



Getting started with the CFI Awards Management System

An overview document for
researchers

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1 DEFINITIONS

Institution refers to the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)-eligible institution or an authorized representative acting on behalf of the institution.

Institutional administrator refers to individuals responsible for managing CFI projects on behalf of the institution. These individuals are responsible for pre-award and post-award activities.

Pre-award activities encompass all activities related to applying for CFI funding, uploading supporting documents, collaborating with researchers to submit proposals, and viewing the funding decisions and review materials for proposals.

Post-award activities encompass all activities related to managing successful projects including award finalization, amendments, *Project progress reports* and financial reports. This also includes managing the institution's Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF) allocation and IOF annual reports.

Project leader refers to individuals mandated by the institution to lead CFI-funded projects.

Reviewer refers to individuals who participate in the review process of proposals submitted to the CFI.

2 REFERENCE MATERIAL

This guide is intended for researchers. Other guides are available, depending on your role and the type of activity you perform in CAMS.

Institutional administrator: If you are an institutional administrator, please refer to [*Getting started with CAMS: An overview document for institutional administrators.*](#)

Reviewers: If you are a reviewer, please refer to [*Getting started with CAMS: An overview document for reviewers.*](#)

3 WHAT IS CAMS?

The Canada Foundation for Innovation Awards Management System (CAMS) is the secure online portal that allows universities, colleges, research hospitals and non-profit research institutions to apply for CFI funding and assists them in managing the full life cycle of a CFI-funded project.

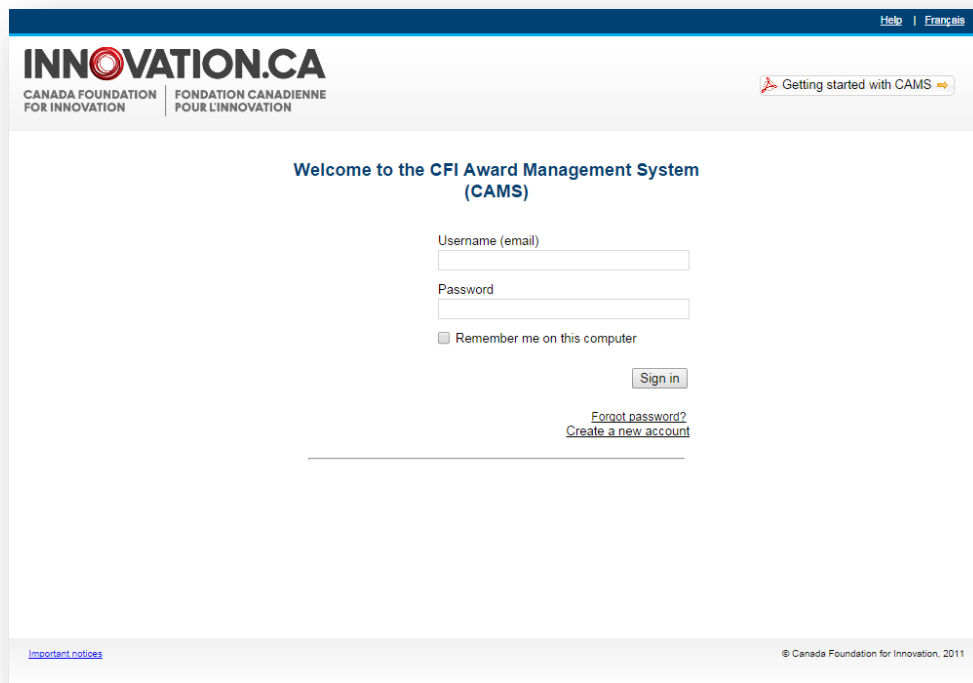
CAMS allows institutional administrators to manage pre-award and post-award activities related to CFI funding. It also allows researchers to prepare proposals for internal submission to the institution, as well as have access to information related to the projects they lead. Finally, CAMS gives reviewers access, in a single location, to the information and documentation necessary to assess the proposals assigned to them.

4 ACCESS TO CAMS

4.1 CAMS sign-in page

You can access CAMS as follows:

- Navigate to Innovation.ca;
- Click “CFI online” from top of screen;
- Click “Sign in” in right-hand menu; and,
- The CAMS sign-in page will appear.



The screenshot shows the CAMS sign-in page. At the top, there is a blue header with the 'INNOVATION.CA' logo and the text 'CANADA FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION' and 'FONDATION CANADIENNE POUR L'INNOVATION'. To the right of the logo is a link 'Help | Français'. Below the header, there is a red button labeled 'Getting started with CAMS'. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to the CFI Award Management System (CAMS)'. It contains a sign-in form with fields for 'Username (email)' and 'Password'. Below these fields is a checkbox labeled 'Remember me on this computer'. A 'Sign in' button is located below the checkbox. Below the 'Sign in' button are two links: 'Forgot password?' and 'Create a new account'. At the bottom of the page, there is a link 'Important notices' on the left and a copyright notice '© Canada Foundation for Innovation, 2011' on the right.

On this page:

- Registered users can sign in;
- Registered users who have forgotten their password can reset their password; and,
- Researchers and institutional administrators can create a CAMS account.

4.2 Account creation process



4.2.1 Creating a new account

From the sign in page, click “Create a new account” and follow the instructions.

4.3 Two-step verification

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Getting started with CAMS →

Welcome to the CFI Award Management System (CAMS)

To enhance CAMS security, you are required to enter a security code to complete the authentication process.

You have the option of receiving the security code by email to your username, to an alternative email, or to your mobile device number.

If you have not already set up an alternative email or mobile device number, you can provide them in the security settings tab on your user profile after your log in.

☒ Email (username) ☐ Email (alternative) ☐ Mobile device number

Email (alternative)

Mobile device number

Country code Area code Number

To enhance CAMS security, in addition to signing in using a username and password, users who have an institution role associated to their user account may be required to enter a security code to complete the authentication process.

You have the option of receiving the security code by email to your username, to an alternative email or to your mobile device number.

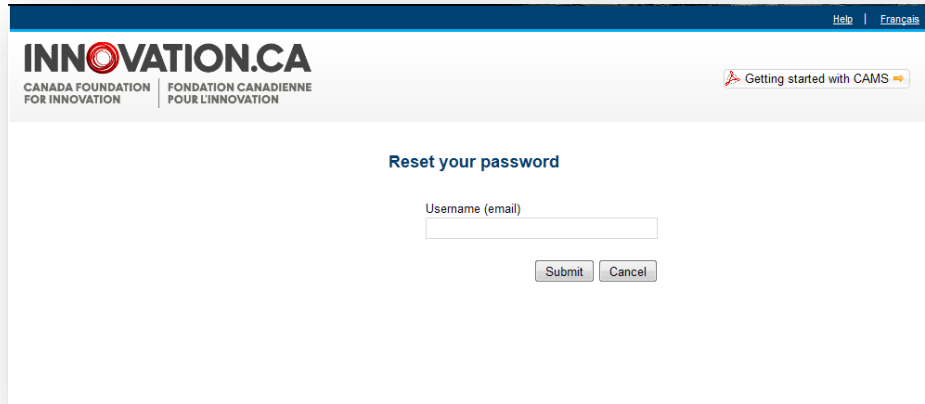
The screenshot shows the login page for the CFI Award Management System (CAMS). At the top, the logo for INNOVATION.CA is displayed, along with the text "CANADA FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION" and "FONDATION CANADIENNE POUR L'INNOVATION". A link "Getting started with CAMS" is visible in the top right. The main heading is "Welcome to the CFI Award Management System (CAMS)". Below this, a message states: "A security code has been sent to either your username (email), alternative email or mobile device number. It may take several minutes to receive the security code. If the security code was sent to your alternative email, you may need to check your spam folder." A prompt asks the user to "Please enter the security code received to complete the sign in process:" followed by a text input field. Below the input field, there is a question "Are you using a trusted computer/device?" with radio buttons for "Yes" and "No". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Sign in" and "Resend security code".

