

CFI & ORF-RI Programs



CFI and ORF-RI

- Each of CFI and ORF (Ontario Research Fund through the Ministry of Research Innovation and Science – MRIS) provide 40% of the total cost
- Requirement that the additional 20% be provided – usually in the form of deep discounts over and above educational discounts when purchasing the infrastructure

John R Evans Leaders Fund (JELF)

- designed to help institutions attract and retain researchers
- Institutions receive an allocation of potential awards based on a 3 year rolling average of tri-agency funding
- competition deadlines three times per year (Feb 15, June 15, Oct 15)
- two times a year JELF Partnership (CRC) application (April & October)
- maximum total project cost of \$2M (i.e. CFI = \$400K max)
- FASE, FAS, Medicine, UTM, UTSC receive an allocation for a 3 year period. Single department faculties allocation is held centrally by the VPRI and SDF's Dean/Vice-Dean make requests to utilize this allocation

ORF-RI – Small Infrastructure award

- The Provincial matching program to the CFI JELF
- Provides 40% of the cost of an award
- Deadlines slightly later than CFI JELF

Innovation Fund (IF)

- support promising and innovative research or technology development in areas where Canada currently is, or has the potential to be, competitive on the global stage
- open competitive (no allocation) held @ every 18-24 months
- multi-million dollar awards
- Next competition estimated @ 2019

ORF-RI – Large Infrastructure Award

- The Provincial matching to the CFI Innovation Fund award
- Provides 40% of the total project costs
- Deadlines follow the CFI IF competition dates
- Results follow those announced by CFI by some months

Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF)

- support the costs of operating and maintaining CFI infrastructure
- 30% of CFI award
- multi-institutional IF may receive an additional 5% for administrative costs if requested in the application
- No provincial equivalent