



Getting started with the CFI Awards Management System

An overview document for
institutional administrators

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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 institutional administrators who use CAMS to manage pre-award and post-award activities. Other guides are available, depending on your role and the type of activity you perform in CAMS.

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

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

The CFI liaison and account administrator are responsible for setting access privileges for all institutional administrators. Please contact them to obtain a CAMS account. If you are the CFI liaison or the account administrator for your institution, refer to section 15 (“Managing institutional agreements and access privileges”).

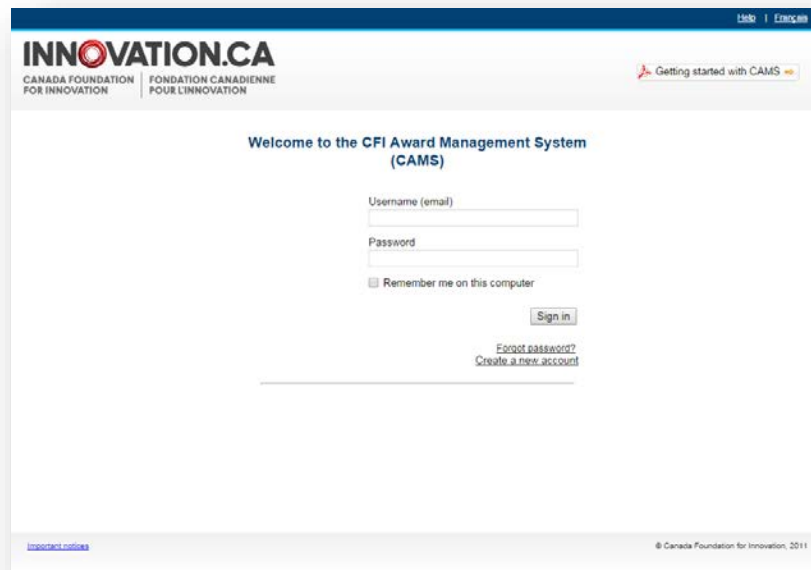
If you are an individual with an institutional agreement role (i.e. President, authorized signatory, liaison or account administrator), the CFI will create or update your account in CAMS. This will be done by the CFI following the receipt of a signed institutional agreement from your institution.

Following the creation of a new account, an activation email notification will be sent to the user. The account must be activated within 30 days of receipt, so please ensure that the CFI's automated activation messages (from notification@cfi-fci.ca) will not be blocked by your institution's firewall.

4.1 CAMS sign-in page

Once your CAMS account is created and the appropriate privileges assigned, you can access CAMS as follows:

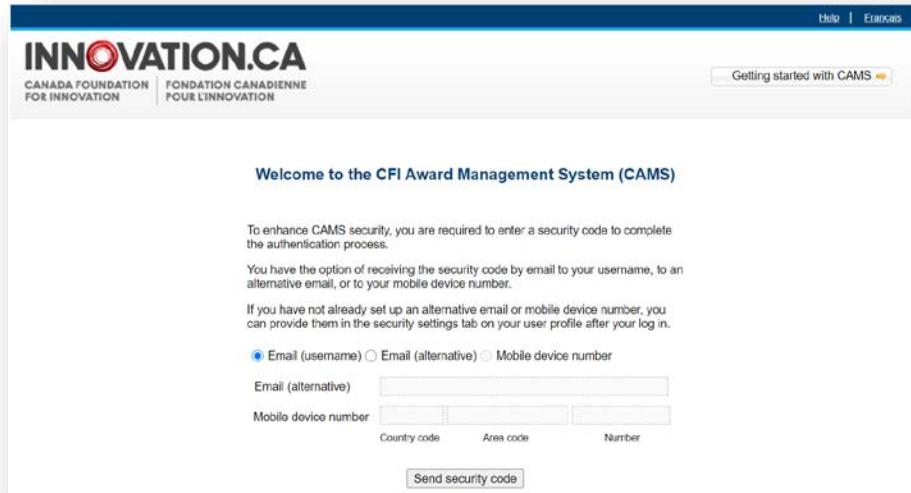
- Navigate to Innovation.ca;
- Click “CFI online” from top of screen;
- Click “Sign in” in right-hand menu; and,
- The CAMS sign-in page will appear.

The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to the CFI Award Management System (CAMS)' sign-in page. At the top, the 'INNOVATION.CA' logo is displayed, with 'CANADA FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION' and 'FONDATION CANADIENNE POUR L'INNOVATION' below it. A 'Help | Contact' link is in the top right corner. A 'Getting started with CAMS' link is also present. The main heading is 'Welcome to the CFI Award Management System (CAMS)'. Below this are input fields for 'Username (email)' and 'Password'. A 'Remember me on this computer' checkbox is located below the password field. A 'Sign in' button is positioned below the checkbox. At the bottom of the sign-in area, there are links for 'Forgot password?' and 'Create a new account'. The footer contains a 'Feedback link' 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.

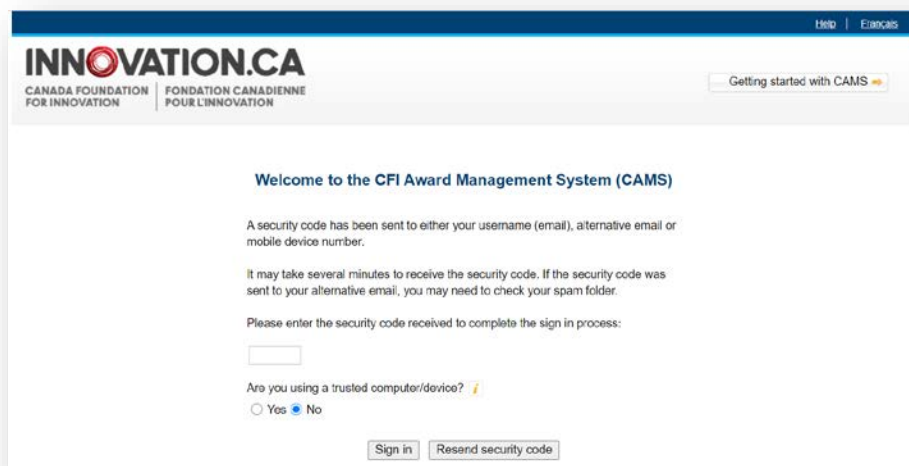
4.2 Two-step verification



The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to the CFI Award Management System (CAMS)' page. It explains that to enhance security, users must enter a security code. It offers three options for receiving the code: Email (username), Email (alternative), or Mobile device number. The 'Email (username)' option is selected. Below are input fields for 'Email (alternative)' and 'Mobile device number' (which is split into 'Country code', 'Area code', and 'Number'). A 'Send security code' button is at the bottom.

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 same 'Welcome to the CFI Award Management System (CAMS)' page, but now it states that a security code has been sent. It provides instructions on how to receive the code and asks the user to enter the received security code. There is an input field for the security code. Below it, it asks 'Are you using a trusted computer/device?' with 'Yes' and 'No' radio buttons. The 'No' button is selected. At the bottom are 'Sign in' and 'Resend security code' buttons.

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.


Help | Français

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CFI Awards Management System security setup

Security code - initial setup

 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.

☐ Use username (email) only ☒ Use username (email) or other options

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.

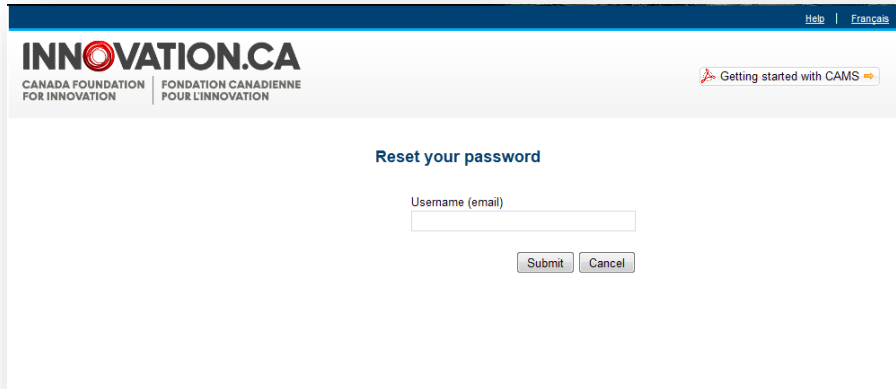
Email (alternative)

Mobile device number

Country code Area code Number

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.

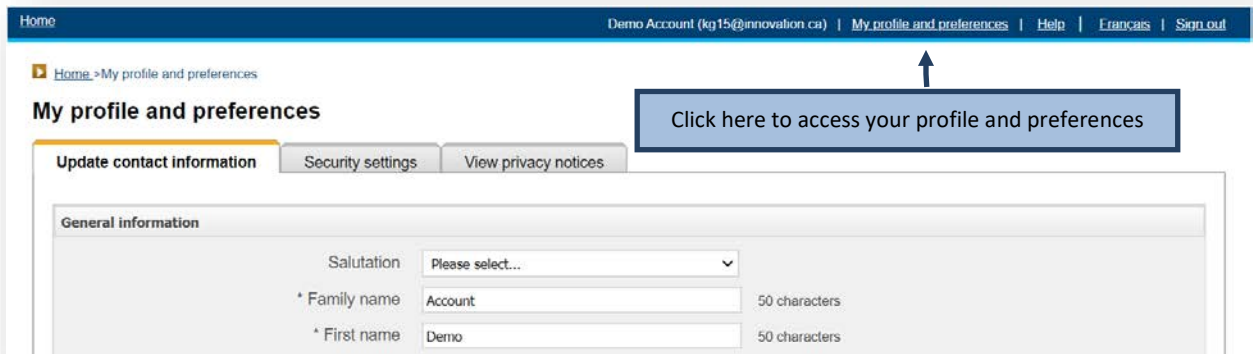
4.3 Resetting your password

The screenshot shows the 'Reset your password' page on the INNOVATION.CA website. The header includes the logo for INNOVATION.CA (Canada Foundation for Innovation / Fondation canadienne pour l'innovation) and a 'Help | Français' link. A 'Getting started with CAMS' link is also present. The main content area is titled 'Reset your password' and contains a text input field labeled 'Username (email)'. Below the input field are two buttons: 'Submit' and 'Cancel'.

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.

