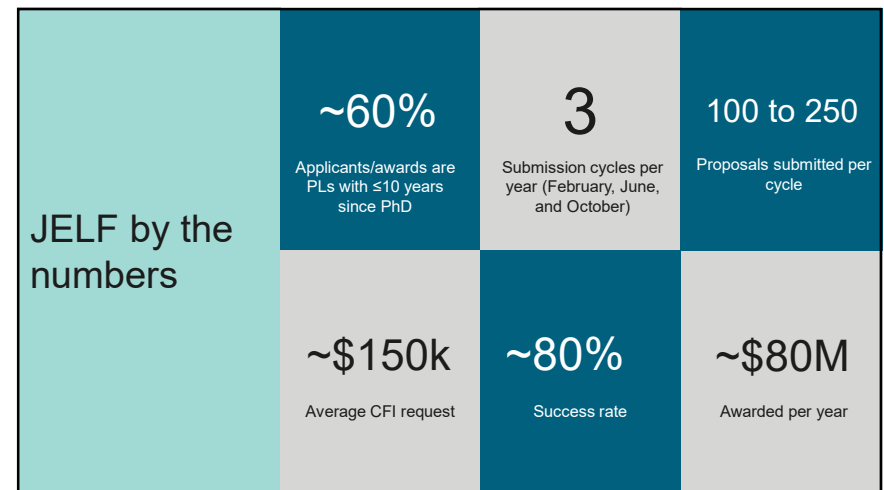
- The Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat's (TIPS) Canada Research Chairs (CRC) and Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) programs;
- The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) through its Alliance Grants program; and
- The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) through its Insight Grants and Partnership Grants programs.



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What the expert reviewers say

STRENGTHS

Research or technology development

- Highly innovative
- Strong breakthrough potential
- Leads the field internationally

Team expertise

- Impressive depth and breadth of expertise
- Outstanding research track record

Team composition

- Concrete actions and tangible activities
- Commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion

Infrastructure

- Outstanding justification

Sustainability

- Strong governance and oversight structure
- Strong operating and maintenance plan

Benefits

- Credible and proven pathways to benefits
- Strong partnerships with end users
- Potential for societal impact

WEAKNESSES

Research or technology development

- Lacking details on methodology
- Approach is not feasible

Team expertise

- Missing expertise
- Missing critical mass of expertise

Team composition

- Missing or lacking detail
- Generic statements

Infrastructure

- Not well justified

Sustainability

- Potential user base or business development plan missing
- Costs/revenues not detailed
- Weak operating and maintenance plans

Benefits

- Missing details of benefits
- Weak plan for tech transfer/knowledge mobilization/clinical transfer



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Key messages

Poorly described
Unclear methodology
Generic
Not well justified
Missing expertise
Unclear
Lacking detail
Overstated benefits
Weak plans
Not feasible

✓ Read the assessment criteria standards and instructions **carefully**

✓ Include the **information requested**



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Spending delays

In general, institutions have been taking longer to:

- **Finalize** awards.
- **Implement** projects - often due to construction challenges, supply chain and transportation issues.
- **Disburse funds** allocated to them through the Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF).

As a result, the overall funding specified in our current contribution agreement with the Government of Canada will be reduced by \$101.3 million.

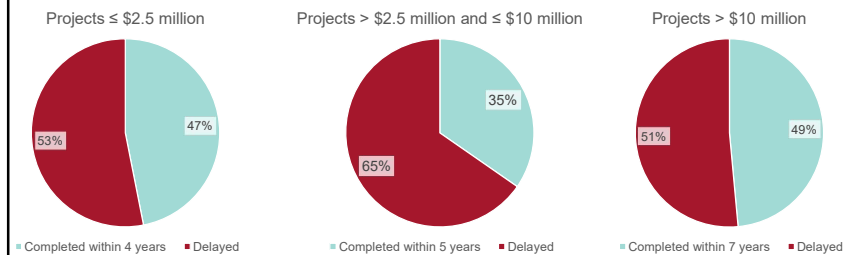
We encourage institutions to:


- Submit projects that demonstrate **appropriate maturity**.
- Consider all costs and create a **realistic budget**.
- Gather all **documentation** needed for finalization **ahead of time**.



Spending delays

Total project costs	Deadline to submit final financial report
≤ \$2.5 million	Four years from board decision date
> \$2.5 million and ≤ \$10 million	Five years from board decision date
> \$10 million	Seven years from board decision date

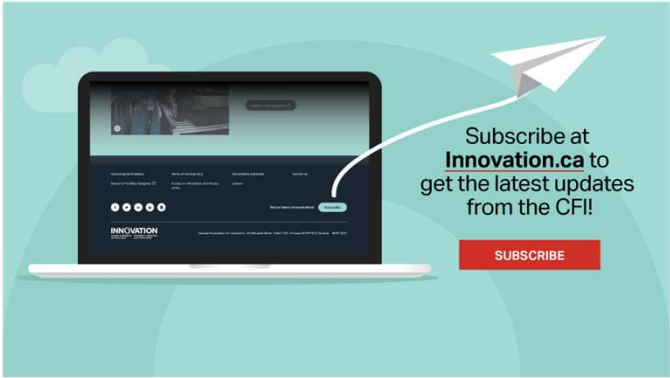




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