Agenda

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