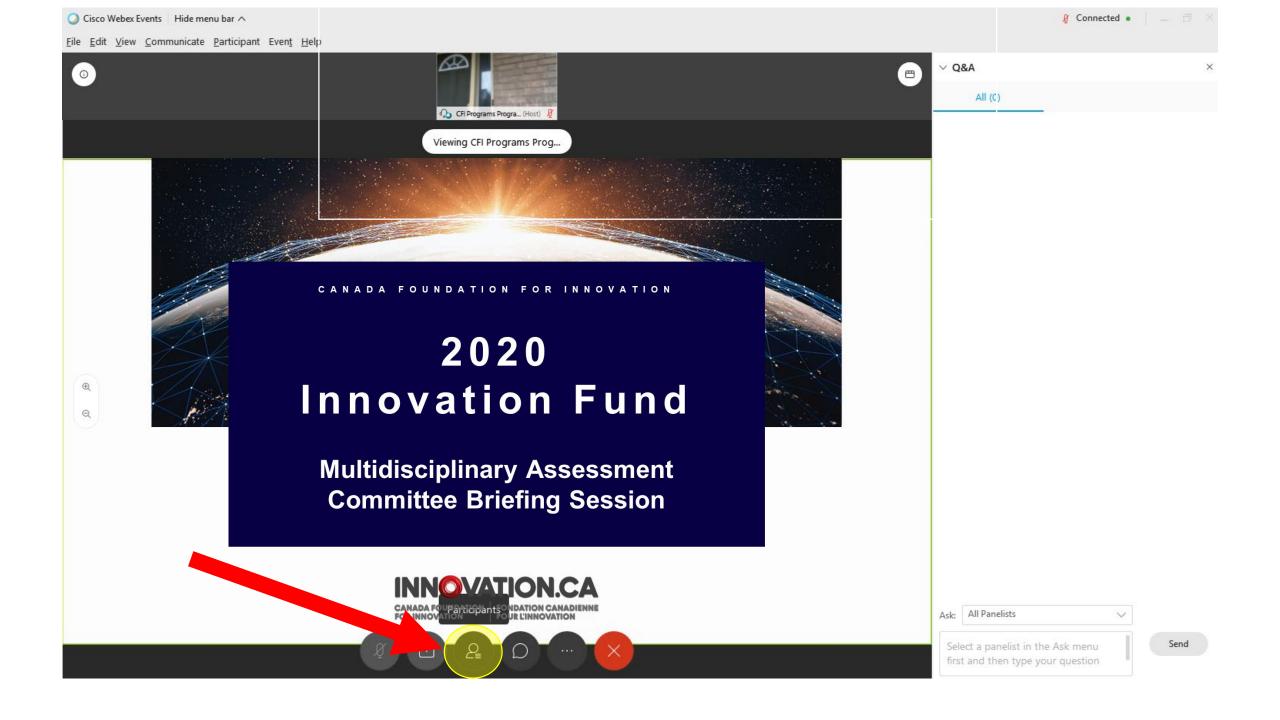
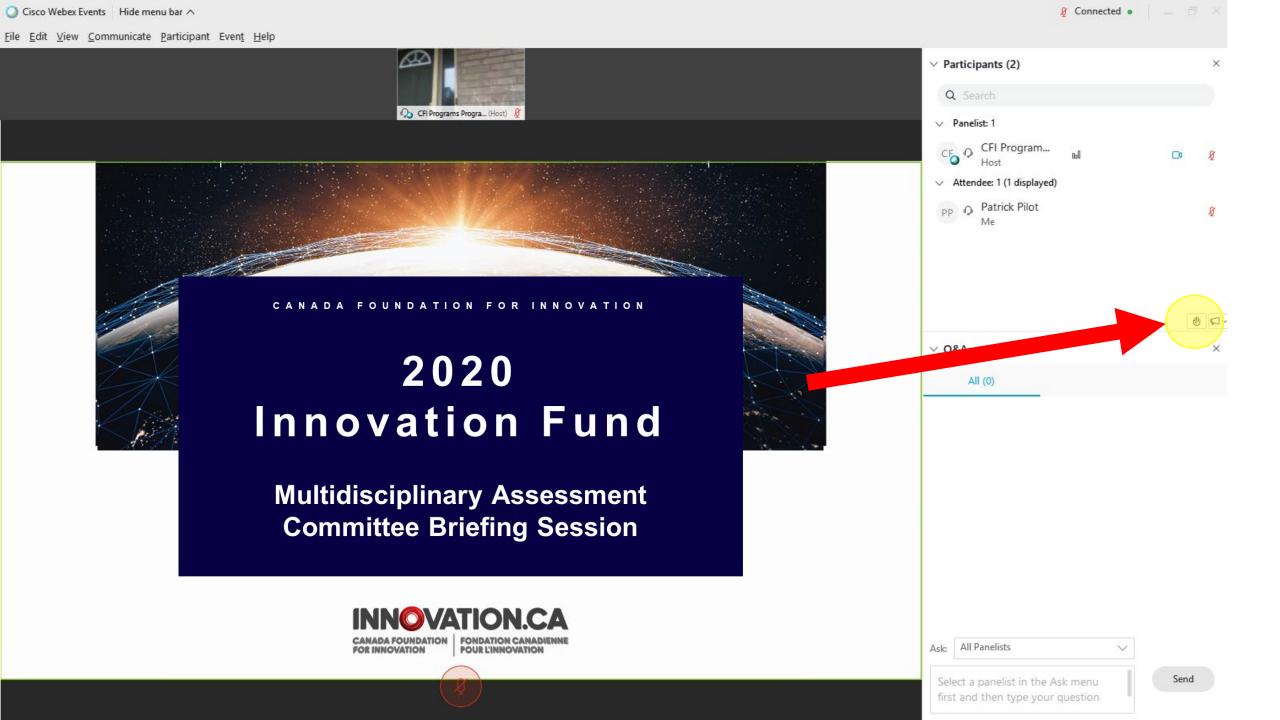


