

# Update

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## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

**Re: Launch of Canada Impact+ Research Infrastructure Fund for recruitment of international talent**

Dear colleagues,

We are writing to provide you with the information we have to date on the Canada Foundation for Innovation's new Canada Impact+ Research Infrastructure Fund.

This new funding program was officially launched by the Minister of Industry and Minister of Health earlier today. We encourage you to read our [news release](#) from the announcement.

### **Overview**

As part of the Government of Canada's International Talent Attraction Strategy and Action Plan to attract talented individuals currently living abroad to Canada, the 2025 federal budget introduced funding for the Canada Global Impact+ Research Talent Initiative. This initiative includes four programs, three of which involve the CFI. They are:

- **\$1 billion** for a program administered by the **Tri-Agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS)** called [Canada Impact+ Research Chairs](#) to recruit international researchers
- **\$120 million** for a program to attract international early career researchers, also administered by **TIPS**, called [Canada Impact+ Emerging Leaders](#)
- **\$400 million** for the **CFI** to establish the [Canada Impact+ Research Infrastructure Fund \(CIRIF\)](#) to provide funding for research infrastructure to support the work of the newly recruited research chairs, as well as early career researchers, if applicable. (See the [key features](#) and [next steps](#) sections below for more information on CIRIF.)

The Canada Global Impact+ Research Talent Initiative is designed to attract globally recognized researchers, strengthen Canada's innovation leadership, and enhance its competitiveness on the world stage. Its core objective is to transform groundbreaking discoveries into innovative products, ideas, policies and solutions that benefit Canadians.

The Canada Global Impact+ Research Talent Initiative is intended to target researchers from eight strategic priority areas identified by the Government of Canada. They are:

- Advanced digital technologies (including AI, quantum and cybersecurity)
- Health and biotechnology
- Clean technology and resource value chains
- Environment, climate resilience and the Arctic
- Food and water security
- Democratic and community resilience
- Manufacturing and advanced materials
- Defence and dual-use technologies.

By building and sustaining expertise in these areas, the Canada Global Impact+ Research Talent Initiative will foster high-impact research teams and incentivize strategic partnerships across sectors — including industry, health systems, government and non-profit organizations — to accelerate research translation and maximize long-term impact.

We encourage you to consult the news release for the [\*\*Canada Global Impact+ Research Talent Initiative\*\*](#) for more details on the overall initiative as well as the Canada Impact+ Research Chairs and Canada Impact+ Emerging Leaders programs.

## **Key features of the Canada Impact+ Research Infrastructure Fund**

Key features of the Canada Impact+ Research Infrastructure Fund (CIRIF) include:

- **Eligible projects:** Research infrastructure projects must support the needs of the Canada Impact+ Research Chairs and should build on existing institutional capacity. Institutions could include research infrastructure funding to support the research of an early career researcher in the same priority area as the chairholder.
- **Funding coverage:** The CFI will fund up to 100 percent of total eligible project costs and up to \$6 million per project.
- **Infrastructure and operating costs:** There will be flexibility in the expenditure ratio between infrastructure and operating and maintenance costs.

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- **Timelines:** The application process will follow short timelines aligned with TIPS, so early preparation is essential.
- **Process to apply:** Institutions will be invited to submit proposals to CIRIF for research infrastructure funding for Canada Impact+ Research Chairs nominees who have formally accepted the recruiting institution's offer. CIRIF proposals must be submitted within three months of the nominee accepting their offer.

## Next steps

We will provide further guidance in the new year on how to apply. In the meantime, we encourage your institution to **begin identifying research infrastructure needs for potential chairholders** to ensure you are ready to meet tight deadlines.

**For questions or clarifications on the information provided to date, please contact:**

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