



FAQ – Covid-19 Measures and CFI JELF

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We have every confidence that agencies are committed to ensuring projects are not unduly delayed and SRI will work with you and CFI to ensure your projects will not be put in jeopardy.

Has CFI announced any deadline changes or changes to the CFI decision timelines?

CFI has not altered its deadlines for the submission of JELF proposals.

Award finalization and financial deadlines are extended by 3 months, (JELF, IF and MSI projects). SRI has been in touch with individual grant holders to develop a plan for next steps.

The Innovation Fund 2020 is proceeding according to original timelines. Nov 2020 decisions are anticipated.

I wanted to get a quote for renovation work, or have some renovation work done. Is this possible?

On-site access is restricted at this time. However, where possible, work that can be done without on-site access will be continued and SRI is working with IPLD to progress such projects. Please feel welcome to contact SRI (ann.visscher@usask.ca) to discuss your individual circumstances.

I have several purchases in progress. Are they still proceeding?

At this time, USask will not be making any purchases that require delivery to campus (excepting special circumstances e.g. safety equipment, COVID-19 research/response). Only a few select stores are remaining open, and with limited capacity. Deliveries that are currently in transit will be re-directed to centralized storage facilities and held until normal operations resume.

During this time, SRI in conjunction with Enterprise Procurement will still continue to support purchase planning activities. Please contact SRI (ann.visscher@usask.ca) if you would like to discuss options and directions.

Due to isolation measures, I cannot confirm the condition of my delivered equipment and/or my vendor cannot install the equipment or provide training. I am concerned that my vendor, a small business facing difficult times, will not be paid.

USask values its relationships with our scientific and equipment vendors, and is taking steps to ensure that we continue to work well together through these uncertain times.

ConnectionPoint will ensure that vendors are aware on how to submit outstanding invoices electronically to ConnectionPoint and enroll in Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) so that payments move as quickly as possible. As before, you will be asked to confirm receipt of goods and / or services in order to process payments related to existing or new purchase orders.

SRI will continue to work with researchers and our sister units to ensure that payments are made. To ensure our suppliers do not face undue hardship, contracts can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and amended to reflect more appropriate payment terms given the situation. This may include separating goods from services, or holding back a portion of goods payments for major equipment until testing can happen. Please contact SRI (ann.visscher@usask.ca) to discuss your concerns and we can plan a path forward.