Multidisciplinary Assessment Committee Briefing Session













Funding model

CFI provides 40% of infrastructure costs (remaining 60% provided by provinces, institutions and private sector)

O&M support

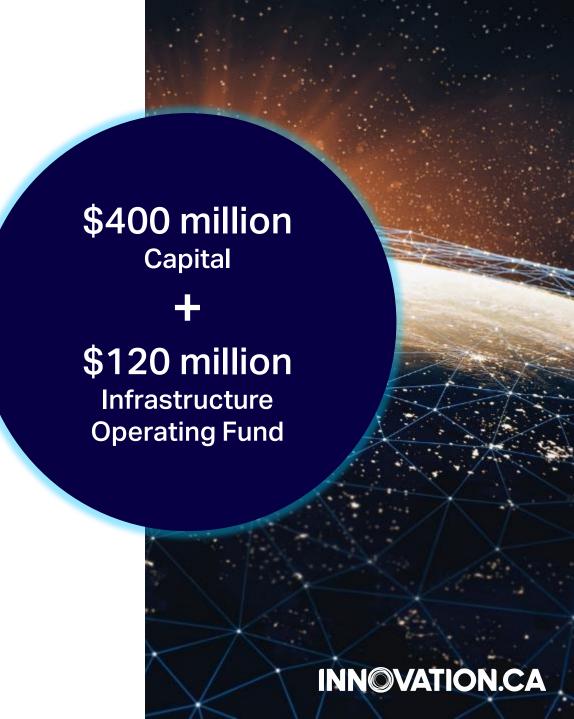
30% of CFI award through the Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF)