4.4 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 a web application interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with links: Home, Demo Account (kg15@innovation.ca), My profile and preferences (highlighted), Help, Français, and Sign out. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads Home > My profile and preferences. The main heading is 'My profile and preferences'. Below this are three tabs: 'Update contact information' (active), 'Security settings', and 'View privacy notices'. A blue callout box with an 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 contains a 'General information' section with the following fields:

General information		
Salutation	<input type="text" value="Please select..."/>	
* Family name	<input type="text" value="Account"/>	50 characters
* First name	<input type="text" value="Demo"/>	50 characters

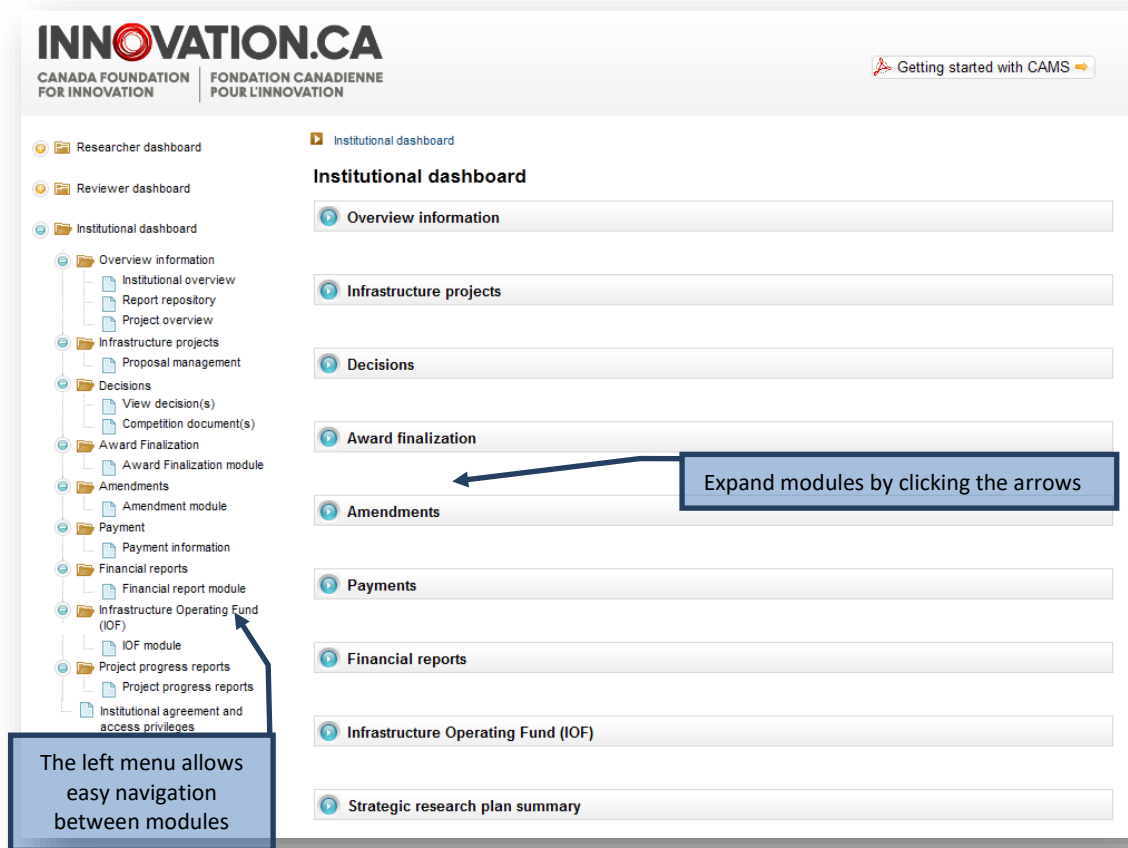
5 THE INSTITUTIONAL DASHBOARD

5.1 Overview

Once signed in as an institutional administrator in CAMS, you are automatically directed to your institutional dashboard. The information you can access is dependent on the access privileges granted to you by your institution for every module.

5.2 Navigation

The institutional 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 institutional dashboard will depend on the access privileges associated to your account.

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

Search results

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

[Export search results to Excel](#)

175 entry(ies) found, displaying 20 entry(ies)

Project number	Project leader	Project title	Fund	CFI board decision date	Date received by the CFI	Budget at award finalization	Forms/ attachments
88888	Account, Demo	An intelligent system	Innovation Fund over \$350,000	1999-06-22	1999-12-13	Itemized list	

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.

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

Toggle page display for tables and search results

Access additional information by hovering on "i" icons

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Researcher dashboard
Reviewer dashboard
Institutional dashboard

Institutional dashboard > Payment information > Project #11111

[Return to search page](#)

Project payment details

Project number	11111	Granted amount	\$192,000
Project leader	Leader, Project	Date of award agreement	2014-01-01
Fund	College-Industry Innovation Fund – Funding for research infrastructure	Approved project end date	2016-08-31

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.

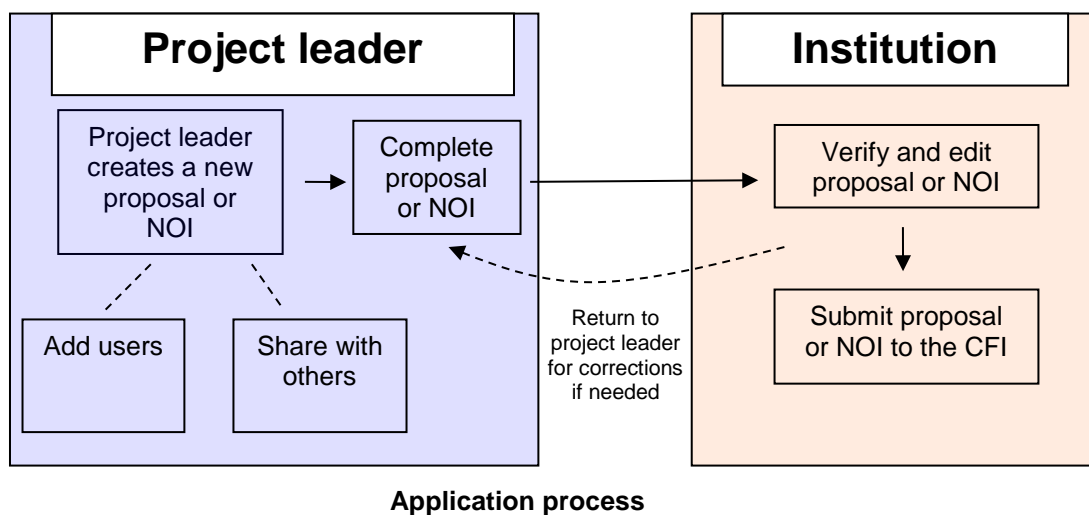
Clicking an error in a validation window will lead you to the relevant section

Print Close

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 return it to the project leader for revision. When the NOI or proposal is deemed final, the institution indicates that the form has been verified. The system will generate the final PDF version of the NOI or the proposal at this point.
3. An institutional administrator with submission privileges 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 “[Our funds](#)” page of the [CFI website](#).

6.1 Managing proposals

As an institutional administrator involved in pre-award activities, your institution may have given you access to the CAMS proposal management section. The proposal management section allows you to view the status of your institution's NOIs and proposals.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Infrastructure projects](#) > [Proposal management](#)

Proposal management

Status list Search Project archiving Collaboration requests

Notice of intent
[In progress](#)(3)
[Completed by researcher](#)(0)
[Verified by institution](#)(0)
[Submitted to the CFI](#)(4)
[Previously submitted - available to institution for corrections](#)(0)
[Previously submitted - available to researcher for corrections](#)(0)
[Previously submitted - completed by researcher after corrections](#)(0)
[Previously submitted - verified by institution after corrections](#)(0)
[Withdrawn](#)(0)

Proposal
[In progress](#)(30)
[Completed by researcher](#)(2)
[Verified by institution](#)(0)
[Submitted to the CFI](#)(5)
[Previously submitted - available to institution for corrections](#)(0)
[Previously submitted - available to researcher for corrections](#)(0)
[Previously submitted - completed by researcher after corrections](#)(1)
[Previously submitted - verified by institution after corrections](#)(0)
[Withdrawn](#)(1)

Click links to see the list of NOIs or proposals in each status

Numbers indicate the number of NOIs or proposals in that status



Note: Archived projects are not listed or counted in this form.

6.1.1 Searching

CAMS provides a search functionality to help institutional administrators locate specific NOIs or proposals. You can use this search functionality by providing a project number, or other search criteria.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Infrastructure projects](#) > [Proposal management](#)


Proposal management

Status list

Search

Project archiving

Collaboration requests



Use the search tool below to find notices of intent or proposals in which Test institution 1 EN is the applicant institution.

You can search:

- by project number; or,
- by any combination of the search criteria indicated. Results will be projects matching all criteria.

Note: Keyword searches are enabled in the project title and project leader name search fields (e.g. a search for "smith" will match "Smith", "Naismith", "Smithers", etc.).

You will be able to see the current status of projects found and display or print them directly from the search results table below. To perform additional actions (e.g. submit a proposal to the CFI), click on the link to the notice of intent or proposal, as appropriate, within the Component column.

Search

Project number

----- or -----

Status

Please select...

Fund

Please select...

Notice of intent or proposal?

Please select...

Project title

Project leader's family name

Project leader's first name

Search

Clear

Show all projects

Click to perform your search based on all selected criteria and display the results

Click to display a list of all of your institution's projects

6.1.2 Listing and sorting

Whether you list items by status, or search for specific projects, you will be presented with a table of results. The available actions will depend on the status of the NOIs or proposals listed. Some basic features are available on each table, including the ability to sort by column and return to the search page.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Infrastructure projects](#) > Proposal management



Proposal management

[Return to search page](#) Click here to return to the search page or status list

Notice of intent - Submitted to the CFI

☐ Show all ☒ Show pages

2 entry(ies) found

Project number▲	Project title	Project leader	Fund	Comments from the CFI	Display/print	Submission date
29307	ml1 Test project - Kemptville	Lagacé, Mark1	CIIF - Stream 1	N/A		2011-07-22
29150	Test project ML2	Testor, ES	CIIF - Stream 1	N/A		2011-07-08

2 entry(ies) found Click Display/print to view the NOI or proposal ☐ Show all ☒ Show pages

6.1.3 Completing and validating forms

The status of all newly created forms in CAMS is “in progress.” Project leaders have full access to the forms to enter data. If the institution wishes to mark the form as complete on behalf of the project leader, it will be able to do so from this table. Once the form is marked as complete the project leader will no longer be able to modify it.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Infrastructure projects](#) > [Proposal management](#)

Proposal management

[Return to search page](#)

Proposal - In progress

Fund College-Industry Innovation Fund

1 entry(ies) found

Run the validation to make sure all required data has been entered into the form

☐ Show all ☒ Show pages

Project number	Project title	Project leader	Fund	Module	Display/Print	Validation	Completed?
34028	Infrastructure for research	Account, Demo	CIIF	Project Finance Suggested reviewers		Run	Yes

1 entry(ies) found

Indicate on behalf of the project leader that the form is complete

☐ Show all ☒ Show pages

6.1.4 Navigating within the form

Click “Home” to return to your dashboard

[Home](#) | Demo Account (fb2@innovation.ca) | [My profile and preferences](#) | [Help](#) | [Français](#) | [Sign out](#)

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Infrastructure projects](#) > [Proposal management](#) > [DID 2013 #32576](#) > [Project module](#) > [Project information](#)

[Return to search page](#)

Project information

Prior to submitting the proposal, please ensure that you complete all sections and fields.

[Display/Print](#) [Save](#)

Project information

Type of project 2013 Digging into Data Challenge

* Project title 120 characters

* Language of proposal English

Use the left-hand menu to navigate across proposal sections

- Project module
 - Project information
 - Project summary
 - Key participants
 - Assessment criteria - attachment
- Collaborating institutions
- Finance module
- Suggested reviewers

6.1.5 Verifying or returning to the project leader for corrections

Once the form has been marked as complete, the institution retains access to edit the forms and can return them to the project leader for corrections. Once the institution is satisfied that the NOI or proposal is final and ready for submission to the CFI, it must indicate this by clicking on the button in the “Verified?” column. Note: Depending on the fund, additional validation rules might apply at this stage. Run the validation to check if all required data has been entered in the form.

For NOIs and proposals that include several modules or CVs, the system will generate a complete PDF of the form by merging all components into a single file. The merged PDF will be available within two hours and will appear in the “Display/print” window. Proposals can be submitted to the CFI prior to having the merged PDF available.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Infrastructure projects](#) > [Proposal management](#)


Proposal management

[Return to search page](#)

Proposal - Completed by researcher

Fund [Show all Funds](#)

1 entry(ies) found

Project number	Project title	Project leader	Fund	Module	Display/Print	Validation	Return to researcher?	Verified?
33029	Infrastructure project	Account, Demo	2015 IF	Project Finance Suggested reviewers		Run	Return	Confirm

1 entry(ies) found

Click to return the NOI or proposal to the project leader, who will regain access to edit the form

Click to indicate that the forms have been verified and are ready to be submitted

Click a module name to access the forms for editing

6.1.6 Reopening or submitting to the CFI

Verified NOIs and proposals can be submitted in bulk by institutional administrators with submission privileges. If the institution needs to modify a form, it must be reopened for editing.