When entering the security code, if you specify that your computer or device is trusted, you will not have to enter a security code again when using that device and browser. However, if you change devices or browsers, or clear your browser's cache, you will be required to use two-step verification when you sign in.

The screenshot shows the "CFI Awards Management System security setup" page. The heading is "CFI Awards Management System security setup". Below this, there is a section titled "Security code - initial setup". An information icon is followed by the text: "To enhance CAMS security, when logging in, you may be prompted to enter a security code that you will receive to either your username (email), to an alternative email, or to your mobile device number." There are two radio buttons: "Use username (email) only" and "Use username (email) or other options", with the latter being selected. Below this, a message states: "Enter an alternative email or mobile device number to have more than one option to receive the security code. Click 'Verify' to receive a security code to verify the alternative email or mobile device number." There are two input sections. The first is for "Email (alternative)" with a text input field, a "Verify" button, and a "Clear" button. The second is for "Mobile device number" with three input fields labeled "Country code", "Area code", and "Number", each with a "Verify" button and a "Clear" button. At the bottom right, there is a "Save" button.

New users or users with a newly assigned institution role will be prompted to set up a method of receiving security codes, either when creating a user account or when first logging into CAMS. You can modify the method of receiving security codes by navigating to the "My profile and preferences" screen.

4.4 Resetting your password

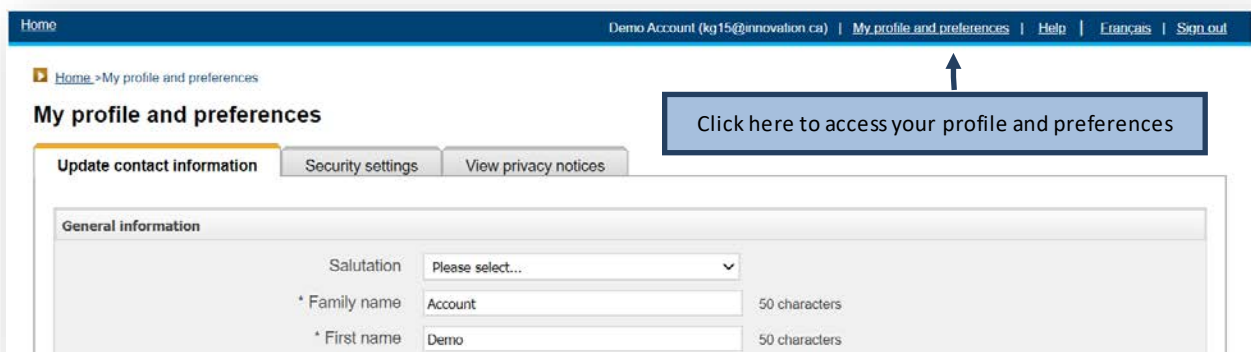


The screenshot shows the 'Reset your password' page on the INNOVATION.CA website. The header includes the logo for the Canada Foundation for Innovation (Fondation canadienne pour l'innovation) and links for 'Help' and 'Français'. A link 'Getting started with CAMS' is also visible. The main content area has the title 'Reset your password' and a form with a label 'Username (email)' and a text input field. Below the input field are 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons.

If you have forgotten your password, you can request to have the password automatically reset by clicking “Forgot password?” on the sign-in page. You will be required to provide your username (email address). You will receive an email with a unique password reset link. Once you click on the link, you will be required to create a new password. If you require assistance, please contact the CFI help desk at help.aide@innovation.ca.

4.5 Accessing user profile and preferences

These pages allow you to manage your contact information, security settings and password, as well as view privacy notices from the CFI.



The screenshot shows the 'My profile and preferences' page. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Demo Account (kg15@innovation.ca)', 'My profile and preferences', 'Help', 'Français', and 'Sign out'. Below the navigation bar, there's a breadcrumb 'Home > My profile and preferences'. The main heading is 'My profile and preferences'. There are three tabs: 'Update contact information' (selected), 'Security settings', and 'View privacy notices'. A blue callout box with an upward arrow points to the 'My profile and preferences' link in the navigation bar, containing the text 'Click here to access your profile and preferences'. The 'Update contact information' tab shows a 'General information' section with fields for 'Salutation' (a dropdown menu with 'Please select...' selected), '* Family name' (text input with 'Account' and a 50 characters limit), and '* First name' (text input with 'Demo' and a 50 characters limit).

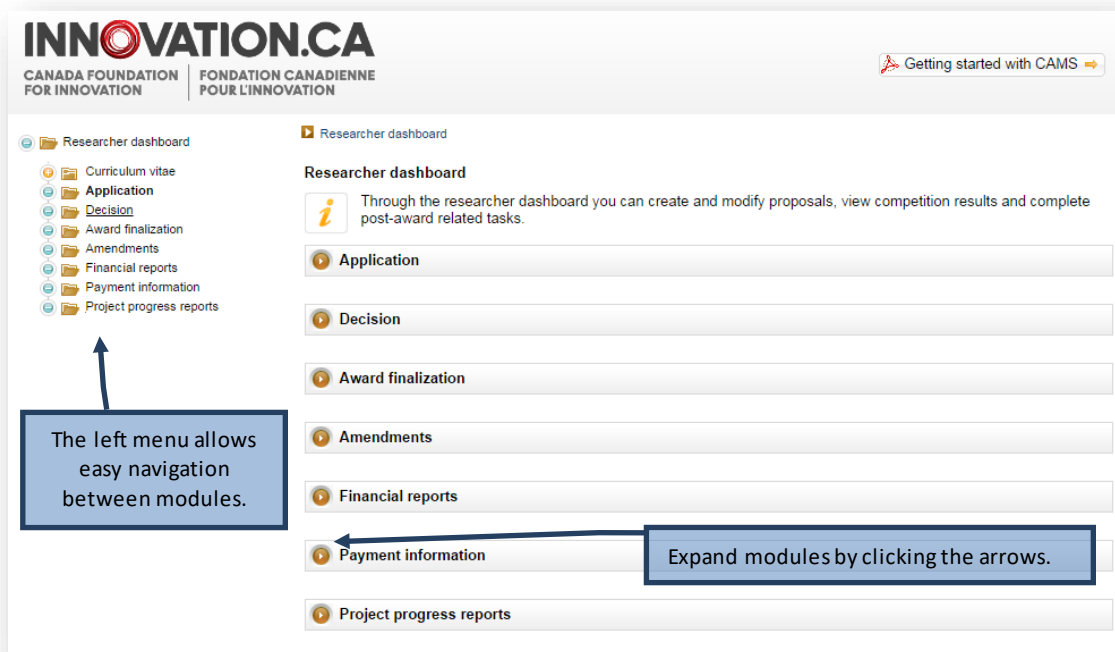
5 THE RESEARCHER DASHBOARD

5.1 Overview

Once signed in as a researcher in CAMS, you are automatically directed to your researcher dashboard. The dashboard contains easy access to information related to your role(s) in a project (e.g. key participant, collaborator, project leader, etc.).

5.2 Navigation

The researcher dashboard contains a number of sections. The following image describes these sections and illustrates their functionalities.



Note: You may not see all the sections displayed above. The sections displayed on your researcher dashboard will depend on the access privileges granted to you by your institution.

A number of features are available in most CAMS modules that can help you navigate between screens or provide contextual information for certain fields.

Project leader

 Budget updates subsequent to the award finalization can be viewed in the amendment section of the researcher portal.

