

# Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)

## College-Industry Innovation Fund

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### Subject Area:

All disciplines

### Intended to:

- Support substantial research infrastructure projects that will augment the existing applied research and technology development capacity of colleges and allow them to respond to important sector industry needs.
- **Stream 1 – Research Infrastructure:** This stream provides funding for research infrastructure only.
- **Stream 2 – Research Infrastructure associated with an [NSERC Build Innovation Enhancement \(Build IE\) Grant Application](#):** This stream provides a comprehensive funding package supporting both research costs and research infrastructure.

### Conditions:

- Proposals should clearly demonstrate the commitment from private-sector partners through active participation and contribution to the applied research projects and anticipated benefits.
- The college should consult with Compute Canada if it is planning to request advanced research computing infrastructure.
- Colleges can submit up to two proposals per competition under each stream.
- Proposals to **Stream 1** must satisfy the following objectives:
  - Create and enhance college-industry partnerships leading to business innovation using industry relevant, state-of-the-art research infrastructure
  - Build upon proven applied research capacity and a track record of partnerships with the private sector in an area of strategic priority to the institution
  - Generate socioeconomic benefits in the region and nationally including the development of highly skilled personnel.

### Value: Up to \$1 million per application:

- CFI covers up to 40% of the total eligible research infrastructure project costs.
- The Provincial government covers up to 40% of the total eligible research infrastructure costs through the Ontario Research Fund – Research Infrastructure (a separate application is required).

**Partner's/Sheridan's Contribution:** Minimum 20% of the total eligible research infrastructure project costs, as in-kind (CFI discount) from vendors (this [link](#) has very useful information), and/or Partner cash or in-kind contributions.

### Application Deadline:

**Stream 1:** Notice of Intent: March 15 each year  
Full Proposal: May 15 each year

**Stream 2:** Letter of Intent: June 30, 2020  
Full Proposal: November 15, 2020

### Notification of Award Decision:

**Stream 1:** November each year  
**Stream 2:** March 2021

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### **How to Apply:**

This is an institutional grant. Applications will be made by the Sheridan Research Office on behalf of the Principal Investigator(s). To begin the application process, please visit this [link](#), or email [research@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:research@sheridancollege.ca) to discuss your research idea.

### **More Information:**

[CFI Website](#)

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