CANADA FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION
Innovation Fund (CFI-IF)

Presented by RASI, March 2021

Slides will be shared following the presentation
OUTLINE

• CFI – IF at a glance
• Deadlines and decision points
• What makes a good proposal?
• Q&A
• Who available to help?
CFI-IF AT A GLANCE

Supports innovative research programs by investing in infrastructure

Objectives:

• Enable global leadership by supporting world-class research or technology development.

• Enhance and optimize the capacity of institutions and research communities to conduct the proposed research or technology development program(s).

• Lead to social, health, environmental and/or economic benefits for Canadians.
FUNDING: ANTICIPATED

• CFI total ~$400M in research infrastructure
  • Up to 40% of total eligible costs

• USask envelope $15-20M

• Projects must be greater than $1 million
## TIMELINES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>Activities</th>
<th>Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Early May 2021</td>
<td>USask Test Your Concept</td>
<td>Recommended</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Contact <a href="mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca">rasi.support@usask.ca</a> by Apr 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 28, 2021</td>
<td>USask internal EOI due</td>
<td>Submit to <a href="mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca">rasi.support@usask.ca</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jun 2021</td>
<td>USask short list</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sep 2021</td>
<td>Final selection including projects led external to USask</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sep 2021</td>
<td>CFI pre-call and allocation of envelope</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar-Nov 2022</td>
<td>CFI Submission</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar 2023</td>
<td>CFI Decision</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

• Research or technology development
  • Innovative, feasible, and internationally competitive

• Team
  • Up to 10 members, options for co-leads
  • Diverse with breadth of expertise
  • EDI

• Research capacity
  • Past investments from Institutions and partners
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- Infrastructure
  - Necessity and appropriateness

- Sustainability
  - Optimally used, operated, and sustained
  - Tangible commitments

- Benefits
  - How will you transfer research results to end users?
  - What are the social, health, environmental, and/or economic benefits for Canadians?
OTHER KEY CONSIDERATIONS

• Core facilities

• Matching funds
  • Think creatively and broadly partners
  • Benefits to Canada
  • Benefits to SK
WHO IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST?

- RASI
- ICT
- IPLD
TEST YOUR CONCEPT

• Present project outline to faculty experts
  • 10 minutes presentation

• What do I include in my presentation?
  • Who is the team?
  • What is the research?
  • What is the infrastructure?
  • How is it unique?
  • What are the benefits?

• Feedback from faculty experts

• E-mail rasi.support@usask.ca by April 9th to sign up.
ict and research computing

• Contact research computing for:
  • Significant IT components (networking, servers, storage)
  • High Performance Computing (Compute Canada)
  • Data management (sensitive data, data transfer to partner institutions)
  • Instruments and data collection computers
  • Ongoing IT operations

• ... and even if nothing here immediately resonates, contact research computing early anyway!

• Research_computing@usask.ca
WORKING WITH IPLD

• **Projects (>$500,000)** that include implications for space, renovations, new construction or infrastructure requirements.
  • Costs include total project costs (including equipment, etc.)
  • Even projects that are primarily equipment should be reviewed to ensure infrastructure requirements are met

• **Contact**: Colleen Macdonald, Infrastructure, Planning and Land Development
  (colleen.macdonald@usask.ca)
Resources

Download the USask EOI Form

Download the Project Led by Another Institution Form

CFI-IF webpage

Detailed instructions at 2020 call for proposals 2021 call likely released Sep

USASK EOI

• USask led projects: Complete EOI Form.

• Projects led outside of USask: Complete Project Led by Another Institution Form and EOI form or EOI from other institutions.

• Submit to rasi.support@usask.ca by May 28, 2021.
THANK YOU

Contact RASI for more information, questions, and to sign up for a Test Your Concept

rasi.support@usask.ca