Proposal management

[Return to search page](#)

Notice of intent - Verified by institution

[Submit to the CFI](#)

1 entry(ies) found

Click to reopen the NOI or proposal. The institution will regain access to edit the form

☐ Show all ☒ Show pages

	Project number▲	Project title	Project leader	Fund	Display/Print	Edits required? ⓘ
<input type="checkbox"/>	29439	NIF test project	Lagacé, Mark1	NIF2012		Yes

1 entry(ies) found

Click here to select the projects you wish to submit to the CFI

☐ Show all ☒ Show pages

[Submit to the CFI](#)

In some cases, the CFI may return a NOI or proposal to your institution so that corrections can be made. These can be found in the status list (see section 6.1, “Managing proposals”).

6.1.7 Project archiving


At any time, an institution may decide that it will not submit a particular project or group of projects. Institutions can archive these projects to remove them from the institutional and researcher dashboards. Note that you can only archive projects if the proposal for it has never been submitted.

Archived projects can be accessed in read-only mode from the project archiving tab. Researchers may also access archived project forms from the researcher dashboard.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Infrastructure projects](#) > [Proposal management](#)

Proposal management

[Status list](#) [Search](#) [Project archiving](#) [Collaboration requests](#)



This screen allows you to archive or un-archive projects from various lists displayed in your institution's dashboard and related researcher dashboards.

Please note that projects pending submission will be automatically archived once the competition is closed.

For competitions that are still open, you can also archive and un-archive projects that have not been submitted.

Search

Project number

----- or -----

Fund

Project title

Project leader's first name

Project leader's last name

Archived

Archive type


Search for a project either by project number or other criteria

Select: [All](#) [None](#)

1 entry(ies) found

Use these buttons to archive or un-archive the selected projects

☐ Show all
 ☒ Show pages

	Project number▲	Project leader	Fund	Archived	Archive type	Module	Display/print
<input type="checkbox"/>	22222	Smith, John	Leading Edge Fund 2012	Yes	Institutional action	Project Finance Suggested reviewers	

1 entry(ies) found

Select: [All](#) [None](#)

Select one or more projects from the search results

Access a read-only version of the archived form

☐ Show all
 ☒ Show pages



Note: Once a competition is closed by the CFI, all NOIs and proposals that were never submitted will be automatically and permanently archived.

6.1.8 Collaborating requests

If an institution has either accepted to collaborate or is being requested to collaborating this tab will be displayed. The table will list all projects including those that have been archived or withdrawn

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Infrastructure projects](#) > Proposal management

Proposal management


Status list

Search

Project archiving

Collaboration requests

Save



Your institution has been identified as a collaborating institution for the proposals that are listed in the table below. Selecting "Yes" will confirm your participation in the proposal and, if applicable, will confirm the amount of your overall envelope allocated to the proposal.

Your response is required before the applicant institution can submit the NOI or proposal to the CFI.

Filter table by fund

All

 Acceptance statuses

All

4 entry(ies) found ;

Project number	Project title	Project leader	Institution	Fund	Amount of envelope	Stage	Status	Display/Print	Accept participation
38219	test - Project Title	Gill, Ryan	Test institution 3 EN - Test	College-Industry Innovation Fund – CCI-IE	\$0	Proposal	Submitted to the CFI	View	Yes
38223	Lorem 33	Fall, Claudia	Test institution 3 EN - Test	College-Industry Innovation Fund – CCI-IE	\$0	Proposal	Submitted to the CFI	View	Yes
32240	CIIF-2	Test - fa, Test trente un	Test institution 3 EN - Test	College-Industry Innovation Fund – CCI-IE		Proposal	In Progress	View	
35136	Test - project - by hichem	hichem-test, bouslama-test	Test Institution 4 EN	Cyberinfrastructure: Challenge 1 competition 1	\$0	Proposal	Withdrawn	View	

4 entry(ies) found ;

Drop down will list all statuses the institution can filter.

Drop down list will display all funds that the institution has collaborated on.

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:
 - 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;
 - been a supervisor or a trainee of the project leader or one of the principal users;
 - 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;
 - 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)

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.

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.

- 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.

7 DECISIONS


As an institutional administrator, your institution may have given you access to the CAMS decisions module. This module allows you to view decisions related to proposals submitted to the CFI by your institution and gives you access to competition documents uploaded by the CFI.


7.1 View decisions

This search engine enables you to search and display subsets of decisions made by the CFI Board. Alternatively, you may click on "View all decisions" to list all decisions for your institution.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Decisions](#) > [View decisions](#)

Decision

 This search engine enables you to search and display subsets of decisions made by the CFI Board. Alternatively, you may click on the link "View all decisions" to list all decisions for your institution.

[View all decisions](#) 

Search

Decision date

Fund

Project number


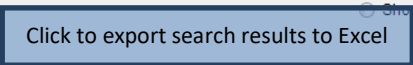
Project leader's family name

Project leader's first name

Decision

Decision date range From: To:

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

 [Export search results to Excel](#)  ☐ Show all ☒ Show pages

1 entry(ies) found

Project #	Project leader	Project title	Fund	CFI Board decision	Funding amount	CFI Board decision date
* 33333	Smith, Joe	My research infrastructure project	John R. Evans Leaders Fund – Funding for research infrastructure	Full funding	\$180,000	2016-03-01

1 entry(ies) found ☐ Show all ☒ Show pages

7.2 Competition documents

This section allows you to view documents uploaded by the CFI in relation to competitions, such as review material.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Decisions](#) > Competition documents

Competition documents

 Click on "View" to open the document.

Document title	Published date	View document
Review material	2014-10-14	View

8 AWARD FINALIZATION

As an institutional administrator involved in post-award activities, your institution may have given you access to the award finalization module. The award finalization module allows you to view award finalization status information related to the projects at your institution, thereby helping you manage your award finalization process. The search features allow you to obtain/view lists of projects for various award finalization statuses. In addition, you can view specific project-related information such as the award agreement, the budget at award finalization, the award finalization form, and award agreement special conditions (if any).

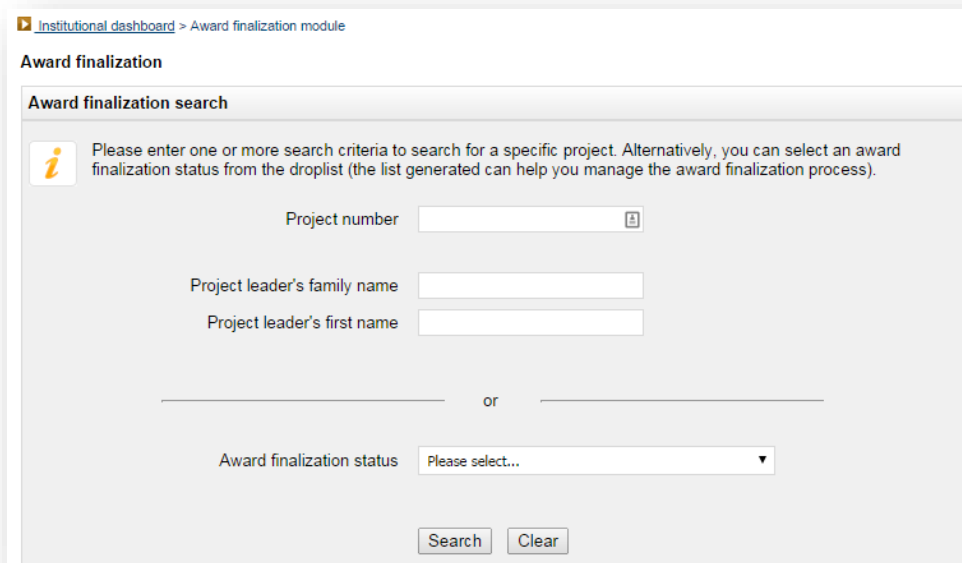
As indicated in the institutional agreement submitted to the CFI by your institution, if you are the President, the liaison, the account administrator or an authorized signatory, you must submit the award finalization form using this module.

This section provides additional information on the award finalization module within CAMS. You should consult the [Policy and program guide](#) for complete information on requirements and guidelines related to finalizing CFI awards.

If an updated budget is required prior to finalizing the award agreement, institutions must submit an amendment using the amendment module. Refer to the next section of this guide for further information regarding the amendment module.

8.1 Searching

The award finalization module allows you to search for a specific project, search by project leader, or search for projects based on their current award finalization status.



The screenshot shows a web interface for the 'Award finalization module'. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Institutional dashboard > Award finalization module'. Below this is the title 'Award finalization'. The main section is titled 'Award finalization search'. It contains an information icon (a lowercase 'i' in a circle) followed by a text box that says: 'Please enter one or more search criteria to search for a specific project. Alternatively, you can select an award finalization status from the droplist (the list generated can help you manage the award finalization process)'. Below this text are three input fields: 'Project number' (with a help icon), 'Project leader's family name', and 'Project leader's first name'. These fields are separated by a horizontal line with the word 'or' in the center. Below the line is a dropdown menu labeled 'Award finalization status' with the text 'Please select...' and a downward arrow. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Search' and 'Clear'.

8.2 Search results

Whether you search for a specific project or by award finalization status, you will be presented with a table of results listing the projects that match your search criteria. The list is by default sorted by project number ascending, but you can sort the information by clicking on most of the column headers in the table. You also have the option of exporting your search results to Excel.

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Search results". At the top, there is an information icon and a message: "Budget updates subsequent to the award finalization can be viewed in the amendment section of the institutional portal." Below this is a link "Export search results to Excel" with a callout box pointing to it that says "Click to generate an Excel file from search results". The results section shows "1 entry(ies) found". A table with the following columns is displayed: Project number, Project leader, Project title, Fund, CFI board decision date, Award finalization form, AFF date, Award agreement (Special conditions, Date issued), Budget at award finalization, and Forms/ attachments. The table contains one row for project 12345, led by Simon, John, titled "Calcium study", funded by "On-going New Opportunities Fund", with a CFI board decision date of 2010-05-30, an award finalization form status of "Submitted", an AFF date of 2011-05-01, an award agreement date issued of 2011-06-01, and a budget at award finalization of "Itemized list". A "View" link is present in the "Forms/ attachments" column. Below the table, it says "1 entry(ies) found" again. A callout box points to the "View" link with the text "Download documentation related to the project".

Project number	Project leader	Project title	Fund	CFI board decision date	Award finalization form	AFF date	Award agreement		Budget at award finalization	Forms/ attachments
							Special conditions	Date issued		
12345	Simon, John	Calcium study	On-going New Opportunities Fund	2010-05-30	Submitted	2011-05-01		2011-06-01	Itemized list	View

The search results will show you the date the award finalization form was received by the CFI, the date the award agreement was issued by the CFI 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.

Finally, you will be able to view the forms and attachments related to a 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 "View." If applicable, you will also be able to view all revised award agreements issued for the project.

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

8.3 Submit the award finalization form

As indicated in the institutional agreement submitted to the CFI by your institution, if you are the President, the liaison, the account administrator or an authorized signatory, you must submit a PDF scan of the award finalization form to the CFI by clicking on "Submit."

Award finalization form

To open the Award finalization form, please click on the link below. You will be able to fill out the form, print it and have it signed by the appropriate individuals at your institution. Please then scan the signed copy and submit it to the CFI through this module.

[Award finalization form \(AFF\)](#)

Award finalization form attachment

Award finalization form: No file selected.

Click 'Submit' to bring up the file upload window

Project number	Project leader	Project title	Fund	CFI board decision date	Award finalization form	AFF date	Award agreement Special conditions	Date issued	Budget at award finalization	Forms/ attachments
123456	Demo, Jay	Examining drosophilae	Innovation Fund	2016-06-18	Submit					View

1 entry(ies) found

9 AMENDMENTS

As an institutional administrator involved in post-award activities, your institution may have given you access to the amendment module. The amendment module allows you to view amendment status information related to your institution's projects, thereby helping you manage the amendment request process at your institution. The search features allow you to obtain/view lists of projects based on the project or amendment status (e.g. in progress, approved, rejected). The amendment module allows you to create, update, delete and submit amendment requests, as well as view CFI comments (if any) related to a specific amendment.

