Connaught Major Research Challenge for Black Researchers – 2023 Competition

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the deadline for the notice of intent?**

   The deadline for the notice of intent is <u>Friday, June 30, 2023</u>.

2. **Who is eligible to apply to this grant?**

   Black Researchers at the University of Toronto, appointed at one of U of T's three campuses, with a team consisting of faculty representing a minimum of two [School of Graduate Studies (SGS) divisions](#) (including junior and senior level faculty members) are eligible to apply.

3. **What is the value of the award?**

   Up to $250,000.

4. **How many grants will be awarded?**

   One award will be funded annually with a possibility of additional awards, depending on the calibre of applications and the budgets requested.

5. **When is the full submission due?**

   The full submission is due on <u>Monday, October 2, 2023</u>.

6. **Where can I find more information about the Connaught Major Research Challenge for Black Researchers (CMRC) program?**

   For more information on the CMRC Program, please visit https://connaught.research.utoronto.ca/ or the [Division of the Vice-Present, Research & Innovation U of T Research Funding Opportunities](#) webpage.

7. **If awarded, what can I spend the funds on?**

   The funds can be spent on the following activities, tasks, and items:

   - Hosting a symposium, workshop, or conference to plan a major research initiative.
   - Personnel costs associated with planning and implementing activities outlined in the proposal.
   - Communication technology related to achieving the activities of the research challenge.
   - Costs associated with visiting keynote speakers.

   > <u>Note</u>: This is not an exhaustive list. For more information, please contact the Connaught Secretariat at connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca.

8. **What can the funds NOT be spent on?**

   The funds cannot be used for:

   - Direct costs of research, e.g.:
     - Compensation of trainees
     - Consumables

- o Academic conference travel
- o Equipment)

9. Who should I contact if I have additional questions about the CMRC program?

For questions regarding the CMRC program, please email the Connaught Secretariat at connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca.

10. Do researchers need to demonstrate secured funding in their proposal budget?

Matching funds are not required to submit an application.

11. Are researchers encouraged to host partners and activities strictly in Toronto, or is there any flexibility to travel abroad?

Meetings may take place elsewhere if justified in the context of the project, noting that direct costs of research are ineligible.

12. I am interested in funding a symposium at U of T. What expenses would the fund cover for such events?

Eligible event expenses include:

- Site rental
- Staff support, as appropriate
- Catering
- Supplies & materials necessary
- Audiovisual costs

13. Do I have to collaborate with international partners?

Applicants are encouraged to work with international partners where possible; however, this is not a requirement of the program.

14. How will I be notified regarding my application?

Award letters will be issued in January 2024.

15. How are applications adjudicated?

The review committee comprises members of the Connaught Committee and the Black Research Network with the addition of other faculty as required to address applications received. All applications are assessed in relation to the criteria in the program guidelines.

16. If my application is not funded, what can I do?

Reviewer feedback will be provided to aid in the development of future proposals.

17. What are the components of the grant?

Applicants must complete and submit an NOI and an application.

18. Where do I submit the grant?

NOIs are emailed directly to connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca
Full proposals are submitted via MRA