

Major Research Proposal Mobilization (MRPM) Program Guidelines

Purpose

The MRPM program complements other proposal development supports offered by the Division of the Vice-President Research and Innovation (VPRI) and academic divisions. Its particular focus is on increasing the strength and success of applications to Tri-Agency programs that contribute to U of T's 'market share' and related allocations, such as Canada Research Chairs.

For 2026, the MRPM will provide up to \$15K (no match required) toward development of applications requesting funding for the following Tri-Agency Programs at or above the threshold amounts noted. Eligible requests will be supported to the extent that MRPM budget allows. Should demand threaten to exceed funds available, funds awarded per academic division will be taken into consideration.

CIHR	NSERC	SSHRC
Team Grant ≥ \$1M	CREATE full proposal ≥ \$1M	Partnership Stage 1 ≥ \$2M (Must apply at Stage 1)

Applicant Eligibility

MRPM applicants must be the Principal Investigator and a full-time faculty member whose research is campus-based and administered through the University of Toronto.

Each applicant can request only one MRPM allocation per competition and receive only one MRPM allocation per calendar year.

The Tri-Agency research grant must be awarded to U of T as the lead institution.

MRPM Expense Eligibility

- *Grant writing support* – This may be provided by contractors who are **external** to U of T or by internal **grant-supported** staff members (e.g. postdoctoral fellows, research associates, etc.). MRPM is not intended to underwrite salary of existing staff members paid from divisional operating budgets. **NB:** Applicants that receive support from the VPRI Strategic Grant Writing Team are **not** eligible to receive grant writing support from MRPM for the same application.
- *Graphics and figure development*
- *Travel* (for the purposes of proposal development only)

MRPM Application

Applications must be submitted **well in advance** (e.g. at least 3 months) of the sponsor deadline, early enough to have a meaningful impact on the development of the proposal.

Please submit the completed application form as a PDF, using the naming convention *LastnameFirstname_MRPMapplication_DATE* to Michael Hussey at: m.hussey@utoronto.ca

MRPM Adjudication and Payment

Applications will be reviewed by the Research Services Office for eligibility, with an emphasis on quick turnaround time for decisions.

Funds will be released **following the submission of the full application to the relevant Tri-Agency program**. Once submitted, send proof of payment from FIS for eligible costs incurred to Michael Hussey at m.hussey@utoronto.ca

- For internal, grant-supported staff members, provide payroll postings.
Please note: All internal personnel must be paid from a restricted research fund. Fund numbers must be included at the time of application.
- For external contractors, provide invoice(s) and proof of payment.

For further information, contact your divisional Research Office or Michael Hussey at m.hussey@utoronto.ca.