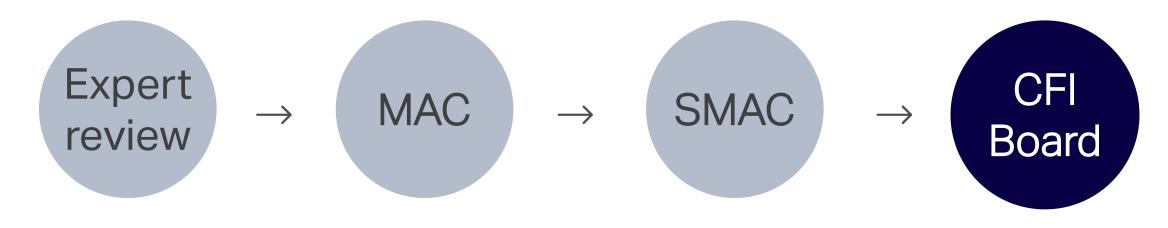
Competition budget & objectives

OBJECTIVES

- Enable global leadership by supporting world-class research or technology development.
- Enhance and optimize the capacity of institutions and research communities to conduct the proposed research or technology development program(s).
- Lead to social, health, environmental and/or economic benefits for Canadians.



Merit review process



Assessment criteria

- Strengths
- Weaknesses

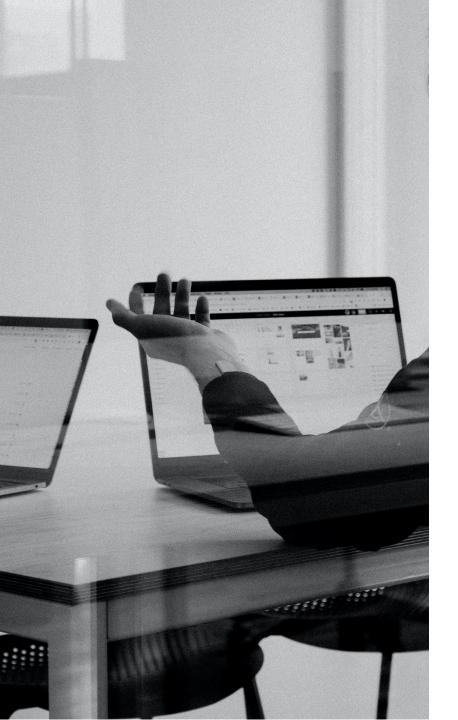
Competition objectives

- Excellence
- Exceptional merit

- Mandate
- Competition objectives
- Portfolio

Decision





Before the MAC meeting

Review materials (CFI online portal)

- Expert committee reports
- Proposals
- MAC report template

Individual review assignments

- Each proposal assigned to 3 members
- Multidisciplinary perspective



Competition objectives

- Enable global leadership by supporting world-class research or technology development
- Enhance & optimize the capacity of institutions and research communities to conduct the proposed research or technology development program(s)
- 3. Lead to social, health, environmental and/or economic benefits for Canadians

Assessment criteria

- Research or technology development
- Team

- Research capacity
- Infrastructure
- Sustainability
- Benefits



Rating scale





- SA The proposal satisfies the objective.
- The proposal satisfies the objective, but has a few minor weaknesses.
- PS The proposal partially satisfies the objective and has some significant weaknesses.
- NS The proposal does not satisfy the objective due to major weaknesses.



Preliminary Assessments in CAMS



What to do with the 'other' proposals?



MAC meetings

September 9 – 11

Videoconferences



At the meeting







For each proposal

Discussion

Consensus ratings

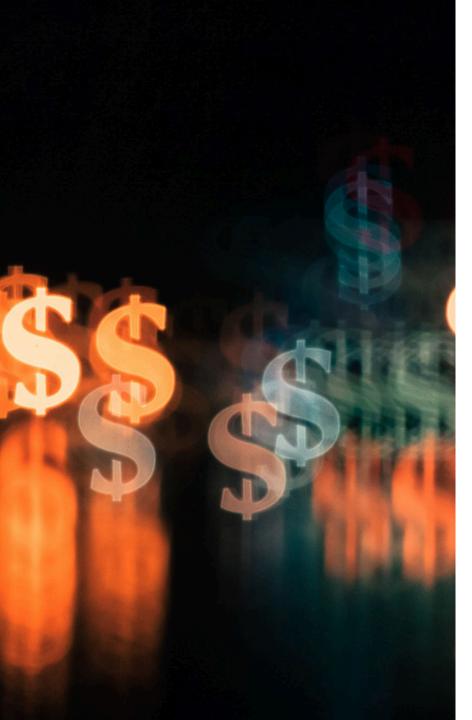
Funding recommendation

At the end of meeting



Exceptional Merit (up to 2)





