



New Frontiers in Research Fund
Fonds Nouvelles frontières en recherche

NFRF Special Call: 2022

Research for Postpandemic Recovery

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Overview of the New Frontiers in Research Fund



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Overview of the New Frontiers in Research Fund

Administration

The Canada Research Coordinating Committee (**CRCC**) designed the NFRF following a national consultation, and is the **steering committee for the NFRF**.

NFRF is a **tri-agency program**, administered by the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (**TIPS**), which is housed within the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (**SSHRC**).



NFRF Program Streams

Exploration

- Generates **opportunities** for Canada to build strength in **high-risk, high-reward** and **interdisciplinary** research

Transformation

- Provides **large-scale support** for Canada to build strength and leadership in **interdisciplinary** and **transformative** research

International

- Enhances **opportunities** for Canadian researchers to **participate** in research with **international partners**

Special Calls

- Flexible opportunities that are targeted to support emerging areas of research



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Funding Opportunity Description

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Funding Opportunity Description

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The COVID-19 pandemic has had differential impacts on individuals, communities, and countries, intensifying the inequalities that existed before this crisis.

Globally, numerous voices have been advocating for “building back better” as the world emerges from the pandemic.

Goal

- To mobilize Canadian-led research efforts in support of a more **equitable**, **sustainable** and **resilient** postpandemic reality.

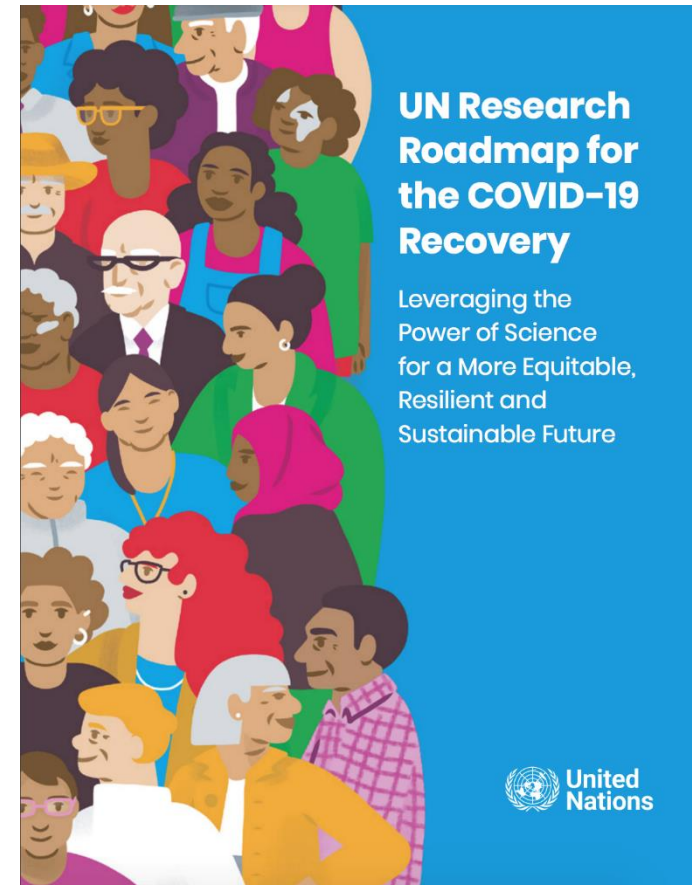


Funding Opportunity Description

Special Call 2022: The Roadmap

The [United Nations Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery](#) encourages “targeted research for data-driven responses that focus particularly on the needs of people being left behind.”

The Roadmap is built on the premise that **innovative and interdisciplinary solutions are needed** to account for the interdependence of people and recovery efforts.



Funding Opportunity Description

Value and Duration

Value

The maximum budget for the [direct costs](#) of the research project is \$200,000 per year, for up to two years.

Applicants may, in addition, request up to 25% of the value of the direct costs of research to cover indirect costs.

Duration

2 years, with an automatic 1-year extension

- Minimum of 48 grants
- A proportion of awards, equal to the proportion of applications received from Early Career Researchers, will be reserved for Early Career Researchers.

Funding Opportunity Description

Important dates

April 26, 2022

- Notice of Intent deadline

August 9, 2022

- Full application deadline

January 2023

- Results announced

February 2023

- Awards begin

Funding Opportunity Description

Project Team Eligibility

Proposals must be submitted by research teams composed of at least two individuals:

- **A nominated principal investigator (NPI)**
- Either a **co-principal investigator (co-PI)** or a **co-applicant**

Teams may include any number of co-PIs, co-applicants and/or collaborators.

All project teams must include at least one expert in social, economic, or socio-economic research and/or implementation science among the principal investigators (NPI or co-PI).

Research teams are expected to include **international members**. The inclusion of team members from lower middle or lower income countries is strongly encouraged. Exceptions to this will be considered for projects that address a uniquely Canadian context and provide an appropriate justification.