6 entry(ies) found displaying 5 entry(ies)

Access additional information by hovering on "i" icons.

Toggle page display for tables and search results.

1 This award has not been made public yet; please keep it confidential.
2 This project has been withdrawn.

For award finalizations prior to May 2014, the date displayed corresponds to the date the Itemized list & summary of secured contributions was submitted to the CFI.

Project number	Project title	Fund	CFI board decision date	Date received by the CFI	Conditions	Issued	Budget at award finalization	Forms/ attachments
66666	Infrastructure for transformative technology transfer	New Initiatives Fund 2009	2009-06-16	2011-05-04		2011-07-29	Itemized list	View

Click column header to sort table. Click again to reverse sort order.

Show all Show pages

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Researcher dashboard > Financial reports > Project #33333

Financial reports

Project number 33333

Recipient institution My institution
Project title Proteomics research infrastru...

Click on the breadcrumbs to navigate and return to modules.

Validation

Notice of intent

- 'Total project cost' is a required field.
- 'Amount requested from the CFI' is a required field.
- 'Primary discipline' is a required field.
- 'Primary sub-discipline' is a required field.
- 'Primary area of application' is a required field.
- 'Title/position' is a required field.

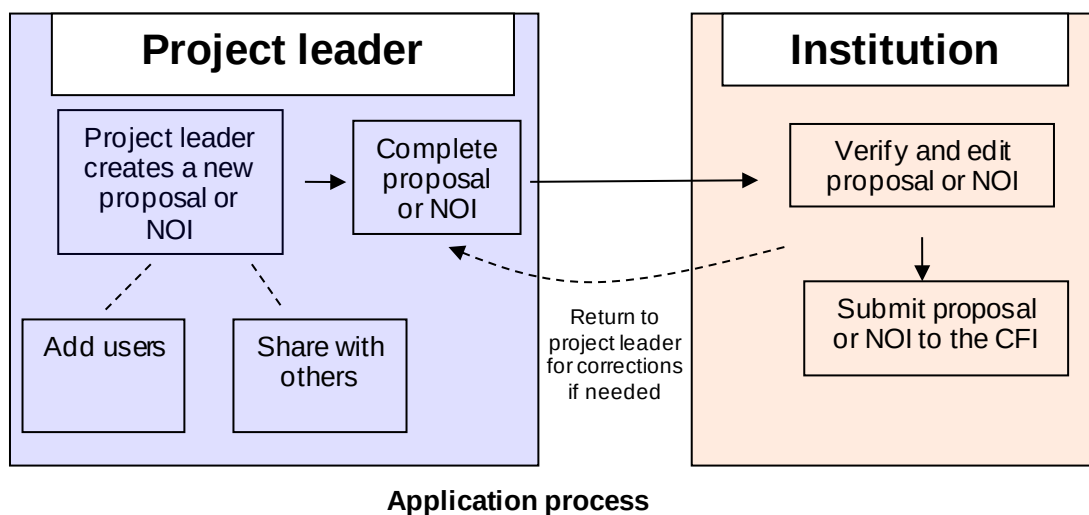
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Click on error link in a validation window to navigate to the relevant section.

6 THE APPLICATION PROCESS

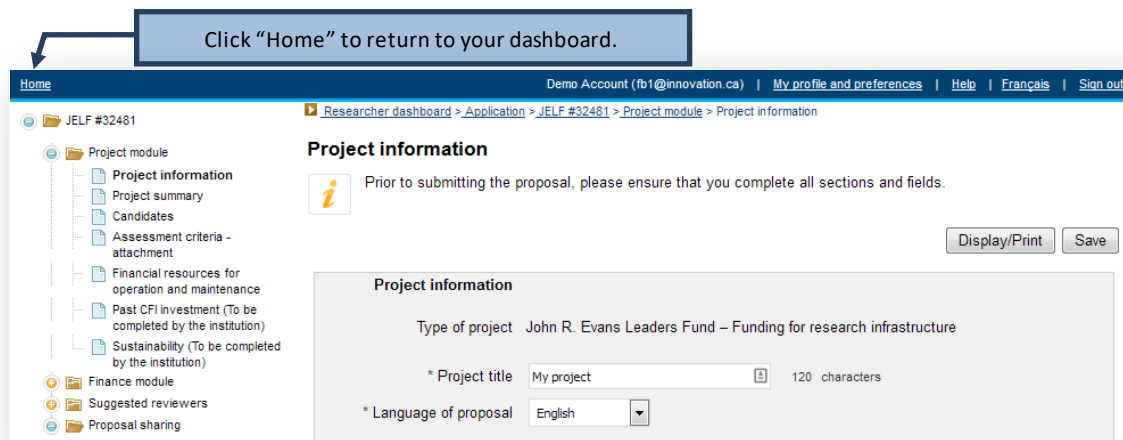
The process to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) or proposal to the CFI typically involves three steps:

1. The project leader creates a new NOI or proposal and completes the forms online. Once the project leader has marked the form as complete he or she will no longer have access to modify it. Institutional administrators with appropriate access can also complete the forms online on behalf of the project leader.
2. The institution may edit the form and/or release it back to the project leader for revision. When the NOI or proposal is deemed final, the institution indicates that the form has been verified. If applicable, the system will generate the final PDF version of the NOI or proposal at this point.
3. An authorized institutional administrator then submits the NOI or proposal to the CFI.



Note: For more information on the application process, refer to the specific instructions for each fund available through the "[Apply and manage awards](#)" page of [CFI website](#).

6.1 Navigating within the proposal form



6.2 Guidelines for attachments

6.2.1 Pagination

CAMS will automatically paginate notices of intent and proposals when they are submitted. Documents *should not* be individually paginated prior to being uploaded to the electronic system.

6.2.2 Page formatting

Since reviewers will assess proposals electronically, the applicant should only use a standard, single-column on an 8.5" x 11" page layout for documents. Avoid using a two-column or landscape format since it may reduce legibility.

The notice of intent and proposal must be clear and easily readable. Legibility is of paramount importance and should take precedence in the selection of an appropriate font for use in the notice of intent and proposal. The applicant is strongly encouraged to use a 12-point, black-coloured font and use single line spacing (six lines per inch) with no condensed type or spacing.

Additionally, the CFI expects documents to conform to the following guidelines:

- Header: Indicate the administrative institution on the top left, the title of the section in the middle and the project number on the top right of each page.
- Footer: Do not include any information in the footer as this area will be used for automatic page numbering.
- Page margin: Insert a margin of no less than 2.5 cm (1 inch) around the page. The header may be within the margin.
- File format and size: Only PDF files may be uploaded. Documents in other formats should be converted to PDF prior to being uploaded and should not be encrypted or password protected. The file size must not exceed 20 megabytes.

Adherence to the page formatting guidelines noted above is necessary to ensure that the reviewers receive legible proposals and that no applicant will have an unfair advantage by using smaller type, line spacing or margins to provide more text in the notice of intent or in the proposal. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the CFI returning a proposal for revision.

6.3 Notice of Intent structure

Notices of intent will be used to assist the CFI in planning the review process, identifying the requisite expertise for the assessment of each proposal, recruiting committee members, and detecting potential eligibility issues with the infrastructure items requested. Therefore, notices of intent should contain accurate information about the infrastructure and its users, the proposed research or technology development and the expected outcomes.

Applicants will not be able to change the name of the project leader or administrative institution once a notice of intent is completed. That is because the CFI uses notices of intent to assemble review committees and changes to the project leader or administrative institution may result in a conflict of interest for a review committee member. *If such a change is deemed necessary, contact your Senior Programs Officer as soon as possible. The CFI will oversee the change to be made in CAMS.*

6.3.1 Project information

This section captures basic information about the project such as the title, administrative institution and keywords.

