

CFI-IF 2027

Expression of Interest (EOI) Requirements for Co-Applicants

Due:	July 16, 2026
Components:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment Criteria (3 pages)</li> <li>- Budget (in EOI budget sheet)</li> <li>- Endorsement letter</li> </ul>
Formatting Guidelines	<p><b>Length:</b> 3 pages (not including budget)</p> <p><b>Font:</b> 12 pt</p> <p><b>Margins:</b> 1" (2.5 cm)</p>
Submit to	Manager, Strategic Programs: <a href="mailto:ailsakay@uoguelph.ca">ailsakay@uoguelph.ca</a>

The objectives of the 2027 Innovation Fund competition are to:

- Strengthen researchers' ability to excel and compete internationally
- Build sustainable research capacity
- Generate relevant and impactful benefits for Canadians.

**Assessment Criteria** See [Innovation Fund | Canada Foundation for Innovation](#)

1. **Research:** The research program is innovative, feasible and internationally competitive.
2. **Team:** The team members and their partners have all the experience and expertise to conduct the proposed activities and will do so in an inclusive work environment.
3. **Infrastructure:** The requested infrastructure is necessary and appropriate to conduct the research program.
4. **Sustainability:** The infrastructure will be well managed, appropriately used and financially (include anticipated costs of maintenance)
5. **Benefits:** The project will generate relevant and impactful benefits for Canadians.

**Budget**

Provide an approximate total project budget **and the U of G CFI allocation request** (40% of total project costs for U of G portion) using the University's CFI EOI spreadsheet (attached to alert)

**Endorsement**

Letter, signed by the dean, confirming the equipment location and endorsing the college's anticipated financial commitment to construction/renovation and maintenance.