

Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI)

This fact sheet is part of a set of eight on *Research Granting Agencies* produced by the Association pour la recherche au collégial. It introduces the Canadian Foundation for Innovation, an agency that supports the acquisition and maintenance of research infrastructures, and situates it within the overall configuration of agencies that, in Québec and in Canada, support public research in the areas of health, natural sciences and engineering, social sciences, humanities, fine arts and literature, as well as the acquisition or maintenance of the infrastructures needed for conducting such research.

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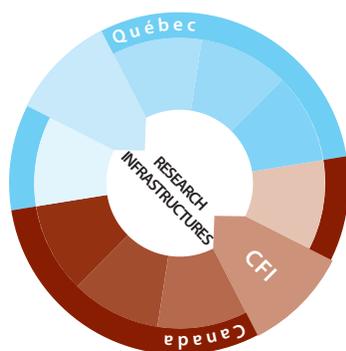
As a professional association, ARC fosters the development of research throughout the college system, in particular through the dissemination of position papers on research issues, the hosting of research-related activities and conferences, the establishment of research support measures, the awarding prizes and, more recently, through meta-research projects.

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Created in 1997 by the government of Canada, CFI was incorporated as an independent non-governmental organization with its own Board of Directors. CFI funds research infrastructures in universities, colleges, research hospitals and non-profit research institutions.

www.innovation.ca/en

Subscribers to the [CFI electronic newsletter](#) receive a monthly e-news letter and other communications on the research enabled by the Foundation.

Mandate

CFI endeavours to strengthen Canada's capacity to undertake world-class research and technology development by funding research infrastructures. CFI funding enables institutions to set their own research priorities in response to areas of importance to Canada.

CFI's national objectives are to enhance the capacity of institutions to:

- support economic growth and job creation, and enhance health and environmental quality through innovation
- undertake world-class scientific research and technology development
- expand research and job opportunities by supporting support through research infrastructure for the development of highly qualified personnel
- promote productive networks and collaboration among Canadian universities, colleges, research hospitals, non-profit research institutions and the private sector

Eligible projects

Depending on the grant program, eligible projects may involve the construction, modernization, acquisition, leasing or development of research infrastructures. These may include equipment, buildings, laboratories and databases required by researchers. The eligible infrastructure must represent a new capital asset, and it must improve the institution's research capability. CFI funding will both help put new infrastructure projects in place and reinforce initiatives that were already launched with the support of CFI funding.

Applying for a grant

Applicant

Only eligible institutions, not individual researchers, may submit proposals to CFI as applicants. However, researchers may enquire about the internal application process at their institutions.

Management of federal grants

Institutions

Canadian universities, colleges, hospitals and non-profit research institutions recognized as eligible by CFI may submit proposals. Eligibility is granted in accordance with the guidelines and exceptions described on pages 19 and 20 of the [Policy and program guide](#). Any eligible institution that, alone or as a member of a group, the majority of which are eligible institutions, receives and administers funding associated with an infrastructure project is recognized by CFI as an "eligible recipient".

Eligible expenses

CFI contributions are subject to cost sharing. Applying its usual funding formula, CFI funds up to 40 percent of the eligible costs of a funded infrastructure project. «Eligible recipients» and their eligible financial partners must provide the remainder of the funding. Québec colleges must submit their projects to CFI and the Québec government at the same time. For the projects retained, the Québec government commits to making a financial contribution in addition to the funding provided by CFI.

Every project undertaken with the support of a CFI grant program is eligible for the [Infrastructure Operating Fund](#) (IOF). This fund helps cover a portion of the operating and maintenance costs to ensure optimal use of CFI-funded infrastructure once it becomes operational. The IOF allocation is equivalent to 30 percent of CFI's contribution under the grant program that made it possible to implement the initial stage of the infrastructure project.

Regular CFI operating grants

Funding programs for colleges:

- [Leading Edge and New Initiatives Funds](#)
- [Automotive Partnership Canada Fund](#)
- [Exceptional Opportunities Fund](#)

Those who want to find out what projects were granted funding can do a search online or upload the list of contributions from the CFI [website](#).

Grant program specific to colleges

The [College-Industry Innovation Fund](#) program is aimed specifically at colleges. It seeks to enhance the capacity of colleges to support business innovation in Canada by providing them with research infrastructure to foster partnerships with the private sector.

Submitting applications

Forms and instructions for submitting a proposal to CFI are available in [Our Funds](#) section of the CFI website. This section contains application forms as well as information documents. It also provides a secure environment, [CFI online](#), within which to submit proposals. Proposals must be completed by researchers; institutions must then submit the proposals online, using forms.

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