6.3.2 Collaborating institutions

Identify the institutions eligible for CFI funding collaborating in this project. Enter the amount to be provided from each collaborating institution's envelope for this competition. Do not include in this list the administrative institution identified in the Project information section.

6.3.3 Principal users/Team Members

List the principal users of the infrastructure requested, including the project leader. Principal users must have a CAMS account and sign in to accept to participate in the project before a notice of intent can be submitted to the CFI. Researchers listed as principal users automatically gain read access to the notice of intent and proposal.

6.3.4 Project description (page limit varies by competition)

Provide a description of the major pieces of infrastructure requested, a short overview of the research or technology development activities to be enabled by the infrastructure, and the anticipated outcomes from these activities, including expected application(s).

Also use this section to clearly indicate if the proposal will include advanced research computing infrastructure. Similarly, specify if the proposed location of the infrastructure project would be either a national or international research facility. In both such cases, the institution must consult with the host facility, comply with the facility's established planning and project approval processes, and obtain the approval of the host facility.

6.3.5 Suggested reviewers

Identify a minimum of six reviewers who are well-qualified to review the proposal and who are not in a position of conflict of interest. A conflict of interest may be deemed to exist or perceived as such when reviewers:

- are a relative or close friend, or have a personal relationship with the project leader or one of the principal users;
- are in a position to gain or lose financially/materially from the funding of the proposal;
- have had long-standing scientific or personal differences with the project leader or one of the principal users;
- are currently affiliated with the project leader's or the principal users' institutions, organizations or companies — including research hospitals and research institutes;
- are closely professionally affiliated with the project leader or one of the principal users, as a result of having in the last six years:
 - o frequent and regular interactions with the project leader or one of the principal users in the course of their duties at their department, institution, organization or company;
 - o been a supervisor or a trainee of the project leader or one of the principal users;

- o collaborated, published or shared funding with the project leader or one of the principal users, or have plans to do so in the immediate future;
 - o been employed by the administrative institution;
- feel for any reason unable to provide an impartial review of the proposal.

Note: The decision whether to contact the suggestions remains with the CFI.

6.4 Proposal structure

The proposal should clearly present the merits and excellence of the proposed project. Sufficient information should be provided to enable reviewers to evaluate the proposal in accordance with the assessment criteria established by the CFI (please refer to the Assessment criteria section for the competition).

If the submission of a notice of intent was required, CAMS automatically populates the proposal with information provided in the notice of intent including the following: project information, collaborating institutions, principal users and suggested reviewers. Applicants will not be able to change the name of the project leader or administrative institution once the notice of intent is completed. This is because the CFI uses the notices of intent to assemble review committees and a change to the project leader or administrative institution may result in a conflict of interest for a review committee member. *If such a change is deemed necessary, contact your Senior Programs Officer as soon as possible. The CFI will oversee the change to be made in CAMS.*

Applicants are able to revise the details of the collaborating institutions, principal users and suggested reviewers to reflect changes from the time of the notice of intent submission. However, we ask that you inform your Senior Programs Officer as soon as possible if any changes are made to the aforementioned lists.

The proposal consists of three separate CAMS modules:

Project module: Information about the proposed project, how it meets the objectives and criteria of the competition.

Finance module: Information pertaining to the budgetary details of the proposal.

Suggested reviewers module: List of potential reviewers of the proposal.

The forms in CAMS will dictate the maximum number of characters that can be included in each section and/or the page limits for uploaded documents.

6.5 Project module

6.5.1 Project information

This section captures basic information about the project such as the title, administrative institution and keywords. The information in this section is automatically populated with information if it was provided in a notice of intent.

6.5.2 Plain language summary

Provide a short summary in plain language of the proposed project: what is being researched, how it is being done and why it is important. Focus on the expected impacts and benefits to Canada, beyond academic accomplishments. This summary will not be used in the review process. Should the project be funded, it may be used in the CFI's communications products and website.

6.5.3 Project summary

In language appropriate for a Multidisciplinary Assessment Committee (MAC), provide a general description of the research or technology development activities to be undertaken and a general overview of the infrastructure being requested. This summary must concisely address the extent to which the proposal meets the competition objectives.

6.5.4 Principal and other users/Team members

The list of principal users/team members is prepopulated if a notice of intent was required. Newly-added principal users must have a CAMS account and accept to participate in this project before a proposal can be submitted to the CFI. The CVs of the principal users will be appended to the proposal. Researchers listed as principal users automatically gain read access to the proposal.

6.5.5 Collaborating institutions

Identify the institutions eligible for CFI funding collaborating in this project. The list of collaborating institutions should be filled out prior to completing the Finance module. The choice of infrastructure location in the Cost of individual items section of the Finance module will be populated based on this list. Do not include in this list the administrative institution identified in the Project information section.

6.5.6 Financial resources for operation and maintenance

This section of the Project module captures the annual costs and sources of committed support to ensure the effective operation and maintenance of the infrastructure for the first five years after implementation.

In cases where the useful life¹ of some of the infrastructure items requested are longer or shorter than five years, the Assessment criteria section of the proposal should provide complementary information regarding the operating and maintenance needs for these items over their useful life.

Do not include costs related to research and/or technology development. If funding sources include the CFI Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF), list these in the “institutional contribution” category.

6.5.7 Assessment criteria

Upload a PDF document that contains key information on how the proposal meets the objectives and assessment criteria for the competition. Ensure that the document follows the guidelines for attachments (Section 6.2).

Each assessment criterion will be evaluated against a standard. Each criterion includes aspects that must be addressed in the proposal. Failure to do so will weaken the proposal.

The document allows the applicant maximum flexibility to address each criterion, including the use of figures or diagrams, where appropriate. The distribution of pages among criteria is at the applicant's discretion, up to the total page limits.

6.6 Finance Module

The Finance module consists of the following sections:

- Cost of individual items
- Construction or renovation plans (if applicable)
- Contributions from eligible partners
- Infrastructure utilization
- Overview of infrastructure project funding (generated automatically)

¹ The useful life of the research infrastructure is considered to be the period of time over which the infrastructure is expected to provide benefits and be usable for its intended purpose as per the proposal, factoring in normal repairs and maintenance.

The tables in the Overview of infrastructure project funding section in CAMS will be automatically populated with information taken from the other sections of the Finance module. Note that the amount requested from the CFI is calculated based on the difference between the total contributions from eligible partners and the total eligible costs.

6.6.1 Cost of individual items

When completing the Cost of individual items section, the CFI recommends that the applicant bundle items into functional groupings. However, details and justification for each item within a group should be provided in addressing the infrastructure criterion in the Assessment criteria document. The CFI's *Policy and program guide* outlines the eligible costs for infrastructure projects.

List only the eligible infrastructure acquisition and development costs. List the full cost of each item. Retain documentation (price lists, quotes, etc.) so that you can provide it to the CFI upon request.

Please note:

- If the infrastructure will be used for purposes other than research or technology development, list only pro-rated research or technology development costs.
- The total eligible costs must include taxes (net of credits received), shipping and installation. However, taxes must not be calculated on the in-kind portion.
- When preparing budget estimates, the applicant must follow their existing institutional policies and procedures. Costs included in this budget must be close estimates of fair market value. Refer to the *Policy and program guide* for information on how in-kind contributions must be assessed.

6.6.2 Construction or renovation plans

All proposals that include construction or renovation must provide the following information:

- A detailed breakdown of the overall cost of the construction or renovation project, categorized by cost component (i.e. direct, soft and contingency costs);
- A timeline identifying key dates for the various stages of the proposed construction or renovation;
- Floor plans of the proposed area(s), showing the location of the infrastructure and the scale of the plans for projects involving multiple rooms. The floor plans must be legible when printed in black and white on standard letter size paper (8.5" x 11").

