

Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)
John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF) competition

The following deadlines apply to this competition:

August 12th, 2016: Deadline to confirm proposal eligibility of match funding.

August 19th, 2016: Internal deadline for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) to the Office of CREAT, CRC and CFI Services (CCCS).

October 15th, 2016: CFI deadlines for submission of JELF applications approved under this EOI call.

Summary of the Process

All EOIs received will be assessed by an internal Advisory Committee, appointed by the Vice-President (Research). This assessment process will be completed by **September 2nd, 2016**. Only those EOIs selected by the Advisory Committee will be eligible to apply to the CFI JELF program for the CFI October deadline. All applicants will be notified in writing of the EOI results.

Eligibility

The CFI JELF is an allocation-based fund for degree-granting institutions whereby the CFI predetermines the maximum amount of funding available for each eligible institution. Eligible applicants must be current faculty members with a full-time academic appointment or in the process of being recruited to a full-time academic position. They must be recognized leaders in their field of research or show promise of becoming research leaders. They must be engaged in, or embarking on, an innovative research program for which the requested infrastructure is essential and will provide an enriched training environment.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs):

EOIs must be received by CCCS no later than August 19, 2016, 4:00 p.m. They should be no more than 3-4 pages in length (excluding CVs), and be submitted as a **singled compiled PDF** including the following information:

- A general description of the infrastructure being requested and where it will be located;

- Need for the Infrastructure, including what research or technology development it will enable and why this is important (e.g., institutionally, regionally, nationally, internationally, where applicable);
- Fit with Memorial University's current Research Strategy Framework, <http://www.mun.ca/research/explore/framework/research-strategy-senate-endorsed.pdf> , and;
- A project budget, including the CFI request and potential leverage/match funding sources (e.g., RDC, vendor in-kind contributions, other sources of match funding). **Applicants must confirm eligibility of their project for match funding with the expected source(s) no later than August 12, 2016.** For example, if anticipated match funding will be requested from RDC NL via their Leverage program, applicants must verify the eligibility of their proposal under that program with the RDC. Applicants are encouraged to seek assistance from CCCS who can assist in engaging RDC.
- CVs for each researcher included on the application must also be provided (i.e., a maximum of 3 applicants are permitted for each JELF application).
- A completed EOI Approval form (see attached).

Additional information beyond that requested will not be considered during the EOI assessment process.

CFI-JELF Applications:

For this call, each CFI JELF EOI (and full application) will be limited to a maximum CFI request of \$300,000, or a maximum of 40% of the total project cost (i.e., whichever amount is lower), regardless of the number of applicants per EOI. Accordingly, a maximum total project cost may be \$750,000 including required matching funding. Sources of matching funds may include vendor contributions, matching funding from the RDC Leverage Program (<http://www.rdc.org/form/leveragerd/>), or other sources of funding as may be secured by the project.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CREAT, CRC and CFI Services before the August 12th and October 15th, 2016, deadlines for assistance in completing the CFI JELF application.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact CCCS at cccs@mun.ca.