

CFI Update

A periodic update from the vice presidents of the **Canada Foundation for Innovation**

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Update on the 2020 Innovation Fund competition

We released the final call for proposals for the [2020 Innovation Fund](#) competition on May 13, 2019. The CFI will invest up to \$520 million for this competition: \$400 million in capital funding for research infrastructure and \$120 million to contribute to operating costs through the Infrastructure Operating Fund. Projects funded through the Innovation Fund will help Canada remain at the forefront of exploration and knowledge generation while making meaningful contributions to generating social, health, environmental and economic benefits and addressing global challenges.

Don't forget to register for one of the upcoming information sessions for this competition (see below for the dates and times). These 90 minute sessions will include a 30 minute presentation followed by a question and answer period. To ensure that adequate space is available to accommodate those interested in attending, you should register at your earliest convenience by following the link provided in the table below.

Language	Date	Time	Registration links
English	June 11, 2019	1:30 – 3 p.m. (EDT)	Webinar 1 – English
French	June 12, 2019	1:30 – 3 p.m. (EDT)	Webinaire – français
English	June 13, 2019	1:30 – 3 p.m. (EDT)	Webinar 2 – English

Participants will be able to ask questions during the webinar using a chat box. However, we encourage you to forward your questions in advance to if-fi.2020@innovation.ca to help us ensure they are addressed during the webinars. The recorded webinars and the presentations will be posted on [Innovation.ca](#). Should you have additional questions regarding the 2020 Innovation Fund competition, please contact your Senior Programs Officer.

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A retrospective analysis of the first funding cycle of the Major Science Initiatives Fund

We published a [new report](#) that presents key findings on the advancement of the twelve national research facilities funded through the [Major Science Initiatives Fund](#) between 2012 and 2017. An analysis of the facilities' final performance and financial reports shows that support through the MSI Fund enabled facilities to deliver outstanding and world-class science and that the CFI met the MSI Fund objectives. More precisely, funded facilities were able to fully exploit their technical and scientific capabilities as well as improve their governance and management including long-term strategic and operational planning. With the development and delivery of the MSI Fund, the CFI has created a model of successful support and oversight for national research facilities.

Complete list of CFI-eligible institutions now online

We recently published [a complete list of CFI eligible institutions](#). It includes more than 200 Canadian universities, colleges, research hospitals and non-profit research organizations recognized as eligible to apply for, receive and administer funding from the CFI.

Updates to the CFI Awards Management System

An update was applied to the CFI Awards Management System (CAMS) on April 30, 2019.

Notable updates include:

- **We introduced the ability to share contact information for institutional liaisons.** Liaisons can find this option under “manage privileges” in the “Institutional agreement and access privileges” section.
- **The project overview in the “Overview information” section has been enhanced to also include projects that have not been funded.** Previously only funded projects were shown. This will allow institutions to have a more complete view of their applications to the CFI. Review assessment reports have also been added to the content of the project overview.

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New rates for the Infrastructure Operating Fund now available

The [2018–19 Infrastructure Operating Fund rates](#) 2018–19 Infrastructure Operating Fund rates are now available online. These rates are specifically for the reporting of facility charges related to CFI-funded space or space essential to house and use CFI-funded infrastructure, or for the reporting of electricity costs related to CFI-funded equipment.

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Project progress report

The 2019 operational status question and project progress reports (PPRs) can now be accessed in the CFI Awards Management System (CAMS). The deadline for answering the operational status question and submitting a PPR is June 30, 2019. To date, about 60% of the nearly 600 expected responses related to the operational status of the infrastructure have been submitted. As well, nearly 30 percent of the 1,650 PPRs expected this year have been completed. We use PPRs as a key source of information to assist in the proper managing of projects, to inform annual reporting, as well as to assess and report on the impact of our investments.

Infrastructure project financial reports

Reports for the period ending March 31, 2019 must be submitted by June 15 for any ongoing infrastructure project that received CFI funds prior to April 1, 2019. If your institution plans to submit a final financial report by September 30, 2019, you do not need to submit an interim report by June 15. The list of reports that your institution needs to submit is available in CAMS. All financial reports must be submitted electronically in this system.

Infrastructure Operating Fund annual report

Your Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF) annual report must be submitted by June 15, 2019. In it, you must include your actual expenditures up to March 31, 2019, and also your request for the release of infrastructure operating funds for the 2019–20 fiscal year based on your expenditure projections for that year. The CFI will make the required payment following the receipt of your report. This report must be submitted electronically in CAMS.

For the purposes of reporting projected expenditures for 2019–20 in your IOF annual report to be submitted this summer, you can use the 2018–19 rates currently posted on our website. However, once the 2019–20 rates are available, you should use them next year to report actual expenditures for 2019–20.

Thank you for the time and effort your institution dedicates to reporting to the CFI.