This section provides additional information on the amendment module within CAMS. You should consult the [Policy and program guide](#) for complete information on requirements and guidelines related to changes to infrastructure projects and instances where a change request must be submitted via the amendment module in CAMS.

If an updated budget is required prior to finalizing the award agreement, institutions must submit an amendment using the amendment module. This same module must be used to submit an amendment request following the finalization of an award agreement.



Note: Amendment requests can only be created if a final financial report has not yet been created for a project. Inversely, a final financial report cannot be created if an amendment request is in progress.

9.1 Searching

The amendment module allows you to search for a specific project, or to search for projects based on the project leader's name, the fund, the status of the latest amendment request or the status of the project. You can also view all projects or only projects with an amendment request.

When you search for a specific project using the project number, you will be brought directly to the project's main amendment page (see section 9.3, "Project's main amendment page").

The screenshot shows the 'Amendments' section of the CAMS system. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Institutional dashboard > Amendment module'. Below this, the title 'Amendments' is followed by an information icon and a paragraph: 'Please enter one or more criteria to search for a specific project. Alternatively, you can view all projects or only those with amendments by clicking on one of the links below. You may also select a status/fund from the dropdown lists (the list generated can help you manage the amendment request process)'. There are two links: 'View all projects' and 'View all projects with amendments'. Below these links is a 'Search' box containing several input fields and dropdown menus, separated by 'or' labels. The fields are: 'Project number' (with a help icon), 'Project leader's family name', 'Project leader's first name', 'Fund' (dropdown), 'Status of latest amendment' (dropdown), and 'Status of project' (dropdown). At the bottom of the search box are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons.

9.2 Search results

When you search using family name, first name, statuses or by using “View all projects” or “View all projects with amendment requests”, you will be presented with a table of results listing the project(s) that match your search criteria. The list is by default sorted by project number ascending, but you can sort the information by clicking on any of the column headers in the table.

Search results

1 entry(ies) found

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

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Project number	Project leader	Project title	Fund	Number of amendments created	Status of latest amendment	Submission date of latest amendment	Date of award agreement	Approved project end date
34063 ¹	Account, Demo	Infrastructure for breakthrough research	Innovation Fund	0	N/A			

1 entry(ies) found

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

9.3 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 this project (if any), and create new amendment requests.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Amendment module](#) > Project amendment(s): Project # 12345

[Return to search page](#)

 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	12345	Fund	Innovation Fund
Project leader	Account, Demo	Date of award agreement	2014-09-03
Project title	In-situ visualization lab	Approved project end date	2014-09-04

[Create amendment request](#)

Click this button to create an amendment request

#	Webform	Status	Action	Submission date	Approval/Rejection date	CFI comments	Display/Print	Delete
Display	Validation							
1	N/A	N/A	Approved	2014-09-03	2014-09-03	View	View	

Click to view CFI comments on amendment request


Click to view a PDF version of the amendment request

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

For amendments that are in progress, you will be able to run a validation (to check for errors in the amendment form) and perform various actions, depending on the status of the amendment. You can also delete an amendment request previously created but not yet submitted to the CFI.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Amendment module](#) > Project amendment(s): Project # 34063

[Return to search page](#)

 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 34063 **Fund** Innovation Fund

Project leader Account, Demo **Date of award agreement**

Project title Infrastructure for breakthrough research **Approved project end date**

You cannot create another amendment request for this project until the current one has either been approved or rejected by the CFI.

#	Webform		Status	Action	Submission date	Approval/Rejection date	CFI comments	Display/Print	Delete
	Display	Validation							
1	Open	Run	In-progress	Please select... ▼			N/A	View	

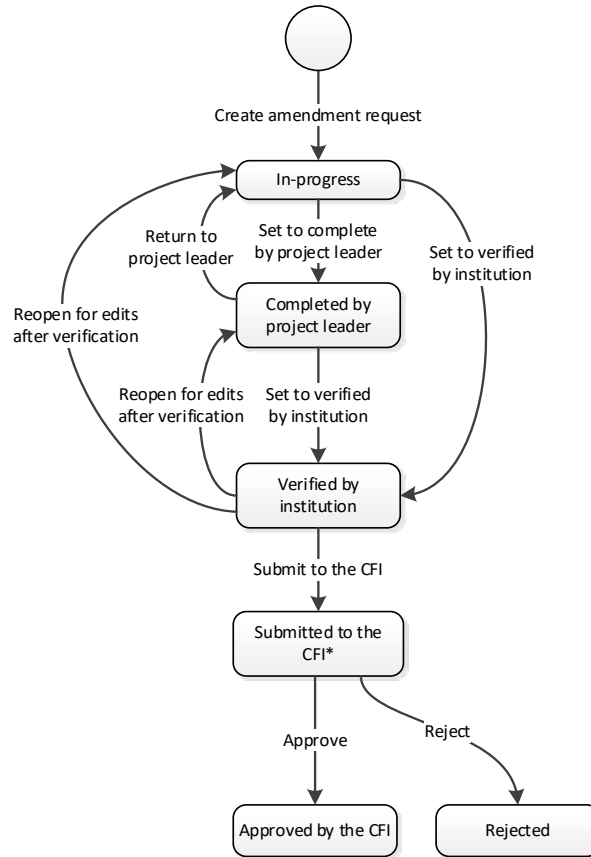
Click "Run" to perform a validation of the information entered in the form

Select a value to perform an action

Click "Open" to access the amendment request form

Click to delete the amendment request

9.4 Amendment requests: statuses and actions



*In some cases, the CFI may return an amendment request to your institution so that corrections can be made.

The status of all newly created amendment requests in CAMS is “in progress.” The amendment requests can be created only by institutional administrators with appropriate access. They can then be accessed by the project leader if institutional access has been granted.

If given access, and once a project leader has finished entering data in the amendment request, he/she will be required to confirm that the form is complete. Once this is done, he/she will no longer have access to modify it.

Note that completion of the amendment request by a project leader is not a mandatory step. An institutional administrator with the appropriate privileges can fill in the form and set its status as verified, even if project leaders have been granted access to the amendment module.

You will then verify the amendment request and set the status as verified. If changes are required, you can also return the amendment request to the project leader so that he/she can make the appropriate changes.

Once an amendment request has been set as verified, it can be reopened to make additional changes. If no further changes are required, the amendment request can be submitted to the CFI. No further changes are possible at this point, and the status of the amendment request changes to “submitted to the CFI.”

The CFI will approve, reject or return the amendment request to your institution for corrections. Note that it is possible to delete an amendment request at any stage in the process, except after it has been submitted to the CFI.

9.5 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 breadcrumb trail at the top reads: 'Institutional dashboard > Amendment module > Project amendment(s): Project # 34063 > Amendment request #1 > Overview'. A link 'Return to project page' is on the left. A blue box with an arrow points to the tabs, stating 'Use tabs to navigate through the sections'. The tabs are: 'Overview' (active), 'Change to end date', 'Change(s) to infrastructure', 'Eligible costs', 'Contributions', and 'Attachments'. A blue box with an arrow points to the 'Attachments' tab, stating 'Append files in the “Attachments” tab'. Below the tabs, an information icon and text state: 'Amendment requests should be used by institutions to request changes requiring prior CFI approval.' Buttons for 'Display/Print' and 'Save' are on the right. The form fields include: 'Amendment number 1', 'Institution Test inst (300)', 'Fund Innovation Fund', 'Project number 34063', 'Date of award agreement', 'Project leader Account, Demo', 'Project end date', and 'Project title Infrastructure for breakthrough research'. Below these is a text field 'Prepared by Demo Account' with a 60-character limit. A section titled '* Please indicate the nature of your change (select all that apply)' contains two checked options: 'Change in the end date of the project' and 'Change to the infrastructure, including new items'. A blue box with an arrow points to these options, stating 'Selecting nature of change will enable relevant sections (tabs)'. Another blue box with an arrow points to the 'Display/Print' button, stating 'Click “Display/print” to access the PDF version of the amendment request form'. A final blue box with an arrow points to the 'Save' button, stating 'Save changes before navigating to other sections (tabs)'. A bottom 'Display/Print' and 'Save' button pair is also visible.

10 PAYMENT

As an institutional administrator involved in post-award activities, your institution may have given you access to the payment module. The payment module allows you to view payment information related to an infrastructure project or the IOF. You can also view payment information by transaction date or for a specific period for all projects. Finally, payment information can be viewed by type or status.


10.1 Searching

The payment module allows you to search at either a detailed level or at a summary level.

Searching at a detailed level will allow you to view individual payment transactions. You can use various search criteria such as project number, transaction date, payment type, payment status or a combination of these. You also have the option of displaying only IOF payments.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Payment information](#)

Payment information


 You can view payment information at either a detailed or a summary level, by clicking on the appropriate tab below.

"Details" tab: will generate search results at a transaction level (i.e. a different row for each transaction). Note that only projects that have received a payment from the CFI will be displayed in the search results.


"Summary" tab: will generate search results at a summary level by project, which can then be drilled down to the transaction level. Note that all projects for which an award agreement is in place will be displayed in search results.

Details **Summary**

Search

 Please enter one or more search criteria below. If searching by transaction date, the period entered must not exceed ten years. As well, if searching for all payment types or for all payment statuses, you must enter at least one other search criteria. Search results will be displayed at a transaction level.


Note that if you search by transaction date with no other filter, search results will include both infrastructure and IOF payment details (when applicable).


Project number 

or

☐ Display only IOF payments

Transaction date

from 

to 


Payment type

Payment status

Searching at a summary level will allow you to view summary payment information. You can search for a specific project or by status of project (all, on-going or completed).

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Payment information](#)

Payment information

 You can view payment information at either a detailed or a summary level, by clicking on the appropriate tab below.


"Details" tab: will generate search results at a transaction level (i.e. a different row for each transaction). Note that only projects that have received a payment from the CFI will be displayed in the search results.

"Summary" tab: will generate search results at a summary level by project, which can then be drilled down to the transaction level. Note that all projects for which an award agreement is in place will be displayed in search results.

Details

Summary

Search

 You can search for payment information relating to infrastructure projects by entering one of the following in the boxes below: (a) project number, (b) project leader's name, (c) selecting a status. Search results will be displayed at a project summary level.

To search for Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF) payment information, click on the Details tab.

Project number

or

Project leader's family name

Project leader's first name

or

Status of project

Please select... ▼


Search

Clear

10.2 Search results

The search results displayed for the “Details” tab will list all individual transactions that match the search criteria entered. The search results can be exported to Excel.

Search results

 [Export results to Excel](#) Click to generate an Excel file from search results

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Project number▲	Payment type <i>i</i>	Date	Net amount	Holdback	Gross amount	Payment status	Comments
12345	Regular	2016-10-15	32,819	3,647	36,466	Scheduled	
12345	Regular	2015-10-15	32,183	3,576	35,759	Scheduled	View
12345	Regular	2014-10-15	31,554	3,506	35,060	Scheduled	
12345	Regular	2013-10-15	475,314	52,813	528,127	Paid by CFI	
12345	Regular	2012-10-15	148,129	16,459	164,588	Paid by CFI	


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The search results displayed from the summary tab will list all projects that match the search criteria entered. From the search results displayed, you will be able to drill down to transaction level information by clicking on the project number link. The search results can be exported to Excel.

Search results

 Transaction level details can be viewed by clicking on the related project number link within the search results table.
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 the award conditions.