Note: The cost breakdown, timeline and floor plans should be uploaded as a separate PDF document. These pages do not count towards the page limit for the Assessment criteria section of the proposal.

6.6.3 Contributions from eligible partners

List all contributions from eligible partners. Do not include the amount requested from the CFI. Provide the partner name and type, as well as a breakdown of contributions (cash and in-kind) for each eligible partner. The applicant is encouraged to bundle all expected in-kind contributions from vendors into a single line. If partner contributions are expected but have not yet been confirmed, outline the plans for securing these funds.

6.6.4 Infrastructure utilization

This section of the Finance module captures the use of the requested infrastructure for CFI-eligible and non-eligible purposes and any applicable pro-rating of costs.

6.7 Suggested reviewers

The list of suggested reviewers is prepopulated using the list if one was provided in a notice of intent. You may identify additional reviewers who are well-qualified to review the proposal. Refer to Section 6.3.5 of this document for conflict of interest guidelines. The decision whether or not to contact the suggested reviewers remains with the CFI.

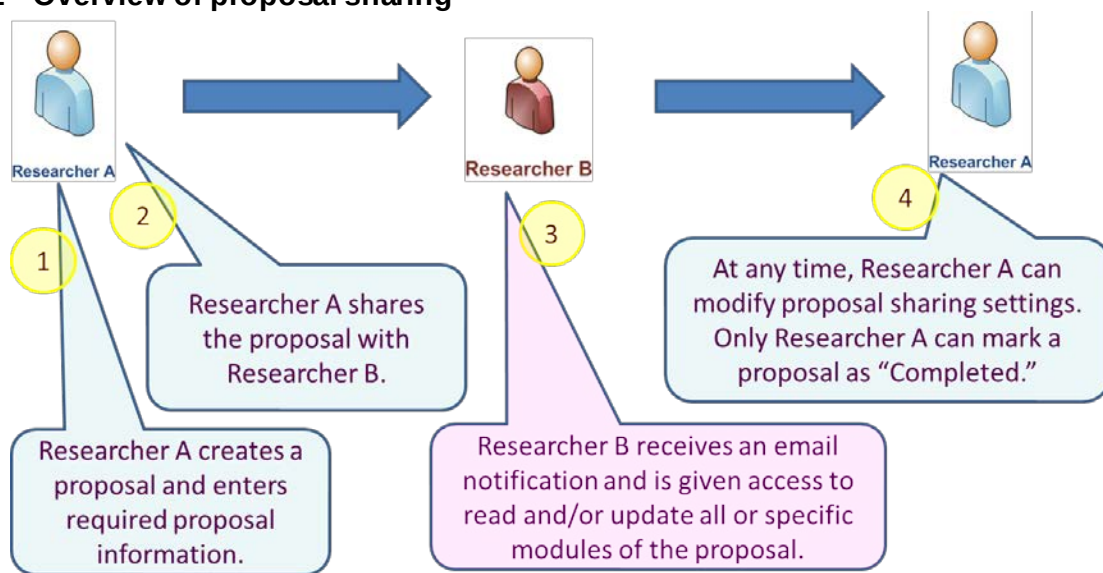
6.8 Proposal sharing

Proposal sharing is a feature which allows two or more users to contribute to a proposal. A proposal can be shared with anyone who has a CAMS account.

You may wish to share a proposal in order to:

- Allow one or more colleagues to contribute to the writing and preparation of a proposal or to specific modules of a proposal; or,
- Allow one or more colleagues to view a proposal or specific modules of a proposal.

6.8.1 Overview of proposal sharing



Researchers listed as principal users or candidates automatically gain read access to the entire proposal. However, if you would like one or more of the principal users identified on a proposal to complete or edit any part of your proposal, you must share the proposal with them to allow them to access and update it.

6.8.2 How to share your proposal

Step 1: Create a proposal

In the researcher dashboard click "Create a new proposal" and follow the steps.

Step 2: Enter the required proposal information

Enter the required proposal information and other related information. You can complete the entire proposal yourself, or collaborate with one or more colleagues to complete it.

Step 3: Go to the proposal sharing screen

Click "Proposal sharing" on the left-hand navigation bar and on the proposal sharing screen, click "Share this proposal with another person." Note that the proposal sharing screen is only accessible from within an application form. To reach the proposal sharing screen from your researcher dashboard, click on any module of the proposal you wish to share.

Step 4: Invite a colleague to read or update your proposal

Enter your colleague's username (email address) and select the level of access (read, update or none) you would like him or her to have for various proposal modules. In the example below, the project leader has given read access to the project and finance modules, and update access to the suggested reviewers section. You can also add comments that will be sent to your colleague. When you have completed this section, click "Save."

Module	Access level
All	Please select...
Project module	Read
Finance module	Read
Suggested reviewers	Update

Your colleague will receive an email notification that he or she has been invited to view (read) or edit (update) your proposal.

6.8.3 Updating or removing proposal sharing

At any time, you can update or remove proposal sharing by selecting "Modify access level" on the proposal sharing page.

6.9 CV sharing

CV sharing is a feature of CAMS similar to proposal sharing. It allows you to give a colleague read or update access to your CV.

Step 1: Open your CV

On your researcher dashboard, click "Curriculum vitae" (left-hand navigation bar) and open your CV from within the "My CV" table.

Step 2: Invite your colleague to view or update your CV

On the left-hand navigation bar, click "CV sharing" to access the CV sharing screen. Enter your colleague's username (email address) and click "Validate username."

Step 3: Send sharing invitation

Before you send the invitation to share your CV, specify the type of access — read or update — you wish your colleague to receive. You can also add comments that will be sent to your colleague. When you have completed this section, click "Save."

7 DECISIONS

CAMS allows you to view the funding decision related to the projects you lead. This section will only appear in your dashboard if you have proposals for which a funding decision has been made.

Decision

Project leader

 The table below lists the proposals for which a funding decision has been made.

* This award has not been made public yet, please keep confidential.

1 entry(ies) found

Click this icon to view the PDF version of the proposal form and its sections

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Project number	Project title	Fund	Display/Print	Funding decision	Decision date
34063*	Infrastructure for breakthrough research	Innovation Fund		Full funding	2014-10-14

1 entry(ies) found

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8 AWARD FINALIZATION

As a project leader, your institution may have given you access to the award finalization module. This module will only appear in your dashboard if you lead projects that have been funded by the CFI.

The award finalization section allows you to view award finalization status information related to the project(s), such as the date the award finalization form was received by the CFI, the date the award agreement was issued by the CFI (if applicable) and which budget was used at award finalization (itemized list², amendment or proposal). You will also be able to view special conditions included in the award agreement and whether these have been met or not.

You will be able to view the forms and attachments related to the project such as the award finalization form, the award agreement and the budget at award finalization (in both PDF and Excel format) by clicking on the “View” link. If applicable, you will also be able to view all revised award agreements issued for the project.

The award finalization module allows you to fill in award finalization forms. However, only individuals identified in the institutional agreement can submit an award finalization form in CAMS (i.e. president, director general, authorized signatories, liaison and account administrator).

Award finalization

To complete the award finalization process, an award finalization form must be completed for each CFI-funded project. Institutions must submit the award finalization form electronically through the CFI Awards Management System (CAMS). If a revised budget is required at award finalization, an amendment module must be submitted in CAMS.

Project leader

 Budget updates subsequent to the award finalization can be viewed in the amendment section of the researcher portal.

8 entry(ies) found displaying 5 entry(ies)

Click to access the project's main award

¹ This award has not yet been made public. Please keep it confidential.

