



2019 Innovation Fund Competition
Internal U of T Notice of Intent Information

UofT internal NOIs for the CFI 2017 Innovation Fund:

- are due **November 30, 2018** – this will include notification of non-U of T-led projects in which U of T faculty members are participating and which depend on a portion of our institutional “ask envelope”
- should be submitted as PDFs to rso.vpr@utoronto.ca
- can be submitted only by the Dean/Principal or Vice-Dean/Vice-Principal, Research of the sponsoring academic division

No limit is placed on the number or value of NOIs submitted by an academic division; however, divisions are urged to be selective in identifying the highest priority infrastructure initiatives that have the most potential to address the criteria set out in by the CFI. This call is yet to be made, however you can review the last competition as a reference: <https://www.innovation.ca/awards/innovation-fund>.

The University of Toronto and its affiliated hospitals have not yet been given a total “ask envelope” it is expected that this will be available in early 2019.

While the U of T internal NOI stage is mandatory, NOIs will not be adjudicated. Their purpose is to provide preliminary, high level information to assess the degree of pressure on our U of T tri-campus “ask envelope”; to review for potential overlap (within and between campuses and affiliated hospitals); and to begin assembling our internal Review College.

Completing the NOI form:

1. **Working Title of the Application:** this can be changed subsequently, but should provide some clarity regarding the nature of the infrastructure project
- 2a. **Lead Investigator and Administering Unit/Division:** can also be changed later; must be a U of T faculty member eligible to hold research funding
- 2b. **Other Academic Leaders:** faculty members at U of T or partner institutions who will co-lead or collaborate on the proposal
3. **Previous CFI project(s) upon which this proposal builds:** identify previously funded CFI projects that relate directly/foundationally to this new proposal
4. **Brief description of project and provincial/national/international significance:** provide sufficient information to enable readers to understand the nature of the proposal – and, potentially, its relation to other NOIs received
- 5a. **Estimated Total Project Cost:** As close an estimate as possible at this early stage, to enable an institution-level assessment of total CFI funding proposed (40% of total project costs) at this early stage
- 5b. **Major/ special / unique budget components/equipment items:** to enable identification of potential duplication across all emerging proposals
- 5c. **Location, if applicable, of construction/major renovation:** to enable early identification of capital projects implications
- 5d. **Inclusion of high performance computing (HPC) elements:** CFI defines HPC as computing systems with capabilities larger/more powerful than typically available in a standard desktop system (typically, costing more than \$100,000). Special approvals are required for proposals including HPC, in consultation with Compute Canada. Early identification of these instances is key to facilitating that process.
6. **Partner Organizations:** CFI generally encourages partnerships of all kinds that support the effective use of infrastructure. Management of our institutional “ask envelope” can be challenging and dependent on timely communication of potential for cost sharing across CFI eligible institutions