

# New Frontiers in Research Fund

Inaugural Competition

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# Introduction

- Budget 2018 proposed to invest \$275 million over 5 years and \$65 million ongoing to create a new tri-council fund under the responsibility of the Canada Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC) and administered by SSHRC on behalf of the granting councils
- This new fund is called the **New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF)** and its objective is to support research that is international, interdisciplinary, fast-breaking and higher-risk



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- The inaugural competition will be under the **Exploration** stream
- Its focus is on interdisciplinary and higher-risk research
- It is expected that 75 grants will be awarded with a duration of 2 years and total value of \$250,000



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# Timelines

- **December 6th:** Inaugural call was launched
- **January 11, 2019:** NOI deadline
- **February 7, 2019:** Full Application submission deadline
- **End of March:** Results announced
- **March 29, 2019:** Start date of grants
- More competitions to follow



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# Eligibility

- The inaugural stream will only be open to Early Career Researchers (ECRs) as the Nominated Principal Investigator
- Applications can be submitted from an individual or a team of researchers
- Projects must include elements from at least two different disciplines (Canadian Research and Development Classification)
- Individuals may only participate in one application



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# Eligibility

- The NPI must be an independent researcher whose primary affiliation is at a Canadian institution holding full eligibility at one of the three granting councils
- Co-PIs and Co-Applicants cannot be affiliated with a federal, provincial, territorial or municipal government department or a for-profit organization
- Co-applicants can be independent researchers or can include, but is not limited to, practitioners, policy makers, educators, decision makers, health care administrators, indigenous elders, indigenous knowledge holders, community leaders, or an individual in a charity
- Collaborators do not need to be affiliated with an eligible institution. Any individual who will contribute to the project is eligible to be a collaborator. Collaborators do not have access to grant funds and are expected to bring their own resources. Collaborators do not include individuals whose activities on the project will be supervised by the nominated principal investigator, co-principal investigator or co-applicants.
- Participants can be from international institutions so long as they meet eligibility criteria set out in FO
- More details are available on the Funding Opportunity page



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# Notice of Intent (NOI) Phase

- Nominated Principal Investigators (NPIs) **must** submit a NOI to be eligible to submit a Full Application
- The NOI phase will include the nominated principal investigator's information, the list of team members, project title, disciplines, keywords and summary of proposal
- This phase will not go through the RGO of the institution; NPIs can complete this phase on their own
- Uses the new Convergence Portal ([convergence.gc.ca](http://convergence.gc.ca))



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# Full Application Phase

- The Full Application phase will go through the NPI's institution's RGO
- This phase includes additional elements such as research proposal details, team biographical information and budget
- Some updates can be made at this phase in terms of the title, team members and/or keywords



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# RGOs Accessibility

- To facilitate accessibility and testing, RGOs can create a testing account.
- Testing account **MUST** select the following affiliation : ZZZ-INTERNAL TESTING ENVIRONMENT



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# Review Process

The selection criteria for this inaugural stream will include:

- **Interdisciplinarity:** combining disciplines in a novel and potentially transformative way
- **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI):** meaningfully engaging members of underrepresented groups
- **High-risk:** proposing new paradigms, defying current research perspectives, novel approaches to solving existing problems
- **High-reward:** impact and size of the community affected, significantly advancing current knowledge, resolving long-standing scientific issues, transforming current thinking
- **Feasibility:** capacity of investigators, appropriateness of approach



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# Open Questions and Answers Session

- Feel free to ask the staff questions
- Not all of the questions can be answered at this time; we thank you for your patience
- If your question deals specifically with your own research proposal, please send these via email instead
- Before sending any questions, please read carefully through the [Funding Opportunity Description](#), [Instructions](#) and [FAQs](#). Emails received where the answer can be found online will be classified as low priority and will receive a delayed response.



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# Resources

## Website

<http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/index-eng.aspx>

## Funding Opportunity Description

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## FAQs

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## Instructions

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