

Workshop #4

Breakout Room

Institutional Initiatives, Research Services Office

Presented by Kevin Hamilton, Director, II
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Agenda

- *Institutional Initiatives* in the U of T research landscape
- Areas of responsibility
- Activities & services
- Common issues
- Contacts

Institutional Initiatives (II)

Mandate: facilitate success in institution-led research funding programs.

- Works closely with University Divisions and Departments, faculty members, divisional academic administrators, and research facilitators
- Aims to enhance the University's applications to federal and provincial research programs and to maximize funding.

Institutional Initiatives (II)

Role

1. **Support proposal development** for institution-led research funding programs, including:
 - Matching funding programs (e.g., CFI/ORF; ORF-RE; Genome Canada)
 - Allocations based programs (e.g., CRCs, CERCs; JELFs)
2. **Financial & progress administration** on active projects

Activities

- **Identify & communicate** opportunities
- **Support Divisions & PIs** to develop funding proposals: eligibility, proposal prep, budget development, submission
- **Administer awards** – budget monitoring, reporting, award amendments
- **Manage sponsor regulated budgets** – program allocations, application envelopes
- **Liaise with partners** – interactions with funding agencies, inter-institutional relations

II Areas of Responsibility

Canada Research Chairs

- Canada Research Chairs ([CRC](#))
- Canada Excellence Research Chairs ([CERC](#))
- Canada 150 Chairs ([C150](#))
- Associated CFI JELF applications



II Areas of Responsibility

Canada Foundation for Innovation ([CFI](#))

- John Evans Leadership Fund ([JELF](#))
- Innovation Fund ([IF](#))
- Infrastructure Operating Fund ([IOF](#))
- Ontario Research Fund-Research Infrastructure ([ORF-RI](#))

Others: Biosciences Research Infrastructure Fund ([BRIF](#))
 Major Science Initiatives ([MSI](#))
 Exceptional Opportunities ([EOF](#))



II Areas of Responsibility



Ontario

- Ontario Research Fund – Research Excellence ([ORF-RE](#))
- Early Researcher Awards ([ERA](#))
- Genome Canada / OGI matching competitions

Genome Canada / Ontario Genomics Institute ([OGI](#))

- Large Scale Applied Research Project ([LSARP](#))
- Genomic Applications Partnership Program ([GAPP](#))



II Activities & Services

Pre-Award

- Notification of funding availability
- Envelope / allocation notification and tracking
- Internal review
 - Timetabling
 - Editorial
 - Administrative review
- Internal selection processes (e.g., Eols, Nols, PreProposals, etc.)
- Application submission

II Activities & Services

Post-Award

- Notification of awards (and unsuccessful)
- Finalization: budgets, start & end dates, conditions, etc.
- AMS fund creation
- Funding release
- Administration of amendments
- Progress and final report administration & submission

II Activities & Services

Oversight & management

- Information resource to PIs, BOs, administrators, etc.
- Liaison with sponsors
- Tracking and coordination of sponsor institutional allocations
- Resolving problems with awards and providing experience based solutions

II Common issues

- We handle institutional applications & awards
- We don't write applications or compile budgets
- Decisions on nominees, allocations, priorities, etc., rest with Divisions/departments
- We can't agree any spending outside the terms of the formal Award Agreement
- As these are institutional projects, we need to sign off on any changes affecting an application or funding agreement

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