

**New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) – 2026 Exploration Competition**  
Eligibility of external Co-Principal Investigators/Co-applicants

**Application details:**

UWO Nominated Principal Investigator:

Project Title:

**To be completed by the co-Principal Investigator/co-applicant:**

Your name:

Your institution:

Your role on the grant application:                      Co-Principal Investigator                      Co-applicant

(See [NFRF definition of roles](#))

Your scholar type:    Early Career Researcher    Established Researcher

(See [NFRF definition of scholar type](#))

- Are you currently listed as a nominated Principal Investigator (NPI), co-Principal Investigator, or co-applicant on;

a) a currently active NFRF Exploration Grant?                      Yes                      No

*Note: To be eligible at the application stage, a final report on an active NFRF-E grant must be submitted to NFRF one month before the full application deadline."*

b) another 2026 NFRF Exploration application?                      Yes                      No

*Note: Applicants can be listed in one of the above roles on **one** 2022 NFRF Exploration Grant NOI/Application.*

- NFRF [defines](#) an independent researcher as an individual who engages in research-related activities that are not under the direction of another; and has an academic appointment that:

- commences by the full application deadline;
- allows the individual to pursue the proposed research project, to engage in independent research activities for the entire duration of the funding, to supervise trainees (if applicable, as per their institution’s policy) and to publish the research results; and
- obliges the individual to comply with institutional policies concerning the conduct of research, the supervision of trainees (if applicable) and the employment conditions of staff paid with Tri-Agency funding.
- will not be paid from CFREF as of the start date, and for the duration of, the NFRF grant

Do you meet the above criteria of an independent researcher?                      Yes                      No

**To be completed by the co-Principal Investigator/co-applicant’s Institutional Authority:**

- Is your organization an academic institution?                      Yes                      No

- If no, is your organization a:

• Federal, provincial, territorial, or municipal government?                      Yes                      No

• For-profit organization?                      Yes                      No

**Institutional approval of co-Principal Investigator/co-applicant**

By signature below, the Institution confirms the eligibility of the above named co-Principal Investigator/co-applicant (including confirmation of eligible COVID delays, if applicable) and provides approval of their participation on the application listed herein.

Name of Institutional Representative:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

Please return this signed and completed form to [researchoffice@uwo.ca](mailto:researchoffice@uwo.ca)