Funding recommendations

Infrastructure:

- Full funding
- Partial and/or conditional funding
- No funding

Additional O&M for multi-institutional projects:

- Full funding
- No funding



Team criterion – Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI)

- For information, not for assessment
- Feedback on EDI considerations at MAC policy session discussion





MAC report



MAC consensus ratings for each objective



Comments on each objective



Justify funding recommendation



Justify exceptional projects





Conflicts of interest

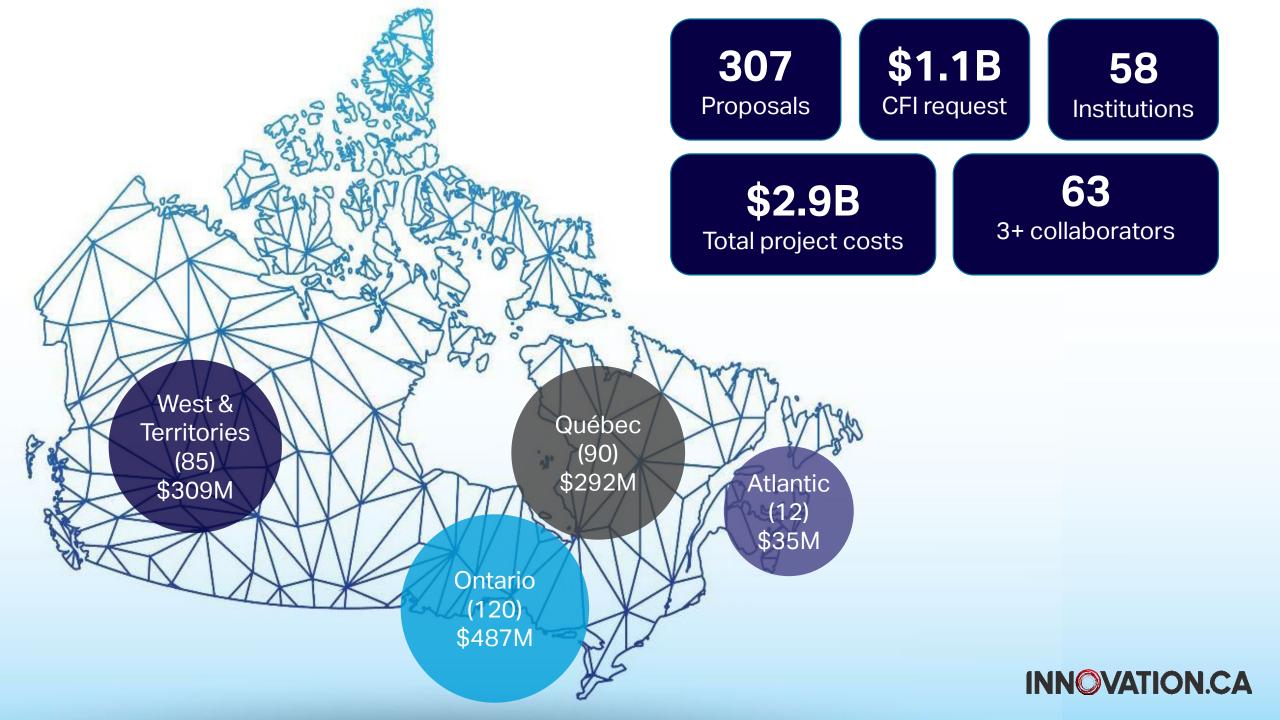
- Relative, close friend, or have a personal relationship
- In a position to gain or lose financially or materially from the funding of the proposal
- Long-standing scientific or personal differences
- Currently affiliated with the candidates' institutions, organizations or companies
- Close professional affiliation in the last six years:
 - frequent and regular interactions
 - supervisor or a trainee
 - collaborated, published or shared funding
 - been employed by the applicant institution
- feel for any reason unable to provide an impartial review of the proposal.