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Project number	Project title	Fund	CFI board decision date	Date AFF received by the CFI	Award agreement		Budget at award finalization	Forms/ attachments
					Date issued	Special conditions		
40400 ¹	Water chemistry	TEST Release 14 AFF	2021-05-13	2021-05-13				View

Download documentation related to the project

8.1 Project's main award finalization page

Each project has a main award finalization page where you can view the status of the award finalization form, access it for modification or mark it as complete.

² The use of the itemized list form has been discontinued by the CFI in December 2014.

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Project leaders can fill in the award finalization form. However, only users that have roles designated in the institutional agreement can submit the award finalization form.

The submission of the award finalization form is required before an award agreement can be issued.

Award finalization form

The screenshot shows the 'Award finalization form' interface. At the top, project details are listed: Project number 40400, Project/Team leader(s) Leblanc, Alex, Fund TEST Release 14 AFF, and Project title Water chemistry. To the right, Total eligible costs are \$5,000,000 and Maximum CFI contribution is \$2,000,000. Below this is a section titled 'Award finalization form' which contains a table. The table has columns: Webform, Status, Complete?, Submission date, CFI comments, and Display/Print. The 'Webform' column has a dropdown menu with 'Display' selected, and a 'Validate' button. The 'Status' column shows 'Returned to institution for corrections' with a status icon. The 'Complete?' column has a 'Confirm' button. Callouts with arrows point to the 'Validate' button, the 'Confirm' button, and the 'Status' column.

Project number		40400		Total eligible costs		\$5,000,000	
Project/Team leader(s)		Leblanc, Alex		Maximum CFI contribution		\$2,000,000	
Fund		TEST Release 14 AFF					
Project title		Water chemistry					
Award finalization form							
Webform		Status		Complete?		Submission date	
Display		Returned to institution for corrections		Confirm		CFI comments	
View/edit		Run				Display/Print	

8.2 Award finalization form

The award finalization form consists of three tabs. When an award finalization form is first opened, the "Overview" tab is selected by default. You will always have access to the certification tab, but the eligible costs tab will only be available for projects requesting more than \$1 million from the CFI.

[Researcher dashboard](#) > [Award finalization](#) > [Project #40154](#) > [Award finalization form](#) > Overview

[Return to award finalization page](#)

Use tabs to navigate through the sections

Overview Eligible costs Certification

 Please fill out the information requested in each tab. You may return to modify information in any of these tabs if you need to.
The Eligible cost tab is only active if the CFI contribution to the project is superior to \$1M.

Display/Print Save

Award finalization form

Institution	Test inst (300)
Project number	40400
Project/Team leader(s)	 Leblanc, Alex
* Anticipated project end date	 YYYY-MM-DD

Budget and forecasts

Click "Display/print" to access the PDF version of the amendment request form

Save changes before navigating to other sections (tabs)

Once you have marked the award finalization form as completed, your institution will have the opportunity to make changes and then submit it to the CFI.

9 AMENDMENTS

As a project leader, your institution may have given you access to the amendment module. This module will only appear in your dashboard if you lead projects for which an amendment request has been created.

The amendment module allows you to view amendment status information related to the project(s), such as the number of amendment requests created and the status of the latest amendment requests created. It also allows you to input data in the amendment form.

Amendments

Project leader

 The table below displays projects for which an amendment has been created. Clicking on the project number will enable you to view the amendment details, including status information.

2 entry(ies) found

Click a project number to access this project's main amendment page

Project number	Project title	Fund	Number of amendments created	Status of latest amendment	Submission date of latest amendment	Date of award agreement	Approved project end date
12345	Research infrastructure for Biology	New Initiatives Fund 2009	4	Returned to project leader after corrections	2013-07-31	2010-08-13	2014-09-30
54321	Large visualization equipment	Innovation Fund	2	In-progress	2014-09-03	2014-09-03	2014-09-04

2 entry(ies) found

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Show pages

9.1 Project's main amendment page

Each project has a main amendment page where you can view the status of previous amendment requests submitted to the CFI for the project (if any), and input data in amendment requests created by your institution.

[Researcher dashboard](#) > [Project amendment\(s\): Project # 54321](#) >

 The amendment request should be used to request changes requiring prior CFI approval. All other changes to the infrastructure from what was initially described in the proposal must be described in the final financial report.

Changes requested in amendment requests will be reflected in future financial reports once they have been approved by the CFI.

Project amendment(s)

Project number 54321
Recipient institution My institution
Project title Large visualization equipment
Approved project end date 2014-09-04

#	Webform		Status	Completed? 	Submission date	Approval/Rejection date	CFI comments	Display/Print
	Display	Validation						
1	N/A	N/A	Approved		2014-09-03	2014-09-03	View	View
2	Open	Run	In-progress	Confirm			N/A	View

Click "Run" to perform a validation of the information entered in the form

Click "Confirm" to perform a validation of the information entered in the form and mark it as complete

Click "Open" to access the amendment request form

Click "View" to access the PDF version of the amendment request form or to read CFI comments related to the amendment request (if any)

Note that only amendment requests relating to changes to the infrastructure will include an Excel version of the amendment request, in addition to the PDF version. If the amendment request pertained only to a change in the project end date, only the PDF version of the amendment request will be available.

Once you have marked an amendment request as completed, your institution will verify it and submit it to the CFI, if no changes are required. If changes are required, your institution may make corrections itself, but can also return the amendment request to you in order to allow you to make the appropriate corrections.

9.2 Amendment request form

The amendment request form consists of six tabs. When an amendment request is first opened, the default tab is the “Overview” and the other tabs are not accessible. You will first need to indicate the nature of your change (i.e. change to the end date of the project or change to the infrastructure, including new items, or both). This will determine which tabs will become available and need to be filled out. The last tab allows you to attach up to three documents (PDF format) to further explain changes made to the project.

The screenshot shows the 'Overview' tab of the amendment request form. The form is titled 'Amendment number 2'. It contains a table with project details: Institution (My institution), Fund (Innovation Fund), Project number (54321), Date of award agreement (2014-09-03), Project leader (Account, Demo), Project end date (2014-09-04), and Project title (Large visualization equipment). Below the table, there is a section for 'Prepared by' and a checkbox section for 'Please indicate the nature of your change (select all that apply)'. The checkboxes are 'Change in the end date of the project' and 'Change to the infrastructure, including new items'. The form has a 'Display/Print' button and a 'Save' button. Annotations with arrows point to various parts of the form: 'Use tabs to navigate through the sections' points to the tab bar; 'Append files in the “Attachments” tab' points to the 'Attachments' tab; 'Click “Display/Print” to access the PDF version of the amendment request form' points to the 'Display/Print' button; 'Save changes before navigating to other sections (tabs)' points to the 'Save' button; and 'Selecting nature of change will enable relevant sections (tabs)' points to the checkbox section.

Use tabs to navigate through the sections

Append files in the “Attachments” tab

Overview

Amendment requests should be used by institutions to request changes requiring prior CFI approval.

Display/Print Save

Amendment number 2

Institution	My institution	Fund	Innovation Fund
Project number	54321	Date of award agreement	2014-09-03
Project leader	Account, Demo	Project end date	2014-09-04
Project title	Large visualization equipment		

* Prepared by 60 characters

* Please indicate the nature of your change (select all that apply)

☒ Change in the end date of the project

☒ Change to the infrastructure, including new items

Display/Print Save

Click “Display/Print” to access the PDF version of the amendment request form

Save changes before navigating to other sections (tabs)

Selecting nature of change will enable relevant sections (tabs)

10 PAYMENT

As a project leader, your institution may have given you access to the payment module. This module will only appear in your dashboard if you lead projects that have been funded by the CFI and for which an award agreement has been issued.

The payment module allows you to view payment information related to the project(s), such as amounts paid to date and remaining balance to be paid by the CFI.