 [Export results to Excel](#) Click to generate an Excel file from search results

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Project number	Project leader	Fund	Granted amount <i>i</i>	Amount paid to date <i>i</i>	Remaining balance			Payments not yet scheduled (gross) <i>i</i>	Approved project end date
					Scheduled payments (net)	Held payments (net) <i>i</i>	Holdback		
12345	Account, Demo	FL 1 M\$-2 M\$	800 000	623 443	96 556	0	80 001	0	2016-12-31

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Click a project number to access transaction level information for that project

11 FINANCIAL REPORTS

As an institutional administrator involved in post-award activities, your institution may have given you access to the financial report module. The financial report module allows you to view financial report status information related to a project, thereby helping you manage the financial reporting process at your institution. The search features allow you to obtain lists of projects by financial report status or type (e.g. in progress, submitted, approved, interim, final). The financial report module allows you to create, update, delete and submit financial reports, as well as view CFI comments (if any) related to a specific financial report.

This section provides additional information on the financial report module within CAMS. You should consult the [Policy and program guide](#) for complete information on requirements and guidelines related to the financial reporting process.


11.1 Searching

The financial report module allows you to search for a specific project (using project number or project leader name), or to search for projects based on the status of the latest report created or the financial report type. You can also view the information for all projects or view a list that includes information of the next report due for each project.

When you search for a specific project using the project number, you will be brought directly to this project's main financial report page (see section 11.3, "Project's main financial report page").


[Institutional dashboard](#) > Financial report module

Financial reports

 This screen allows you to perform the following searches:

1. Click on the "View reports to be submitted" link for a list of the next report due for each of your projects.
2. Click the "View all projects" link for status information of the latest financial report created for each of your projects. You can then drill down to financial report project level details, including PDFs and status information by clicking on the related project number link.
3. Enter a project number for the list of financial reports created and the related PDFs and status information for that project.
4. Enter a project leader name or select a financial report status and/or type from the droplists to view the status information of the latest financial report created for each of the related projects. You can then drill down to the financial report project level details, including PDFs and status information by clicking on the related project number link.

Note that only projects that have received a payment from the CFI will be displayed in the search results.

[View reports to be submitted](#)  **Use these links to quickly retrieve relevant project lists**

[View all projects](#)

Search

Project number

or

Project leader's family name

Project leader's first name


Status of latest report created


Financial report type

11.2 Search results

When you search using family name, first name, status of latest financial report created, financial report type or by using the “View all projects” link, you will be presented with a table of results listing the projects that match your search criteria. The list will indicate the status of the latest financial report created.

Search results

 Financial report details, including PDFs and status information can be viewed by clicking on the related project number link within the search results table.

 [Export search results to Excel](#) Click to generate an Excel file from search results

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2 entry(ies) found


Project number	Project leader	Project title	Fund	Latest financial report created			Final report created?	Approved project end date	Reporting frequency
				Reporting period end date	Status	Submission date			
12345	Account, Demo	Leading edge infrastructure	On-going New Opportunities Fund	2000-03-31	Approved	2000-11-07	Yes	2000-03-31	Annual
67890	Smith, John	Interactive lab	CRC Infrastructure Fund	2010-03-31	Approved	2010-11-30	Yes	2010-03-31	Annual

2 entry(ies) found Click to access this project's main financial reports page ☐ Show all ☒ Show pages

When you use the “View reports to be submitted” link, you will be presented with a table of results listing the next report due for the ongoing project(s) at your institution.

Search results

 Financial report details, including PDFs and status information can be viewed by clicking on the related project number link within the search results table.

 [Export search results to Excel](#) Notice the difference in columns when clicking “View reports to be submitted”

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Project number	Project leader	Project title	Fund	Next report due		Approved project end date	Reporting frequency
				Reporting period end date	Date report was created		
24680	Doe, Jane	Sound quality lab	New Initiatives Fund 2009	2015-03-31		2013-12-31	Annual

11.3 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) and create a new financial report.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Financial report module](#) > Project # 54321

[Return to search page](#)

Quick search
 To view financial report details for another project, enter the project number in the below box. Note that only projects that have received a payment from the CFI will be displayed in the search results.
Project number

General information

Project number	54321	Date of award agreement	2013-03-28
Project leader	Smith, John	Approved project end date	2014-03-31
Fund	Leaders Opportunity Fund - Funding for infrastructure associated with a Canada Research Chair	Maximum CFI contribution	\$93,400
Project title	Structured database	Current reporting frequency	Every two years

Financial reports

Click to create a financial report for this project

Reporting period end date	Final report?	Webform		Status	Submit to CFI	Submission date	CFI approval date	CFI comments	Display/print	Delete
		Display	Validation							
2014-03-31	No	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2014-06-09	2014-06-09	View	View	


Click to view comments from the CFI
Click to view a PDF version of the financial report

For financial reports that are in progress, you will be able to run a validation (to check for errors in the financial report form) and submit the financial report to the CFI. You can also delete a financial report previously created but not yet submitted to the CFI.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Financial report module](#) > Project # 54321

[Return to search page](#)

Quick search

 To view financial report details for another project, enter the project number in the below box. Note that only projects that have received a payment from the CFI will be displayed in the search results.

Project number

General information

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Project leader	Smith, John	Approved project end date	2014-03-31
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Project title	Structured database	Current reporting frequency	Every two years

Financial reports

A financial report is in progress, therefore you cannot create another financial report at this time.

Reporting period end date	Final report?	Webform		Status	Submit to CFI	Submission date	CFI approval date	CFI comments	Display/print	Delete
		Display	Validation							
2014-03-31	No	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2014-06-09	2014-06-09	View	View	
<u>2014-10-08</u>	Yes	View/edit	<input type="button" value="Run"/>	In progress	<input type="button" value="Submit"/>				View	<input type="button" value="X"/>

Click to access the financial report form

Click to change the reporting date

Click to delete the financial report

11.4 Financial report statuses

Once a financial report is submitted to the CFI, the CFI will assign one of the following statuses to the report:

- **Approved:** the financial report has been reviewed by the CFI and approved. No further action is required from your institution.
- **Returned to institution for corrections:** the financial report has been reviewed by the CFI but corrections are required. You will need to view the CFI comments for this report, make the appropriate corrections, and re-submit the report to the CFI.
- **Issue pending:** the financial report has been reviewed by the CFI but there is an issue pending that requires follow-up by your institution. You will need to view the CFI comments for this report and address the issue described.
- **Submitted to the CFI — no CFI action required:** In some cases, your institution may choose to create a financial report even if one is not required by the CFI. In those cases, the CFI will not review the financial report and will indicate that no CFI action is required. Please note that this status only applies to interim financial reports.

11.5 Financial report form

When you create a financial report for a project, you will first need to indicate whether the report is an interim report or a final report for the project. Depending on your answer, the appropriate form (i.e. interim financial report or final financial report) will be created.

The interim financial report form consists of five tabs. When an interim financial report is first opened, the default tab is the "Overview," which is a read-only section and is provided for your reference only. Each of the three tabs, "Eligible costs," "Contributions" and "Changes," needs to be filled out by your institution. The fifth tab, "Summary," is read-only and is updated every time information is entered in the "Eligible costs" or the "Contributions" tab.

Use tabs to navigate through the sections

Click "Display/Print" to access the PDF version of the financial report form

Eligible costs

i In this section, you must enter the most recent forecast of total expenditures for the project (i.e. actual costs to date plus most recent forecast of remaining expenditures to complete the project). You must also enter the actual costs, and the forecasted expenditures for the next two periods.

Display/Print Save

Period ending 2015-03-31

Code	Expenditure type	Summary of eligible costs									Forecast for the next two periods	
		Latest approved budget			Most recent forecast of total expenditures			Actual to 2015-03-31 (Cumulative)			2015-04-01 to 2016-03-31	2016-04-01 to 2017-03-31
		Cash	In-kind	Total	Cash	In-kind	Total	Cash	In-kind	Total	Total	Total
13	Purchase of equipment (including shipping, taxes and installation)	189,278	44,250	233,528	180,365	44,000	224,365			0		
14	Lease of equipment or facility	0	0	0			0			0		
15	Personnel (for infrastructure acquisition & development)	0	0	0			0			0		
16	Components	0	0	0			0			0		
17	Travel (infrastructure related)	0	0	0			0			0		
18	Software	0	0	0			0			0		
19	Extended warranties / Service contracts	0	0	0			0			0		
20	Construction/renovation costs essential to house and use the infrastructure	0	0	0			0			0		
21	Initial training of infrastructure personnel	0	0	0			0			0		
22	Other	0	0	0			0			0		
	Total eligible costs	\$189,278	\$44,250	\$233,528	\$180,365	\$44,000	\$224,365	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Display/Print Save

Save changes before navigating to other sections (tabs)

The final financial report form also consists of five tabs. When a final financial report is first opened, the default tab is the “Overview.” You will need to indicate whether or not this project is a multi-institutional project. Each of the four tabs, “Eligible costs,” “Contributions,” “Changes” and “Certification,” needs to be filled out by your institution. The “Changes” tab also contains a section where you can attach a document (PDF format) to further explain changes made to the project.

The screenshot shows a web-based form titled "Overview" with four tabs: "Overview", "Eligible costs", "Contributions", "Changes", and "Certification". The "Overview" tab is active. It contains an information icon and a message: "Please fill out each of the five tabs in the order that they are presented. After the initial data entry, you may return to modify information in any of these tabs, if required." Below this is a "Final financial report" section with a table of project details. At the bottom, there are fields for "Maximum CFI contribution per award agreement" (\$93,400), "CFI payments to date (net of holdback)" (\$83,400), and a dropdown menu for "Is this a multi-institutional project?". "Display/Print" and "Save" buttons are located at the top right and bottom right of the form.

Final financial report	
Institution	My institution
Fund	Leaders Opportunity Fund - Funding for infrastructure associated with a Canada Research Chair
Project number	99999
Date of award agreement	2013-03-28
Project leader	Smith, John
Actual project end date	2014-10-15
Project title	Leading-edge biology equipment

Maximum CFI contribution per award agreement \$93,400
CFI payments to date (net of holdback) \$83,400
Is this a multi-institutional project? Please select... ▼

12 PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

As an institutional administrator involved in post-award activities, your institution may have given you access to the *Project progress report* (PPR) module. The PPR module allows you to view the infrastructure operational statuses and PPR submission statuses related to the projects at your institution, thereby helping you manage the PPR reporting process at your institution.