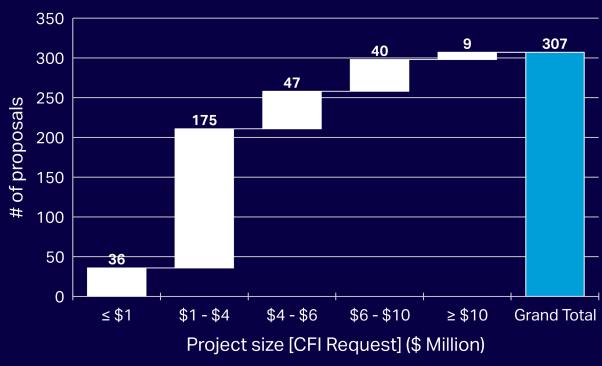
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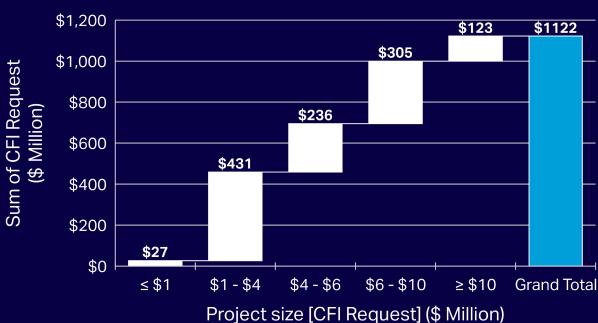
Review committee members, external reviewers and observers must ensure that:

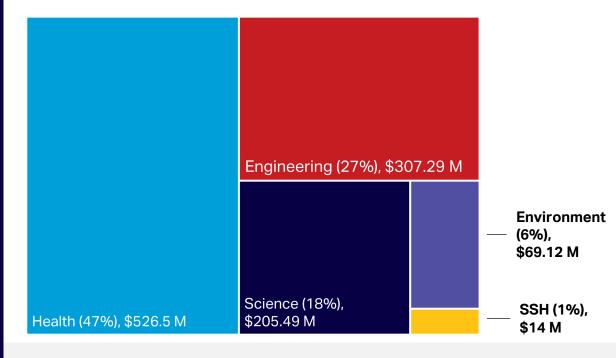
- Maintain all documentation and information in strict confidence at all times.
- Only use the documentation and information for the purpose for review of proposals.
- Destroy the review documentation in a secure manner when it is no longer required.
- Do not contact the candidates for additional information or disclose matters arising from the review process to the candidates.
- Review deliberations are confidential.

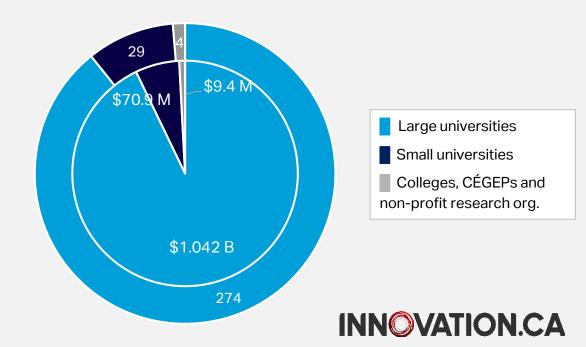














For short discussion at the end of each proposal assessment:

- Were institutional EDI plans or policies considered in composing the research team?
- Were concrete steps to taken to follow EDI plans?
- Are there actions taken that could be considered effective or good practices?
- Were any barriers to diversifying teams identified? Any suggestions for mitigating these barriers?

