

Co-applicants for Ontario Research Fund - Research Excellence (ORF-RE)

Sponsor

Ministry of Colleges and Universities

Description

The Ontario Research Fund – Research Excellence (ORF-RE) provides research institutions with funding to support the operational costs of major projects of strategic value to the province. The fund provides up to one third of the total value of a project. The remaining two thirds of funding comes from a combination of private sector and institutional contributions.

See the [ORF-RE website](#) [1] for Round 11 Program Guidelines and Application Forms.

The deadlines and requirements outlined in this research alert apply to Co-Applicants, with the PI being from another institution.

Priority areas and funding streams

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities is prioritizing applications that support the Government of Ontario initiatives included in the [2021 Ontario Budget](#) [2] such as [Ontario's First-Ever Critical Minerals Strategy](#) [3] and [Ontario's Vehicle Innovation Network](#) [4]. Applications that support research and development activities that lead to the commercialization of 'Ontario Made' products, technologies and solutions will be prioritized for funding.

Specifically, the Ministry will give priority to applications focused on:

- connected, autonomous, electric vehicles (including battery and powertrain technology);
- industrial/mining technologies related to electric vehicles, spanning the entire value chain from minerals to manufacturing to recovering resources from vehicles or their component parts at end-of-life.

Funding Availability

Stream 1: General – Basic and Applied Research

- is open to all research disciplines

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- funds projects from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000
- funds projects up to a maximum of 5 years

Stream 2: Targeted - Experimental Research

- funds projects that demonstrate strong commercialization potential, where the innovation is at a [Technology Readiness Level \(TRL\)](#) [5] of 3 or higher
- Targets projects in the following sectors:
 - information communications technologies
 - life sciences and medical devices
 - industrial technologies
- requires collaboration with an Ontario-based company
- funds projects from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000
- funds projects up to a maximum of 4 years

Special Notes

Please note that research activities carried out in the context of COVID-19 need to adhere to the University of Guelph COVID-19 research principles, policies, guidelines and processes as they may be updated from time to time and communicated on the [Office of Research web-page](#) [6].

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Monday, February 7, 2022 - 4:30pm	Email stratprg@uoguelph.ca [7] if involved in an application led by another institution. Identify: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lead institution2. Project title3. Principal Investigator
Internal Deadline	Monday, February 28, 2022 - 4:30pm	Submit to stratprg@uoguelph.ca [7]: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Draft institutional letter of support (for AVPR signature) with accompanying email

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		from College confirming UG contributions and support. 2. Draft institutional budget and total ORF request.
Internal Deadline	Monday, March 14, 2022 - 4:30pm	FINAL INTERNAL DEADLINE: Submit OR-5 and all final application documents to ailsakay@uoguelph.ca [8] and research.services@uoguelph.ca [9].
External Deadline	Monday, March 21, 2022 - 4:00pm	Please submit a copy of the lead institution's full application to stratprg@uoguelph.ca [7] Lead institution to submit full application to MCU.

How to Apply

Refer to [University of Guelph Ontario Research Fund - Research Excellence website](#) [10] for more specific information, templates and application documents.

For Questions, please contact

Office of Research

Patricia Van Asten, Awards & Agreements Officer, Strategic Research Programs
Research Services Office stratprg@uoguelph.ca [7]

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- [1] <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-research-fund-research-excellence>
- [2] <https://budget.ontario.ca/2021/contents.html>
- [3] <https://www.ontario.ca/page/critical-minerals>
- [4] <https://budget.ontario.ca/2021/chapter-1b.html#s-10>
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