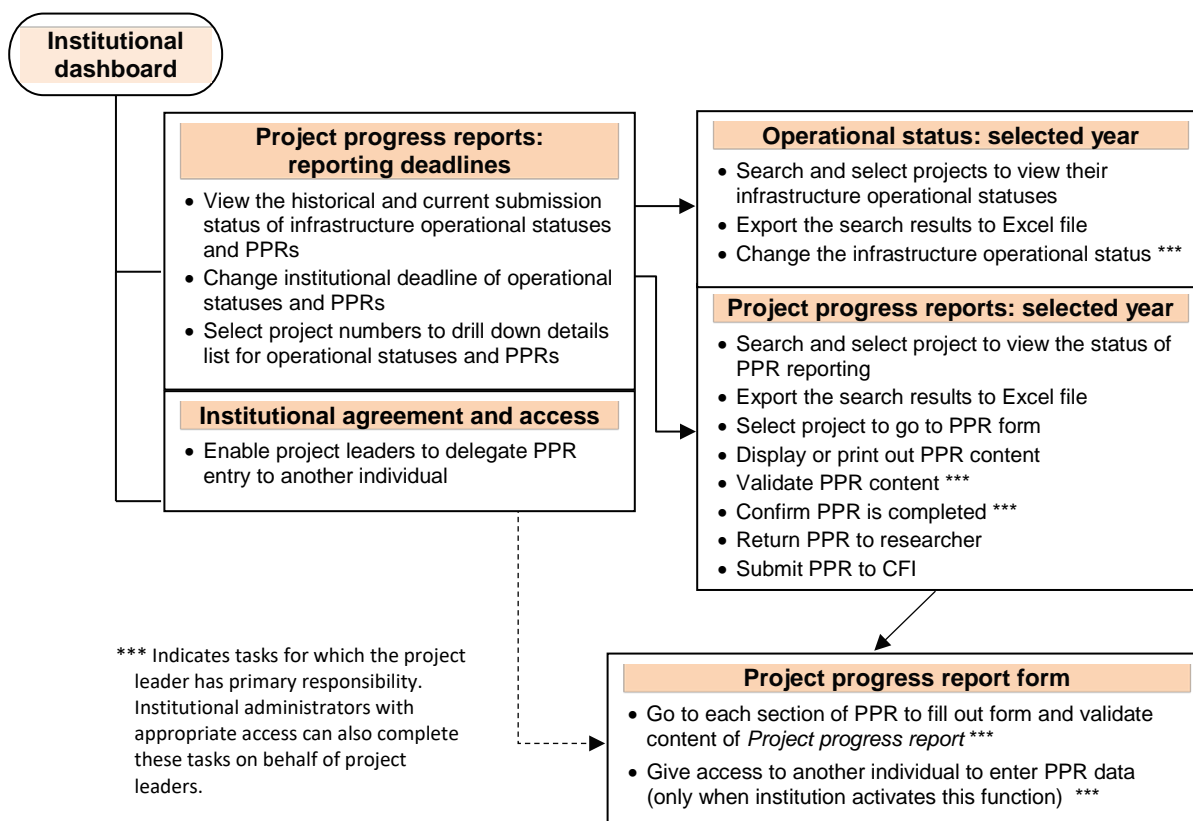
This section provides additional information on the PPR module within CAMS. You should consult the *Policy and program guide* for information on requirements and guidelines related to completing the PPR.

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

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

Although completion of the PPR is under the responsibility of the project leader, a delegation tool allows her/him 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 institutions.




12.1 Operational statuses and PPR submissions: reporting deadlines

The summary table indicates annual requirements and the latest submissions for infrastructure operational statuses and the PPRs. From this list, you will be able to drill down to the page in the selected year to manage operational statuses and the PPRs. You will be able to set the institutional deadlines if applicable.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Project progress reports](#)

Project progress reports: reporting deadlines

 The table below displays the CFI deadline that applies to submitting both infrastructure operational status and project progress reports. Through this screen, you can create an earlier, internal report deadline for your institution. To see a more detailed list of projects, click on the links provided in the "Operational status" and "Project progress reports" columns. To modify your internal deadlines for the current year, select the fields under 'Institution deadlines', choose new dates and click on the 'Save institution deadlines' button at the top of the table. These deadlines will be displayed to all project leaders that have a report due for the year. Refer to the [Instruction manual for completing project progress reports](#) for further guidance.

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Change the default deadlines to an earlier date (if desired)

Year	Institution deadlines		CFI deadline	Operational status	Project progress reports
	Operational status	Project progress report			
2016	<input type="text" value="2016-06-30"/>	<input type="text" value="2016-06-30"/>	2016-06-30	48 (5 submitted)	75 (0 submitted)
2015	2015-04-30	2015-06-01	2015-06-30	32 (32 submitted)	108 (106 submitted)
2014	2014-06-30	2014-06-30	2014-06-30	37 (37 submitted)	132 (131 submitted)
2013	2013-06-30	2013-06-30	2013-06-30	35 (35 submitted)	182 (180 submitted)

Click to access detailed annual listings of operational status/PPRs expected (submitted)

12.2 Managing required operational statuses

The detailed listing of operational statuses for the current year allows institutional administrators with appropriate access to view, set or change the operational statuses of projects on behalf of the project leaders. Four different statuses can be displayed under the “Infrastructure operational” column:

- **Status not submitted yet:** 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. The status can be changed to operational any time before the institutional deadline indicated.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Project progress reports](#) > [Operational status: 2016](#)

Operational status: 2016

This screen lists all projects for which the infrastructure operational status should be provided in the year selected. Through the researcher portal, project leaders are asked to indicate whether the CFI-funded infrastructure is operational to the extent that they have been able to initiate the research activities described in the CFI proposal.

Through the table below, institutional users are also able to respond in the “Operational status” column on behalf of project leaders. Once the status becomes “Operational” through the submission of a positive response to the Operational status question or by the way of a submitted final financial report, a reporting schedule will be generated and Project progress reports will be required annually until completion.

Filter the listing based on operational status

Operational status: Institutional deadline: 2016-06-30
CFI deadline: 2016-06-30

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Project number	Fund	Project leader▲	Project title	Operational status	Date submitted
12345	LEF 2012	Tester, Montreal	Project test 1	<input type="radio"/> Operational <input type="radio"/> Not yet operational	N/A
23456	JELF	Reporter, St.Catharines	Project test 2	Operational	2016-02-11
34567	JELF	Pharmacist, Tokyo	Project test 3	<input type="radio"/> Operational <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not yet operational	2016-02-11
45678	JELF	Runner, Laval	Project test 4	Operational	2016-02-11

Once it is set as operational, it is irreversible

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

12.3 Filling out, validating and completing PPR

The statuses of all newly created PPRs in CAMS are shown as “in progress.” Project leaders 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 behalf of the project leader..

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Project progress reports](#) > Project progress reports: 2016

Project progress reports: 2016

This screen lists all projects for which Project progress reports are due in the year selected, and allows you to take actions such as printing, validating, and submitting progress reports. Note that if you make changes to a report after it has been completed, you will need to run validation prior to submitting to the CFI. Only reports with a status of 'Completed' can be submitted to the CFI.

Fund

Status

Filter the listing based on existing PPR reporting status

Select: [All](#) [None](#)

Click project number to access PPR form

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	Project number	Fund abbreviation	Project leader	Display/Print	Reporting year	Status	Validated?	Completed?	Return to researcher?
<input type="checkbox"/>	76543	JELF	Scientist, Amsterdam		2 of 4	Completed	Yes	Yes	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
	87654	JELF	Researcher, NY		3 of 4	Requires validation by institution	<input type="button" value="Validate"/>	Yes	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
	65432	JELF	Teacher, Hanoi		4 of 4	In progress	<input type="button" value="Validate"/>	<input type="button" value="Confirm"/>	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)

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 #123456

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Project progress reports](#) > [Project progress reports: 2016](#) > [Project: #123456](#) > [Retention of researchers](#)

[Return to search page](#)

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?

Please select... ▼

* Indicates a required field

Validation can be performed all at once in PPR main page

Save before leaving each page

[Validate](#) [Display/Print](#) [Save](#)

Left-hand side menu:

- Project progress report
 - Project overview
 - Project summary
 - 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

12.5 Returning PPRs to project leaders or submitting PPRs to CFI

Once the form has been marked as “complete,” the project leader will no longer be able to modify the PPR. The institution retains access to edit the forms and can return them to the project leader for corrections as needed. Once the institution ensures that the PPR is completed and ready for submission, an authorized institutional administrator may submit one or more PPRs to the CFI.

Once the PPR has been submitted to the CFI, the institution will no longer be able to edit the forms.

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Project progress reports](#) > Project progress reports: 2016

Project progress reports: 2016

This screen lists all projects for which Project progress reports are due in the year selected, and allows you to take actions such as printing, validating, and submitting progress reports. Note that if you make changes to a report after it has been completed, you will need to run validation prior to submitting to the CFI. Only reports with a status of 'Completed' can be submitted to the CFI.

Fund:

Status:

[Submit to the CFI](#) [Export search results to Excel](#)

Select: [All](#) [None](#)

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	Project number	Fund abbreviation	Project leader	Display/Print	Reporting year	Status	Validated?	Completed?	Return to researcher?
<input type="checkbox"/>	76543	JELF	Scientist, Amsterdam		2 of 4	Completed	Yes	Yes	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
	87654	JELF	Researcher, NY		3 of 4	Requires validation by institution	<input type="button" value="Validate"/>	Yes	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
	65432	JELF	Teacher, Hanoi		4 of 4	In progress	<input type="button" value="Validate"/>	<input type="button" value="Confirm"/>	N/A

Click here to submit selected PPRs

Click to return the PPR to the project leader, who will regain access to edit PPR form

Select one or more projects to submit their PPR

12.6 Enabling project leaders to delegate PPR data entry

An institution can grant project leaders to delegate PPR entry to another individual who has a CAMS account. Data entry privileges of the designated individual are limited to PPR forms only and must be re-created every year.

To manage access levels for project leaders, refer to section 15.3, “Access levels for project leaders”.



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

12.7 Delegating completion of the PPR

Project leaders can give access to someone with a CAMS account to enter data in their project progress report. Institutional administrators with appropriate access can also delegate entry on behalf of the project leader.

PPR #123456

- 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
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 - Technology transfer
 - Spin-off companies
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 - New job creation
 - Contact information
 - Comments
- PPR delegation

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.

[Delegate data entry to someone](#)

Click to enter the username (email) of delegate

Enter the CAMS username (email) of delegate, and validate

Delegate data entry to someone

* Username (email) 70 characters

Delegate data entry to someone

* Username (email) 70 characters

Tom Testing, CFI University

Message for Tom Testing

500 characters

Note: An e-mail notification will be sent to Tom Testing summarizing the above information.

The message entered here will be included in the email sent to the delegate

By clicking "Save," an email notification will be automatically sent to the delegate

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

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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
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- New job creation
- Contact information
- Comments

PPR delegation

13 INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATING FUND MODULE

As an institutional administrator involved in post-award activities, your institution may have given you access to the Infrastructure Operating Fund module. The Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF) module allows you to view the details of your institution's IOF allocation and adjustments (if any), as well as IOF payment information. It also allows you to create, update, delete and submit IOF annual reports, as well as view the status and CFI comments (if any) related to an IOF annual report.

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

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [IOF module](#)

Infrastructure operating fund

IOF allocation summary

Overall allocation	\$13,764,871	View	Obtain description of allocation
Available allocation	\$12,551,782	View	View IOF adjustment details
Less CFI payments	(\$7,273,434)	View	View IOF award agreement
Unused available allocation	\$5,278,348		

Click to view IOF allocation details in Excel format

Click to view details of CFI IOF payments


IOF annual report(s)

[Create an IOF annual report](#) Click to create a new report

Reporting period end date	Webform		Status	Submit to the CFI	Submission date	CFI approval date	CFI comments	Display/print	Delete
	Display	Validation							
2013-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2013-06-20	2013-09-23		View	
2012-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2012-06-29	2012-07-09		View	
2011-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2011-06-30	2011-07-26	View	View	
2010-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2010-06-21	2010-08-24		View	
2009-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2009-06-18	2009-07-08		View	
2008-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2008-06-16	2008-07-11		View	
2007-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2007-06-15	2007-07-30		View	
2006-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2007-06-11	2006-10-05		View	
2005-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2005-03-31	2005-03-31	View	View	

Infrastructure operating fund


IOF allocation summary

Overall allocation	\$13,764,871	View	Obtain description of allocation
Available allocation	\$12,551,782		View IOF adjustment details
Less CFI payments	 (\$7,273,434)	View	View IOF award agreement
Unused available allocation	\$5,278,348		

Click to change the reporting date

IOF annual report(s)

An IOF annual report is in progress therefore you cannot create another report at this time.

