

Created by the Government of Canada in 1997, the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) strives to build our nation's capacity to undertake world-class research and technology development to benefit Canadians. Thanks to CFI investment in state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, universities, colleges, research hospitals and non-profit research institutions are attracting and retaining the world's top talent, training the next generation of researchers, supporting private-sector innovation and creating high-quality jobs that strengthen Canada's position in today's knowledge economy.

## **Job Opportunity**

# **Programs Officer**

(Full-time position)

## **Position summary**

Reporting to a team of Senior Programs Officers, the Programs Officer participates in the administration, management and merit review processes in support of the CFI's funding programs.

## **Objectives of this Position**

- Contributes to coordinating relations with CFI-eligible research institutions and provincial funding partners across the country and to the oversight and management of CFI awards.
- Participates in the design and delivery of CFI funding competitions.

## **Key activities:**

- Responds to information requests from CFI-eligible research institutions and funding partners, including explaining the CFI mandate, programs and policies.
- Reviews, analyzes and recommends actions relating to institutional queries and oversight of the pre- and post-award phases of CFI projects, as delegated.
- Participates on competition planning team(s) and contributes to the development of competition documentation, including guidelines, communications and review materials.
- Conducts administrative review of proposals.
- Participates in the planning, organization and conduct of merit review committee meetings, in coordination with the Senior Programs Officers and competition teams, including identification or recruitment of reviewers.
- Develops tools or processes to facilitate administrative processes for the Programs team.
- Participates in other CFI responsibilities and special projects, as required.

#### **Abilities**

- Ability to work independently and as an integral member of a dynamic team
- Ability to multitask and to meet multiple deadlines
- Ability to work under pressure with a high volume of work

- Ability to adapt to, and manage, changing priorities and workloads, and willing to take on more responsibilities as needed
- Ability to read and understand technical scientific proposals as well as an understanding of the infrastructure used in performing scientific research

## Skills and Knowledge:

- Good understanding of the Canadian research community and scientific research process
- Strong problem-solving, analytical and decision-making skills
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, including good judgment, discretion and professionalism
- Strong time management and organizational skills

## Requirements:

- University degree (preferably in life sciences, natural sciences or engineering) or relevant experience
- Excellent knowledge of databases, electronic communications, spreadsheets and text processing. Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, and Powerpoint. Knowledge of other Microsoft software is an asset.
- Strong oral and written communication skills in both official languages
- Previous relevant experience in grants administration is considered an asset

## Salary:

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

## Please send your CV and a covering letter by end of day on Sunday, April 22, 2018 to:

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The results of this competition may be used to staff similar temporary or permanent positions for a period of twelve months following the completion of the staffing process.

We would like to thank all candidates who apply. Please note that only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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