Connaught Innovation Award – Notice of Intent

**Invention Disclosure Deadline: Thursday September 2, 2021**

**Notice of Intent Deadline: Thursday September 16, 2021**

**Full Application Deadline: Thursday October 21, 2021**

## **Applicant Information:**

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| Last Name, First Name: | | Personnel Number: |
| Department: | | Faculty: |
| Academic Rank | E-mail Address: | |
| Technology Readiness Level (TRL) *The award provides one-time seed funding to support technology validation, product development, and market connection for projects at TRL 4 and above as defined by* [*Science and Economic Development Canada (SEDC)*](http://www.ic.gc.ca.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/eic/site/080.nsf/eng/00002.html)*: “Level 4 – Component and/or validation in a laboratory environment: Basic technological components are integrated to establish that they will work together. Activities include integration of "ad hoc" hardware in the laboratory.” Projects with a lower TRL may be considered on a case-by-case basis if they include evidence of market need from industry, investors, community partners, or other organizations, and identify potential follow-up funding to advance the TRL.* | | |

In order to be considered for this program, all applicants are required to answer the [***University of Toronto’s Employment Equity Survey***](http://equity.hrandequity.utoronto.ca/employment-equity/)no later than the Application deadline. Applicants may voluntarily self-identify in any of the groups, or log a response indicating that they decline the survey. Self-identification data is important to the University’s ability to accurately identify barriers to inclusion and to develop strategies to eliminate these barriers. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by the reviewers. Aggregated results as of the closing of this posting will be sent to the Research Equity and Diversity Strategist and may be accessed by only a small number of designated senior administrators within the Division of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation. If you have already completed the survey, thank you; your responses will be included in the aggregated results. The information is used by the University to determine programs, initiatives, and recruitment strategies, including those related to the administration of internal funding programs.

The total funding available for this year’s program is $1,000,000. Applicants can request up to $100,000 per project Applicants requesting more than $50,000 will require strong evidence of industry interest, matching funds, or investment.

## Project Title:

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## Disclosures:

Has a [confidential invention disclosure](https://research.utoronto.ca/inventions-commercialization-entrepreneurship/disclose-invention) in direct relation to the proposed Innovation Award application been filed in accordance with the U of T [Inventions Policy](https://research.utoronto.ca/inventions-commercialization-entrepreneurship/inventions-policy-revenue-sharing) to the Innovations & Partnerships Office?

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| No  Yes (please provide details including the disclosure number (e.g. “RIS 1000XXXX” and title)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Has this disclosure(s) been previously funded through the Connaught Innovation Award? **Note that disclosures previously supported by the Connaught Innovation Award are ineligible.**

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| No  Yes (please provide details)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

## Project Abstract:

For the purposes of selecting reviewers and determination of Technology Readiness Level, please provide a brief description of the project. Explain how the technology was validated in the laboratory environment. 300 word max.

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## Does this project include or impact Indigenous individuals, communities, peoples, topics, lands, or areas of interest?

## Yes ☐ No ☐

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| **Submission Instructions:**  Both a Notice of Intent (NOI) and a Full Application form must be submitted for each project before the above noted deadlines. Please refer to the Guidelines for further information  NOIs should be forwarded electronically to the Connaught Secretariat at [Connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca](mailto:Connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca) by the NOI deadline. For queries, please contact Shanna Pritchard, Research Funding Officer, Internal Programs, at 416-978-7118 or [shanna.pritchard@utoronto.ca](mailto:shanna.pritchard@utoronto.ca) |