Reporting period end date	Webform		Status	Submit to the CFI	Submission date	CFI approval date	CFI comments	Display/print	Delete
	Display	Validation							
2015-03-31	View	Run	In progress	Submit				View	
2013-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2013-06-20	2013-09-23		View	
2012-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2012-06-29	2012-07-09		View	
2011-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2011-06-30	2011-07-26	View	View	
2010-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2010-06-21	2010-08-24		View	
2009-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2009-06-18	2009-07-08		View	
2008-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2008-06-16	2008-07-11		View	
2007-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2007-06-15	2007-07-30		View	
2006-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2007-06-11	2006-10-05		View	
2005-03-31	N/A	N/A	Approved	N/A	2005-03-31	2005-03-31	View	View	

Click to access the IOF annual report form


Click to delete the IOF annual report

13.1 IOF annual report form

[Institutional dashboard](#) > [Infrastructure Operating Fund \(IOF\)](#) > [IOF module](#) > [IOF annual report 2015-03-31](#)

[Return to IOF module](#)

Infrastructure Operating Fund annual report

 In the upper table, enter the actual expenditures incurred during the period covered by this report. In the lower table, enter the expenditures you expect to incur in the period following the "period ending" of this report. IOF payments for the current year will be based on forecasted expenditures presented in this report and the cumulative CFI excess payment or shortfall. Please refer to the CFI Policy and program guide for more information on how the IOF payment schedule will be established. Please note that the institution should only report the operating and maintenance expenditures for which it is requesting funding from the CFI.

[Display/Print](#) [Save](#)

IOF annual report Period ending 2015-03-31

Actual expenditures and CFI payments

Description	Cumulative as of March 31, 2014	Actual expenditures for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015	Cumulative as of March 31, 2015	% of total cumulative
Personnel, technical and other operational	5,161,293	<input type="text"/>	5,161,293	83.92%
Supplies (maximum 10%)	401,655	<input type="text"/>	401,655	6.53%
Maintenance and repairs	349,681	<input type="text"/>	349,681	5.69%
Services	233,475	<input type="text"/>	233,475	3.80%
Other (specify) <input type="text"/> 100 characters	4,073	<input type="text"/>	4,073	0.07%
Total	\$6,150,177	\$0	\$6,150,177	100%
Less CFI payments to date	(7,273,434)	(0)	(7,273,434)	
Shortfall/(excess payment)	(\$1,123,257)	\$0	(\$1,123,257)	

Forecasted expenditures

Description	Cumulative as of March 31, 2015	Forecasted expenditures for the period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016	Cumulative as of March 31, 2016	% of total cumulative
Personnel, technical and other operational	5,161,293	<input type="text"/>	5,161,293	83.92%
Supplies (maximum 10%)	401,655	<input type="text"/>	401,655	6.53%
Maintenance and repairs	349,681	<input type="text"/>	349,681	5.69%
Services	233,475	<input type="text"/>	233,475	3.80%
Other (specify) <input type="text"/> 100 characters	4,073	<input type="text"/>	4,073	0.07%
Total	\$6,150,177	\$0	\$6,150,177	100%

Certification

We certify that:

- The information provided in the IOF annual report is accurate.
- Expenditures included have not been claimed for reimbursement from another source.
- Actual expenditures reported have all been incurred in the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015. Outstanding commitments included in actual expenditures consists only of expenditures that were incurred in this period, but for which the invoice was paid subsequently.
- Actual and forecasted expenditures reported are eligible costs as per the CFI Policy and program guide.
- Actual and forecasted expenditures reported are related to infrastructure projects which are admissible under the IOF, as per the CFI Policy and program guide.
- Actual and forecast expenditures reported were and will be subject to the institution's usual tendering and purchasing policies and procedures.
- All confirmations have been obtained from project leaders to attest that the infrastructure for which IOF is being requested is still used for research purposes.
- The forecasts presented are realistic and take into consideration the most recent information at the time the IOF annual report was submitted.
- Infrastructure for which IOF is requested is expected to be used for research purposes in the upcoming year.
- The administration of the funding received/requested has/will be in accordance with the Institutional Agreement, the CFI Policy and program guide and the IOF award agreement regarding the use of Infrastructure Operating Funds.

☐ I have read, understood and agree with the above.

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14 OVERVIEW INFORMATION

As an institutional administrator involved in managing CFI-funded projects, your institution may have given you access to the institutional overview, report repository and/or the project overview.

14.1 Institutional overview

The institutional overview will allow you to view important institutional information on one screen, such as:

- Summary information related to proposals and awards;
- Summary information related to the IOF (IOF allocation, payments, award agreement, annual report);
- Summary information related to financial reports, amendment requests and *Project progress reports* to help the institution identify action items (e.g. in progress, reports due, reports returned to the institution for corrections, payments on hold, projects past end dates); and,
- Your institution's strategic research plan.

14.2 Report repository

The report repository provides access to information in Excel format that is specific to your institution and that can be used to facilitate data analysis, project monitoring and other institutional activities.

14.3 Project overview

The project overview will allow you to view important summary information related to one project in one screen, such as:

- Approved budget and amendment requests;
- Award finalization form;
- Award agreement and special conditions (if any);
- Summary payment and expenditure information; and,
- Summary reporting information (e.g. latest financial report, *Project progress reports*).

15 MANAGING INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS AND ACCESS PRIVILEGES

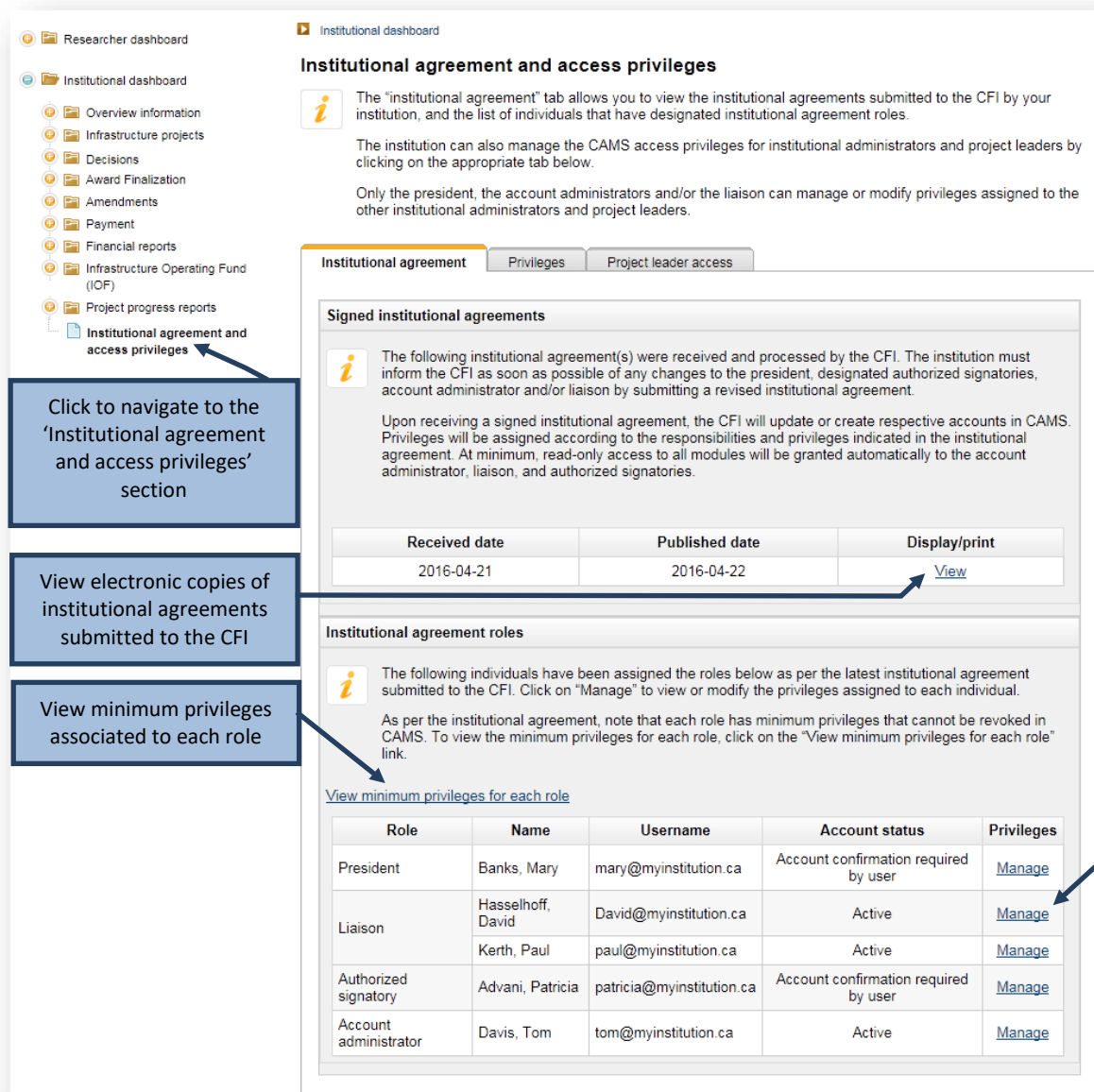
The institutional agreement and access privileges module is only accessible if you are the President, the liaison or the account administrator, as indicated in the institutional agreement submitted to the CFI by your institution. It allows you to view the institutional agreements submitted to the CFI by your institution, and the list of individuals that have designated institutional agreement roles. It also allows you to manage the CAMS access privileges for institutional administrators and project leaders.

A video highlighting the various functions available in this module is also available on the [CFI website](#).



15.1 Institutional agreement

The “institutional agreement” tab allows you to view the institutional agreements submitted to the CFI by your institution, and the list of individuals that have designated institutional agreement roles.



Institutional agreement and access privileges

The “institutional agreement” tab allows you to view the institutional agreements submitted to the CFI by your institution, and the list of individuals that have designated institutional agreement roles.

The institution can also manage the CAMS access privileges for institutional administrators and project leaders by clicking on the appropriate tab below.

Only the president, the account administrators and/or the liaison can manage or modify privileges assigned to the other institutional administrators and project leaders.

Institutional agreement | Privileges | Project leader access

Signed institutional agreements

The following institutional agreement(s) were received and processed by the CFI. The institution must inform the CFI as soon as possible of any changes to the president, designated authorized signatories, account administrator and/or liaison by submitting a revised institutional agreement.

Upon receiving a signed institutional agreement, the CFI will update or create respective accounts in CAMS. Privileges will be assigned according to the responsibilities and privileges indicated in the institutional agreement. At minimum, read-only access to all modules will be granted automatically to the account administrator, liaison, and authorized signatories.

Received date	Published date	Display/print
2016-04-21	2016-04-22	View

Institutional agreement roles

The following individuals have been assigned the roles below as per the latest institutional agreement submitted to the CFI. Click on “Manage” to view or modify the privileges assigned to each individual.

As per the institutional agreement, note that each role has minimum privileges that cannot be revoked in CAMS. To view the minimum privileges for each role, click on the “View minimum privileges for each role” link.

[View minimum privileges for each role](#)

Role	Name	Username	Account status	Privileges
President	Banks, Mary	mary@myinstitution.ca	Account confirmation required by user	Manage
Liaison	Hasselhoff, David	David@myinstitution.ca	Active	Manage
	Kerth, Paul	paul@myinstitution.ca	Active	Manage
Authorized signatory	Advani, Patricia	patricia@myinstitution.ca	Account confirmation required by user	Manage
Account administrator	Davis, Tom	tom@myinstitution.ca	Active	Manage

Upon receiving a signed institutional agreement from the institution, the CFI will update or create respective accounts in CAMS for the individuals who have designated institutional agreement roles (i.e. President, authorized signatory, liaison and account administrator). Privileges will be assigned according to the responsibilities and privileges indicated in the institutional agreement. Note that these individuals have minimum privileges that are automatically assigned to them in the institutional agreement and that cannot be revoked.

Appendix A – Minimum privileges describes the minimum privileges automatically assigned by the CFI and the ones that can be modified for each institutional agreement role. If needed, you can modify certain privileges for these individuals by clicking the “Manage” link.



Note: The institution must inform the CFI as soon as possible of any changes to the President, designated authorized signatories, account administrator and/or liaison by submitting a revised institutional agreement to the CFI senior programs officer responsible for your institution.