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Evaluation Criteria

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Evaluation Criteria

Interdisciplinarity / Fit to Program

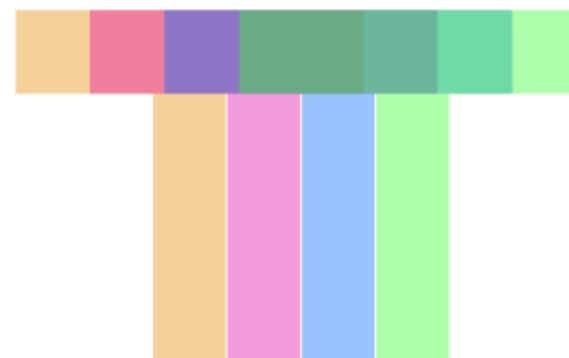
Applications must clearly demonstrate how they respond to **one or more priorities** identified in the Roadmap.

Research teams must include **at least one expert in socio/economic/socio-economic and/or implementation science** among the principal investigators (NPI or co-PI).

Applications must combine elements from **at least two different disciplines**.

Interdisciplinary Teams

Individuals from different fields are expected to contribute ideas to the entire project



Members listen and learn from others

Evaluation Criteria

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

EDI is a core element of the NFRF program; applicants must clearly demonstrate their commitment to EDI.

For each of these three key areas, applicants must explain:

1. team composition and recruitment processes;
 2. training and development opportunities; and
 3. inclusion.
- what actions they will take,
 - the outcomes expected, and
 - the assessment planned

Refer to the
[NFRF Best Practices in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research](#)



Evaluation Criteria

High Risk

High Risk, in the context of this call, refers to the **novelty of the proposed approach to addressing one or more of the UN Roadmap priorities.**



Proposals should address:

- How the proposed approach is innovative as it relates to the latest methodologies and techniques;
- How the approach builds on and benefits from the expertise and perspectives of a wide range of regions, disciplines, and/or sectors of the international team, as appropriate; and
- Why the approach is expected to lead to change.

Evaluation Criteria

High Reward

High Reward is defined as the potential for impact.

Applications must explain the anticipated change or impact that is likely to result and its significance.



Can be defined by elements such as:

- Having an economic, scientific, artistic, cultural, social, technological or health impact;
- Impacting and/or affecting large communities, or unique communities or subpopulations with the potential to provide lessons for other contexts; and/or
- Contributing to progress towards the achievement of the UN's sustainable development goals by significantly advancing current knowledge, methods and/or technologies, and positioning it for uptake.

Evaluation Criteria

Feasibility

Feasibility considers **the plan** and **the ability** to execute the activities. It includes elements such as:

- Research challenge or priority being addressed;
- Knowledge, expertise and capacity of the research team;
- Current research in the field;
- Work plan and timeline;
- The plan for research uptake;
- Proposed approach, including GBA+ ;
- Project's engagement and reciprocity with First Nations, Inuit and/or Métis peoples (for Indigenous research), where appropriate; and
- Suitability of the research environment.

For more information on the criteria refer to the [evaluation matrices](#)





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Review Process & Supplemental Funds

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Review Process Overview

NOI

Full Application

Internal Review

To help staff identify reviewers

External Reviewers

Comment on high risk, high reward and feasibility



Reviewer report



Multidisciplinary/ multisectoral review panel evaluation

EDI	p/f
Interdisciplinarity/ Fit to Program	p/f
High Risk	30%
High Reward	40%
Feasibility	30%

Steering Committee

Makes funding decisions based on the review panel's recommendations

Review Process

Supplemental Funds – Eligibility

- To be considered for supplemental funds, a project must meet the criteria set out by one or more of the partner organizations.
 - Supplemental funds will only be considered for projects that have been selected for funding through the merit review process for the NFRF 2022 Special Call.
- All proposed projects must be fully executable within the NFRF budget.**

Review Process

Supplemental Funds – Process

- NFRF will share the applications for successful projects that meet the criteria set out by the partner organization.
- The partner organization will identify projects that are willing to support.
- Process will vary by partners, but in most cases will require at minimum the submission of:
 - A revised budget
 - Explanation of how project will be expanded with supplemental funding
- Supplemental funds will be provided directly to the project team from the partner organization according to their own policies, guidelines, and processes.

Review Process

Supplemental Funds – Partner organizations

[International Development Research Centre \(IDRC\)](#)

- IDRC will provide up to \$200,000 in supplemental funds per project.
- To be eligible for consideration, projects must fulfill the following criteria:
 - Have a strong focus on lower middle-income countries (LMIC) and least developed countries and/or be co-led by institutes or researchers based in these countries;
 - Demonstrate an equal footing partnership modality, i.e., strong preference given to an LMIC partner with a legal identity that allows it to receive funds directly from IDRC;
- Applications with a primary focus on research priorities under Pillar 1 – Health Systems and Services **are not eligible.**



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International Development Research Centre
Centre de recherches pour le développement international

Review Process

Supplemental Funds – Supporting organizations

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) – German Research Foundation

- Researchers eligible for DFG funding can liaise with the NFRF call through an independent Individual Research Grant proposal to the DFG referencing a related collaboration.
- There are no special funds available for these efforts.
- The review process is carried out separately from the NFRF Special Call according to the DFG's criteria for the Review of Research Grant.



Resources and Questions

Resources

Program-related questions:

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Program Links:

[NFRF Website](#)

[Competition Overview](#)

[NOI Guide](#)

[Full Application Guide](#)

[Evaluation Matrices](#)

[FAQs](#)

[Supplemental Funding](#)



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