Payment information

Project leader

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Payment details can be viewed by clicking on the project number in the table below.

Please note that the final granted amount and any remaining balance to be paid are fully dependent on the actual eligible costs incurred by the institution and the institution's compliance with CFI policies and award conditions.

4 entry(ies) found displaying 4 entry(ies)

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Hover on "i" icons for additional information

Project number	Fund	Granted amount	Amount paid to date	Remaining balance				Approved project end date
				Scheduled payments (net)	Held payments (net)	Holdback	Payments not yet scheduled (gross)	
11111	NIF 2009	3,400,900	2,571,813	0	0	0	829,087	2014-09-30
22222	JELF	179,278	169,250	0	0	10,028	0	2014-03-31
33333	LOF \$1M-\$2M	800,000	623,443	96,556	0	80,001	0	2016-12-31
44444	LEF 2012	320,000	288,000	0	0	32,000	0	2014-08-31

4 entry(ies) found displaying 4 entry(ies)

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Click a project number to access this project's payment details page

11 FINANCIAL REPORTS

As a project leader, your institution may have given you access to the financial report module. This module will only appear in your dashboard if you lead projects for which a financial report has been created.

The financial report module allows you to view financial report status information related to the project(s).

Financial reports

Project leader

 The table below displays projects for which a financial report has been created. Clicking on the project number will enable you to view financial report details, including PDFs and status information.

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2 entry(ies) found

Project number	Project title	Fund	Latest financial report created			Final report created?	Approved project end date	Reporting frequency
			Reporting period end date	Status	Submission date			
12345	Research infrastructure in Biology	New Initiatives Fund 2009	2014-03-31	Approved	2014-06-11	No	2014-09-30	Annual
98765	Large visualization equipment	John R. Evans Leaders Fund	2014-03-31	Approved	2014-06-11	Yes	2014-02-28	Annual

2 entry(ies) found

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Click a project number to access this project's financial reports page

11.1 Project's main financial report page

Each project has a main financial report page where you can view the status of previous financial reports submitted to the CFI for the project (if any). You can also view CFI comments related to the financial report for a specific reporting year (if any) and have access to the PDF version of all the financial reports.

[Researcher dashboard](#) > [Financial reports](#) > Project #99999

Financial reports

Access the PDF version of the financial report

Project number	99999	Fund	New Initiatives Fund 2009
Recipient institution	My institution	Approved project end date	2014-09-30
Project title	Equipment for transformative research	Reporting frequency	Annual

Reporting period end date	Final report?	Status	Submission date	CFI approval date	CFI comments	Display/print
2011-03-31	No	Approved	2011-06-26	2011-06-26		View
2012-03-31	No	Approved	2012-07-13	2012-07-13		View
2013-03-31	No	Approved	2013-07-02	2013-07-02		View
2014-03-31	No	Approved	2014-06-11	2014-06-11	View	View

View CFI comments for a particular report

12 PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

As a project leader, you have access to the *Project progress report* (PPR) module which allows you to view and manage the infrastructure operational status as well as fill out and complete the PPR form.

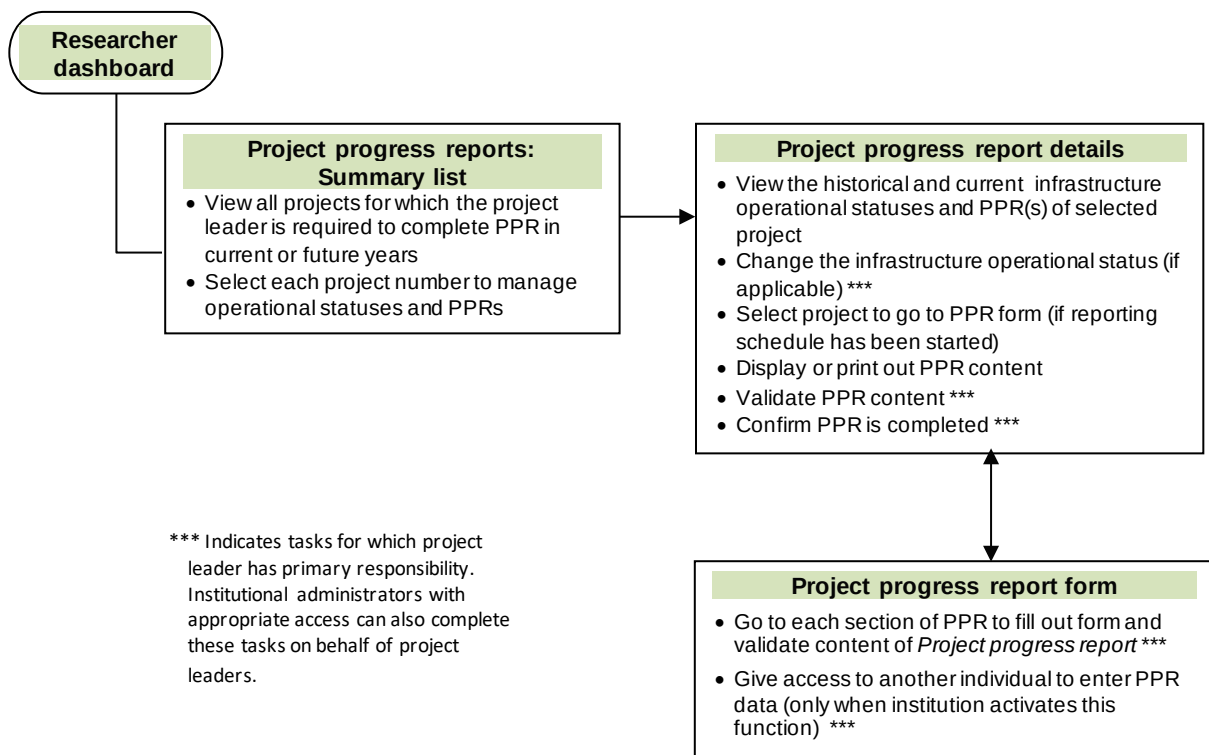
This section provides additional information on the PPR module within CAMS. You should consult the *Policy and program guide* for information on requirements and guidelines related to completing the PPR.

The process to submit a PPR to the CFI typically involves three steps:

1. You, as a project leader, indicate infrastructure operational status online (if applicable). Institutional administrators with appropriate access can also indicate operational status online on your behalf.
2. You fill out, validates, and completes the PPR.
3. The institution may edit the PPR and/or return it to you for revision. An authorized institutional administrator submits the PPR to the CFI.

Although completion of the PPR is under your responsibility, a delegation tool allows you to share access to the online form with another individual with a CAMS account to support data entry.

The graphic below depicts the overview of CAMS PPR modules and associated tasks for you as a project leaders.



12.1 Summary of operational and PPR statuses

The summary table indicates all of the projects for which you are required to take actions related to infrastructure operational statuses and PPRs in current or upcoming years. From this list, you will be able to drill down to the page in the selected project to manage operational status and the PPR. Institutional administrators with appropriate access can also complete these actions on your behalf.

Four different statuses can be displayed under the “Infrastructure operational status” column:

- **Status must be provided:** Infrastructure operational status needs to be reported.
- **Operational (FFR submitted):** PPR will be required in the next reporting period following final financial report (FFR) being submitted.
- **Operational:** PPR is due in the current reporting period.
- **Not yet operational:** PPR is not required this year unless the status is changed to operational. You may change the status to operational any time before the institutional deadline indicated.

Project progress reports

[Privacy policy](#)

Project leader

The following list provides a summary of all projects for which you are required to complete a Project progress report (PPR). By clicking on the project number, you can view a more detailed screen where you can set operational status of a project, view your reporting schedule when it has been generated, and take other actions related to the PPR. Refer to the [Instruction manual for completing project progress reports](#) for further guidance.