15.2 Manage privileges

The “Privileges” tab allows you to assign and revoke access privileges for institutional administrators, whether they have an institutional agreement role or not. The liaison and account administrator are responsible for setting appropriate access privileges for institutional administrators with no institutional agreement role in accordance with institutional control framework and practices.

Search for institutional administrators

Please enter one or more search criteria to search for a specific individual at your institution. You will then be able to manage the access privileges for this individual by clicking on the “Manage” link in the search results table.

If an individual is not found in CAMS, click on the “Create a new CAMS account” link below to create a new CAMS account for this individual.

Notes:

- The “Amendment – data capture and submit” privilege can only be assigned to individuals with an institutional agreement role.
- The “Proposal – data capture and submit” privilege can be assigned to all individuals with an institutional agreement role and ONE additional individual (if necessary).

Certain privileges can only be assigned by individuals that have a specific institutional agreement role. To view the privileges that each institutional agreement role can assign, click on the “View privileges that can be assigned by each role” link.

If an individual is no longer working at your institution, please do not forget to remove his/her privileges in CAMS.

[View privileges that can be assigned by each role](#)

First name: tom
Family name:
Username (email):

[Create a new CAMS account](#)

[Export list of all institutional administrators with privileges](#)

1 entry(ies) found

Name▲	Username	Account status	Privileges	History
Davis, Tom	tom@myinstitution.ca	Active	Manage	View

1 entry(ies) found

Note: Some privileges can only be assigned to a limited number of individuals:



- For amendments, data capture and submit can only be assigned to individuals with an institutional agreement role.
- For proposals, data capture and submit can only be assigned to individuals with an institutional agreement role and **ONE** additional individual (if necessary).

All other privileges can be assigned to an unlimited number of individuals.

From this screen you can create a new CAMS account for institutional administrators who do not yet have one.

As well, some privileges can only be assigned by either the liaison or the account administrator. These limitations are described in Appendix B – Privileges that can be assigned by each institutional agreement role.

Since the institution is responsible for privilege delegation and its impact on data access and integrity, CAMS accesses and privileges for all institutional administrators should be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that they remain appropriate. You can obtain a list of all institutional administrators and their privileges in CAMS.

You can search for an individual by first name, family name or username (email). If no results are found, you will need to create a CAMS account for the individual (refer to section 0, "

Setting individual privileges”).

Note that this module must not be used to create new accounts for project leaders. Project leaders can create new CAMS accounts online. Their access levels related to post-award modules can be set in CAMS by the CFI liaison or the CFI account administrator (refer to section 0, “

Access levels for project leaders”).

15.2.1 Search results

You will be presented with a table of results listing the individuals that match your search criteria.

The diagram illustrates a search results table with the following structure:

Name ▲	Username	Account status	Privileges	History
Davis, Tom	tom@myinstitution.ca	Active	Manage	View

Two callout boxes provide additional context:

- A box above the 'Manage' link states: "Click to add or remove privileges from this user".
- A box below the 'View' link states: "Click to view this a detailed history of privileges for this user".

15.2.2 Setting individual privileges

You can assign different access privileges for every CAMS module and will generally be able to choose from the following access privileges:

- Read only
- Data capture (no submission capabilities)*
- Data capture and submit *

* Available only for modules that involve the completion and submission of forms and reports.

The screenshot shows the 'Privileges' tab in the CAMS system. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Institutional agreement', 'Privileges' (selected), and 'Project leader access'. Below the tabs, there is a link 'Go to "Search for institutional administrators"' and a button 'Click to revoke a privilege from this account'. The main section is titled 'Manage privileges for the selected individual'. It displays the user's details: First name: Tom, Family name: Davis, CAMS username: tom@myinstitution.ca, CAMS account status: Active, and Institutional agreement role: Account administrator. Below this, there is a 'Select privilege to assign:' dropdown menu with a list of privileges. A blue box with an arrow points to the 'Assign' button and the dropdown menu, with the text 'Click to assign the selected privilege'. Another blue box with an arrow points to the 'Revoke' column of the table, with the text 'Click to revoke a privilege from this account'. The table has two columns: 'Privilege' and 'Revoke'. The 'Revoke' column contains 'X' icons for each privilege listed. The privileges listed are: Amendment – Data capture, Amendment – Data capture and submit, Award Finalization – Read-only, Financial report – Read-only, Infrastructure operating fund – Read-only, Project progress report – Data capture, Project progress report – Data capture and submit, Proposal – Data capture, Proposal – Data capture and submit, Infrastructure operating fund – Data capture and submit, Institutional overview – Read-only, Institutional privilege management, Payment – Read-only, Project overview – Read-only, Project progress report – Read-only, and Proposal – Read-only.

Privilege	Revoke
Amendment – Data capture	X
Amendment – Data capture and submit	X
Award Finalization – Read-only	X
Financial report – Read-only	X
Infrastructure operating fund – Read-only	X
Project progress report – Data capture	X
Project progress report – Data capture and submit	X
Proposal – Data capture	X
Proposal – Data capture and submit	X
Infrastructure operating fund – Data capture and submit	X
Institutional overview – Read-only	X
Institutional privilege management	X
Payment – Read-only	X
Project overview – Read-only	X
Project progress report – Read-only	X
Proposal – Read-only	X



Note: If an individual is no longer working at your institution, please do not forget to revoke his/her privileges in CAMS. If the responsibilities of an institutional administrator changes, you may need to modify his/her access privileges.

15.2.3 History

You can view the history of the changes made to an individual's privileges (e.g. dates of changes and author of the change).

Privilege history

Below you will find a history of operations performed on the selected individual's privileges.

First name:

Tom

Family name:

Davis

CAMS username:

tom@myinstitution.ca

Date	Author	Action	Privilege
2016-04-22 17:02	paul@myinstitution.ca	Revoke	Project progress report – Data capture and submit
2016-04-22 17:02	paul@myinstitution.ca	Revoke	Proposal – Data capture
2016-04-22 17:02	paul@myinstitution.ca	Revoke	Proposal – Data capture and submit
2016-04-22 16:59	paul@myinstitution.ca	Assign	Proposal – Data capture and submit
2016-04-22 16:57	paul@myinstitution.ca	Assign	Proposal – Data capture
2016-04-22 16:46	paul@myinstitution.ca	Assign	Project progress report – Data capture and submit
2016-04-22 16:32	CFI	Assign	Amendment – Read-only
2016-04-22 16:32	CFI	Assign	Institutional overview – Read-only
2016-04-22 16:32	CFI	Assign	Proposal – Read-only
2016-04-22 16:32	CFI	Assign	Award finalization – Submit

Close

15.3 Access levels for project leaders

Project leaders must create their own CAMS accounts online. When creating an account, the project leader will automatically be given access to the Curriculum vitae, the application and the decision modules in CAMS.

The liaison and account administrator can grant project leaders access to perform any or all of the following actions in relation to the project(s) for which they are the designated project leader:


- View award finalization information (e.g. status, award agreement, budget at award finalization, CFI conditions);
- View amendment information (e.g. status, amendment in progress or submitted, CFI comments) and complete amendment requests for internal submission to the institution;
- View financial report information (e.g. status, financial reports in progress or submitted, CFI comments);
- View payment information and associated CFI comments; and,
- Delegate PPR data entry to one other individual.



Note: The access level option (“Yes” or “No”) selected for each of the modules will apply to all project leaders at the institution, as this cannot be customized at the individual project leader level.

Institutional agreement Privileges **Project leader access**


Manage project leaders' accesses

 Please indicate whether project leaders at your institution should be given access to the following modules for their projects.

Note: These permission levels will be applied to all project leaders at your institution.

Click to allow or deny project leader access to each module

Module	Access level	Access to project leaders
Award finalization	No access	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Amendments	Data capture	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Payments	Read-only	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Financial reports	No access	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

 Enabling this option will allow project leaders from your institution to delegate PPR data entry to one other individual who has a CAMS account. Once you have enabled delegation for your institution, this will be the default setting for future years unless you turn this feature off.

Note: If delegation is turned on and then subsequently disabled, any delegation relationships created while delegation was enabled will remain active until the reporting year is closed. Any pre-existing delegation will remain active even if you select “No”.

Module	Allow project leaders to delegate PPR data entry
Project progress report delegation	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

16 APPENDIX A – MINIMUM PRIVILEGES

Institutional agreement role	Minimum access privileges (cannot be revoked)	Additional privileges that can be modified*
President	Amendment – Data capture and submit Award finalization – Submit Financial report – Data capture and submit Infrastructure Operating Fund – Data capture and submit Institutional overview – Read-only Institutional privilege management Payment – Read-only Project overview – Read-only Project progress report – Data capture and submit Proposal – Data capture and submit	N/A
Authorized signatory	Amendment – Read-only Award finalization – Submit Financial report – Read-only Infrastructure Operating Fund – Read-only Institutional overview – Read-only Payment – Read-only Project overview – Read-only Project progress report – Data capture and submit Proposal – Data capture and submit	Amendment – Data capture Amendment – Data capture and submit Financial report – Data capture Financial report – Data capture and submit Infrastructure Operating Fund – Data capture Infrastructure Operating Fund – Data capture and submit
Liaison	Amendment – Data capture and submit Award finalization – Submit Financial report – Read-only Infrastructure Operating Fund – Read-only Institutional overview – Read-only Institutional privilege management Payment – Read-only Project overview – Read-only Project progress report – Data capture and submit Proposal – Data capture and submit	Financial report – Data capture Financial report – Data capture and submit Infrastructure Operating Fund – Data capture Infrastructure Operating Fund – Data capture and submit
Account administrator	Amendment – Read-only Award finalization – Submit Financial report – Data capture and submit Infrastructure Operating Fund – Data capture and submit Institutional overview – Read-only Institutional privilege management Payment – Read-only Project overview – Read-only Project progress report – Read-only Proposal – Read-only	Amendment – Data capture Amendment – Data capture and submit Project progress report – Data capture Project progress report – Data capture and submit Proposal – Data capture Proposal – Data capture and submit

*Additional privileges can be selected by the institution in the institutional agreement. Alternatively, these can be managed in CAMS as needed.

17 APPENDIX B – PRIVILEGES THAT CAN BE ASSIGNED BY EACH INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT ROLE

Institutional agreement role	Privileges that can be assigned to institutional administrators by the institutional agreement role	Privileges that cannot be assigned
President	The President can assign all privileges available to institutions in CAMS	N/A
Authorised signatory	The authorised signatory cannot assign any privilege	N/A
Liaison	Amendment – Data capture Amendment – Data capture and submit ³ Amendment – Read-only Award finalization – Read-only Award finalization – Submit Financial report – Read-only Infrastructure Operating Fund – Read-only Institutional overview – Read-only Payment – Read-only Project overview – Read-only Project progress report – Data capture Project progress report – Data capture and submit Project progress report – Read-only Proposal – Data capture Proposal – Data capture and submit ⁴ Proposal – Read-only	Financial report – Data capture Financial report – Data capture and submit Infrastructure Operating Fund – Data capture Infrastructure Operating Fund – Data capture and submit
Account administrator	Amendment – Read-only Award finalization – Read-only Award finalization – Submit Infrastructure Operating Fund – Data capture Infrastructure Operating Fund – Data capture and submit Infrastructure Operating Fund – Read-only Institutional overview – Read-only Financial report – Data capture Financial report – Data capture and submit Financial report – Read-only Payment – Read-only Project overview – Read-only Project progress report – Read-only Proposal – Read-only	Amendment – Data capture Amendment – Data capture and submit Project progress report – Data capture Project progress report – Data capture and submit Proposal – Data capture Proposal – Data capture and submit

³ The “Amendment – Data capture and submit” privilege can only be assigned to individuals with an institutional agreement role.

⁴ The “Proposal – Data capture and submit” privilege can only be assigned to individuals with an institutional agreement role and **ONE** additional individual (if necessary).



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