**Connaught Mid-Career Researcher Award**

**Nominee Research Program Information Form**

**Nomination Deadline: March 17, 2025**

[**Submission Instructions**](#Instructions)

## **Nominee Information**

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| Last Name, First Name: | Personnel Number: |
| Department: | Division/Campus: |
| E-mail Address: | Start date of first tenure track academic appointment: (M/Y)  If different from above, U of T appointment start date: |
| Academic Rank: | : |

*In order to be considered for this funding opportunity, all nominees are required to answer the* [*University of Toronto’s Employment Equity Survey*](https://easi.its.utoronto.ca/administrative-web-services/employee-self-service-ess/) *by no later than the nomination deadline Nominees 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 participation and to develop strategies to eliminate these barriers. Aggregated results as of the closing of this posting will be sent to the Research Equity and Development Strategist and may be accessed by only a small number of designated senior administrators within the Division of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (VPRI). Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by the reviewers or by VPRI staff.* *The data is used by VPRI as part of our ongoing efforts to embed principles of equity, diversity and inclusion in the administration of internal funding programs.*

*Please note that an updated Employment Equity Survey was launched in early 2023. If you have already completed this updated version of the survey, thank you; your responses will be included in the aggregated results. If you have not yet accessed the updated version, please do so prior to the competition deadline.*

## **Nomination Stream:**

Check one

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## **Adjudication Panel (only one Panel may be chosen)\***

\*Connaught Review Panels reserve the right to reassign nominations to another Panel, if required.

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|  | **Humanities** |
|  | **Life Sciences** |
|  | **Physical Sciences & Engineering** |
|  | **Social Sciences** |

## **Funding Request:**

Requests should be limited to the amount required to carry out the proposed research.

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| **Amount requested:**  **(Not to exceed $250,000 total)** | **$** |

## **Project Information**

## Project Title

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## Executive Summary

Provide an executive summary of up to 250 words, briefly describing in **non-specialist language** your project, its anticipated significance/impact on the relevant area of research, and its applicability to matters of public interest.

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## Project Description

Provide a project description of up to 1500 words (excluding references) stating the research objective(s), the methodology (including considerations of sex, gender, and/or diversity, as appropriate), the expected scholarly significance, the relationship of the project to your previous work and to current knowledge in the field, and the engagement of trainees. The project description should be written for a **non-specialist audience**. If considerations of diversity are not applicable or appropriate to the project, please provide a brief justification.

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## Leveraging Impact of Connaught Funding

Provide up to 300 words to outline your strategy for using Connaught Fund support and/or the anticipated research outcomes resulting from this support to attract external research sponsorship, with particular focus on the Tri-Agencies. Please be as specific as possible in identifying all potential sponsors and application timelines; you **must provide at least one** specific external funding opportunity to which you will apply as a condition of this funding.

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## **Budget**

The Connaught Mid-Career Researcher Award is meant to provide support for research operating costs. Eligible expenses are to be consistent with the appropriate tri-agency guidelines for NSERC Discovery, CIHR Project or SSHRC Insight grants.

Proposals should clearly describe what role all research personnel will play in the research project.

While this is not primarily an equipment program, equipment purchase/upgrade/repair is eligible with appropriate justification.

Questions on eligible expenses should be directed to the [Connaught Secretariat](mailto:connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca).

## Budget Table:

Please provide a 2-year budget of **up to $250,000 total** with appropriate justification for each budget item. ***All budget items, e.g. laptops, must be justified in relation to the specific requirements of the project, as opposed to general research.*** *(Sample budget can be found in the competition Guidelines).*

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| **Expense Item** | **Description** | **Year 1** | **Year 2** |
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| **TOTAL** | | **$** | |

(*Add more line items as needed by right-clicking over corner of table and choosing insert-rows below*)

## Budget Justification:

Provide a detailed explanation and justification for each line item identified in the budget (up to 1000 words). Provide sufficient information to allow reviewers to assess whether the resources requested are appropriate. All budget items, e.g. laptops, must be justified in relation to the specific requirements of the project, as opposed to general research. Nominees must only use this section for the purpose of justifying the proposed budget.

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## **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research Team**

Describe how equity, diversity and inclusion (up to 1000 words) have been/will be considered and addressed in the development and management of the project team. Nominees should identify concrete practices to advance EDI in team composition/the recruitment of trainees, training and career development activities, and the creation of an inclusive research and training environment. Please do not disclose identifying information about team members/trainees.

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## **Special Circumstances and Challenges**

Describe (up to 1000 words) any challenges experienced by the nominee or special circumstances that may have affected the nominee’s research productivity. Challenges include, but are not limited to, expanding team size, aging infrastructure, increased non-research duties, or lack of success in securing external funding. Special circumstances involve slowdowns in research productivity created by health, family, or other reasons (i.e. the nominee was not taken completely away from their work).

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## **Career Interruptions**

Career interruptions. occur when, for health, family or other reasons, a nominee is taken away from their research for an extended period of time. If applicable, please describe any such career interruptions.

## **CV**

Attach an academic or standard Canadian Common CV (CCV). Please ensure that you include refereed publications and **identify the 3 most significant contributions, along with an** **explanation of why they are the most significant.**

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| **Submission Instructions:**  Only final Connaught Mid-Career Researcher nominations are to be submitted electronically in **PDF format as one file** using the naming convention: LastFirst\_MCR\_2024-25, emailed to [connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca](mailto:connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca)  The PDF file must contain the following documents in this order:  a) Completed Mid-Career Researcher Award nominee research program information form.  b) Divisional nomination letter from Vice Dean/Vice-Principal, Research  c) CV |