Innovation Fund 2015

Information Session
February 2014
Striving for Global Leadership and Reaping the Benefits

$325M
Agenda

The CFI challenge to institutions
Objectives
Application process
Review process
Timeline
Questions
CFI’s *Challenge to institutions*

**To propose ...**
- **transformative** infrastructure projects that will underpin **cutting-edge research** and will have a **structuring effect** on Canada’s research landscape

**To continue ...**
- To make **strategic choices** and set **priorities** that **build** on their distinct advantages
Objectives

- Strive for global leadership
- Forge and foster productive, value-added partnerships
- Lead to social, health, environmental and economic benefits
Some changes ...  

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<th>Minimum total project costs</th>
<th>Eligibility of construction costs</th>
<th>Operating &amp; Maintenance costs</th>
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<td>$500k</td>
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Assessment: Institutional track record & commitment

Expert review of large, complex projects

Research computing
Research Computing Infrastructure

- Definition of research computing infrastructure
- Maximizing investments and sustainability through sharing of resources
- Consultative process with Compute Canada detailed on its website: computecanada.ca
Application Process
Funding Envelopes

March

NOI (+20%) [382x196]

June

Proposal [558x317] [548x97]

33% Funding rate [562x37] [157x196]
• Project information
• Collaborating institutions
• Up to 10 principal users
• Project description
• Min 6 suggested reviewers
CAMS forms

- Project module
- Finance module
- Suggested reviewers
Proposal: Project module

- Project information
- Plain language summary and project summary
- Principal and other users
- Collaborating institutions
- Financial resources for operations and maintenance
- Assessment criteria and budget justification
Assessment criteria & Budget justification

- Institutional track record and commitment
- Research & Technology Development
- Team
- Infrastructure & Budget Justification
- Sustainability of the research infrastructure
- Benefits to Canadians
Institutional track record and commitment

**Criterion standard:**
The proposal builds on existing capacity and key investments in people and infrastructure.

Through tangible commitments, the institution supports the area of the proposal in order to maintain or gain a competitive advantage internationally.
Research & Technology Development

Timeliness of the proposed research activities
Potentially transformative and innovative aspects
Boost level of international competitiveness

Team

Expertise & ability to lead research activities
Team's technical expertise → best use of infrastructure
Infrastructure & Budget Justification

Requested infrastructure & location
Concise budget

Sustainability of the research infrastructure

Availability of O&M resources
O&M needs of infrastructure over its useful life

Benefits to Canadians

Pathways towards anticipated benefits
Timeframe
Finance module

– Cost of individual items
– **Floor plans (if applicable)**
– Contributions from eligible partners
– Infrastructure utilization
– Overview of infrastructure project funding

Suggested reviewers
Merit Review Process
Experts review
- Strengths
- Weaknesses

MAC
- Excellence
- Competition Objectives
- Exceptional merit

SMAC
- Mandate
- Competition Objectives
- Portfolio
Collaboration

Expert Review
Provincial & territorial funding authorities
S-MAC

INNOVATION.CA
Call for proposals: March 28, 2014
Expert review: June 27, 2014
MAC/SMAC review: March 2015
Now over to you... Questions?
Thank you
Helpful links

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2015 IF: Call for proposals

2015 IF: Guidelines for completing a notice of intent and a proposal

2015 IF: Technical instructions for completing a notice of intent and a proposal

2015 IF: Envelope Calculation tool

CAMS

Getting started with CAMS: An overview document for researchers

Getting started with CAMS: An overview document for institutional research services personnel