

## **OMS - A valuable tool for the CFI, institutions and their partners**

The Outcome Measurement Study (OMS) is an important evaluation tool that helps the CFI remain accountable, make decisions and communicate the impacts of its investments to its stakeholders. Institutions also benefit in several ways.

**Remaining accountable:** Canadian institutions have received large investments in research infrastructure (\$4.5 billion in the last 12 years). In return, the Government of Canada and other stakeholders are asking how their investments are performing and providing benefits to Canadians. The OMS allows the CFI to document concrete achievements, verify impacts and benchmark outcomes with international standards while providing contextual information.

**Making decisions:** The OMS provides an opportunity for the CFI to learn about the results and impacts of its investment in institutions, and about the challenges institutions face. Armed with this information, the CFI is in a better position to tailor its funding programs and improve their effectiveness. The OMS also helps the CFI understand the role its funds play relative to other funding sources.

**Communicating to stakeholders:** The OMS allows the CFI to report to its stakeholders, including the public, on evidence-based information that has been validated by international expert committees. This strong evaluation approach complements the project progress reports. It also enables the CFI to report on the strengths of Canadian research institutions and the exciting progress they are making in the science and technology landscape.

**Informing institutions:** The expert review of a thematic area that is highly relevant to an institution's strategic research plan provides institutions with a valuable international assessment of the strengths and opportunities in the research domain. The OMS report may provide guidance to institutions and relevant research groups for fostering further links across sectors, and to better capitalize on the CFI-funded infrastructure and research capacity.