Note: Canada Research Chairs (CRC) are responsible for submitting a CRC annual report through the CRC portal at http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/program-programme/admin_guide-eng.aspx#reporting_chairs. Reporting timelines and requirements may differ from those of the CFI.

4 entry(ies) found

Click to access to details of operational status and PPR of the selected project

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Project number	Fund	Operational status	Deadlines	
			Operational status	PPR
12345	John R. Evans Leaders Fund – Funding for research infrastructure	Operational (FFR submitted)	2016-06-30	2016-06-30
34567	John R. Evans Leaders Fund – Funding for research infrastructure	Status must be provided	2016-06-30	2016-06-30
56789	Innovation Fund	Operational	2016-06-30	2016-06-30
90123	John R. Evans Leaders Fund – Funding for research infrastructure	Not yet operational	2016-06-30	2016-06-30

4 entry(ies) found

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12.2 Managing required operational statuses

When the operational status column indicates “Status must be provided,” you will be required to select the latest infrastructure operational status. This will trigger the PPR reporting schedule as specified in section 12.1, “Summary of operational and PPR statuses”.

[Researcher dashboard](#) > Project progress report details: #34567

Project progress report details

Project number	34567
Award finalization date	2014-11-21
CFI contribution	\$577,714

Once it is set as operational, it is irreversible

“Not yet operational” can be changed to “Operational” any time before institutional deadline

Operational status

Please indicate in the table below if the CFI-funded infrastructure is operational to the extent that you have been able to initiate the research activities described in the CFI proposal.

Year	Operational status	Deadline	Date submitted
2016	☐ Operational ☐ Not yet operational	2016-06-30	

Reporting schedule

Your reporting schedule is generated once your CFI-funded infrastructure is operational (as described in 'operational status' box above). Once the schedule is generated, you can fill out the PPR by clicking on the current year, validating its contents, and confirming to your institution that you have completed all sections of the PPR questionnaire. You can also generate a PDF of reports from current or previous years

Year	Deadline	Status	Display/Print	Validated?	Completed?
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12.3 Filling out, validating and completing a PPR

Once the PPR reporting schedule has been triggered, the statuses of all newly created PPRs in CAMS are shown as "in progress." Clicking on the project number will take you to the PPR form. As a project leader, you have full access to the PPR form to enter, validate data and complete the PPR. Institutional administrators with appropriate access can also enter, validate and complete the forms on your behalf.

Reporting schedule

Click to access PPR form

Your reporting schedule is generated once your CFI-funded infrastructure is operational (as described in 'operational status' box above). Once the schedule is generated, you can fill out the PPR by clicking on the current year, validating its contents, and confirming to your institution that you have completed all sections of the PPR questionnaire. You can also generate a PDF of reports from current or previous years

Year	Deadline	Status	Display/Print	Validated?	Completed?
2014	2014-06-02	Submitted to CFI		Yes	No
2015	2015-06-15	Submitted to CFI		Yes	No
2016	2016-06-30	In progress		Validate	Confirm
2017	2017-06-30	Not yet available	N/A	N/A	N/A
2018	2018-06-30	Not yet available	N/A	N/A	N/A

Click to preview / print out the PPR content

Run the validation to ensure all required information has been entered into the form

Click to confirm that the forms have been validated and are ready to be submitted (completed)

Once the form has been completed, you will no longer be able to modify the PPR. The institution retains access to edit the forms and can return the PPR to you for corrections as needed. Once the institution ensures that the PPR is completed and ready for submission, an authorized institutional administrator may submit the PPR to the CFI. Once the PPR has been submitted to the CFI, the institution will no longer be able to edit the forms.

12.4 Navigating within the PPR form

To navigate between Project progress report sections, use the left-hand side menu. For additional reference, you can find a page-by-page view of each screen of the PPR in the [PPR template document](#).

PPR #56789

Researcher dashboard > Project progress report details: #56789 > Year: 2016 > Retention of researchers

Retention of researchers

One of the CFI's key objectives is to promote the attraction and retention of high-calibre researchers.

Validate Display/Print Save

* Between April 2015 and March 2016, how important was the availability of the infrastructure funded through this award in your decision to stay at the institution?

Not applicable

* Please explain

test

120 characters

* Indicates a required field

Validate Display/Print Save

Validation can also be performed all at once in PPR main page

Save before leaving each page

12.5 Delegate filling out the PPR to another individual

This feature enables you to give access to someone to enter data in your *Project progress report*. Institutional administrators with appropriate access can also delegate entry on your behalf.

The screenshot shows the 'Project progress report delegation' interface. On the left is a sidebar with a tree view of report categories, including 'Project progress report', 'Achievements', 'Challenges', 'Retention of researchers', 'Highly qualified personnel', 'Technical personnel', 'Training', 'Infrastructure quality', 'Useful life of infrastructure', 'Utilization of infrastructure', 'Funding', 'Operation and maintenance of the infrastructure', 'Research advancement', 'Research outputs', 'Research collaboration', 'Research agreements', 'Technology transfer', 'Spin-off companies', 'Benefits for Canadians', 'New job creation', 'Contact information', and 'Comments'. The 'PPR delegation' option is selected at the bottom of this list.

The main content area is titled 'Project progress report delegation'. It contains an information icon and a paragraph explaining the feature: 'This feature enables you to give access to someone to enter data in your project progress report. The project leader continues to have responsibility for ensuring the data is accurate and complete. You may only delegate data entry to one person at a time. This person must have a CAMS account.' Below this is a note: 'Note: The delegate will not have the ability to set the report as "Complete". This action must be carried out by the project leader or an authorized member of the institutional research office.' A link 'Delegate data entry to someone' is present.

Two callout boxes provide instructions: 'Click to enter the username (email) of delegate' points to the 'Delegate data entry to someone' link, and 'Enter the CAMS username (email) of delegate, and validate.' points to the 'Validate username' button in the form below.

The form 'Delegate data entry to someone' has a field for '* Username (email)' with a character count of 70. Below the form, a second callout box states: 'The message entered here will be included in the email sent to the delegate.' This points to a text area labeled 'Message for Tom Testing' with a character count of 500.

At the bottom of the form, a note states: 'Note: An e-mail notification will be sent to Tom Testing summarizing the above information.' There are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. A final callout box explains: 'By clicking "Save," an e-mail notification will be automatically sent to the delegate.'



Note: You and your institution will still be responsible for the PPR "complete" and "submit" functions through your CAMS dashboards, and for ensuring the completeness and accuracy of the data entered in your PPRs. The delegate will NOT have the ability to set the PPR as "complete."

In order to deactivate delegate function, click “Remove access.”

PPR #123456

Institutional dashboard > Project progress reports > Project progress reports: 2016 > Project: #123456 > Proposal sharing

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Project progress report delegation

This feature enables you to give access to someone to enter data in your project progress report. **The project leader continues to have responsibility** for ensuring the data is accurate and complete. You may only delegate data entry to one person at a time. This person must have a CAMS account.

Note: The delegate will **not** have the ability to set the report as “Complete”. This action must be carried out by the project leader or an authorized member of the institutional research office.

Delegated to	Action
Tom, Testing	Remove access

Click to disable delegation for this PPR

Project progress report

- Project overview
- Achievements
- Challenges
- Retention of researchers
- Highly qualified personnel
- Technical personnel
- Training
- Infrastructure quality
- Useful life of infrastructure
- Utilization of infrastructure
- Funding
- Operation and maintenance of the infrastructure
- Research advancement
- Research outputs
- Research collaboration
- Research agreements
- Technology transfer
- Spin-off companies
- Benefits for Canadians
- New job creation
- Contact information
- Comments

PPR delegation



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