

Genomic Application Partnership Program Round 8

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See the [Ontario Genomics website](#) [1]

Important Documents

- [Investment Strategy and Guidelines](#) [2]
- [GAPP Financial Guide](#) [3]

Description

The Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP) represents a key element in Genome Canada's strategic plan towards funding downstream research and development projects that are driven by challenges and opportunities facing users of genomics based technologies. For the purpose of this program, "users" include the various stakeholders that have an interest in "pulling" technologies and other results of genomics research from academia to market and application, including industry, government, not-for-profits, and other organizations.

The GAPP aims to:

- Promote the application of genomics-derived solutions to address key sector challenges or opportunities facing users – user "pull";
- Promote commercialization of genomics technologies by enabling the transfer of genomics-derived solutions from academia to users as well as de-risking and incentivizing follow-on investment from public and private partners;
- Increase the socio-economic impact of genomics research by accelerating its translation to application or market; and,
- Create and foster a more productive interface between academia and users.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the GAPP, a project must:

- respond to the objectives of the GAPP
- represent an active partnership between academic(s) and user(s)
- propose to develop, enhance or validate a genomics-derived solution (i.e., a product, tool or process whose origin is based in genomics or related disciplines such as bioinformatics, epigenomics, metabolomics, metagenomics, nutrigenomics, pharmacogenomics, proteomics and transcriptomics);
- address key challenges or opportunities defined by the user that require a partnership with academia (i.e., user “pull”); and
- focus on downstream research and development activities.

Maximum Project Value

\$300,000 to \$6 million. The structure of the funding plan is as follows: 1/3 investment from Genome Canada, 1/3 provided by the User partner (cash or in-kind) and 1/3 of other co-funding.

Indirect Costs

0%

Project Duration

Six months minimum to three year maximum. A shorter or longer term will be considered, but only if a strong rationale is provided.

Special Notes

If invited to the full application stage, please submit a copy of the final application with an OR-5 form to research.services@uoguelph.ca at least two weeks prior to the Ontario Genomics final full application deadline.

Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Monday, November 14, 2016 - 4:00pm	Draft Expression of Interest (EOI) to sponsor. Note that this version of the EOI does not

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Type	Date	Notes
		need to be submitted to Office of Research Services.
Internal Deadline	Friday, January 13, 2017 - 4:30pm	EOI to Office of Research Services: two weeks prior to Ontario Genomic's external deadline. Please submit a signed OR-5 form with a copy of the final EOI to research.services@uoguelph.ca
External Deadline	Saturday, January 28, 2017 - 4:00pm	Final EOI to sponsor: January 28, 2017 (to be confirmed by Ontario Genomics). Please liaise with the Business Development Manager assigned to your file and Katie Meyer-Beck, Office of Research Services, to confirm applicable deadlines. Please note supplementary proposal deadlines will be provided directly to applicants invited to apply.

How to Apply

There is a three-stage gated application process for this program:

1. Expression of Interest (EOI)
2. Project pitch
3. Supplementary proposal

There is a rolling intake by Genome Canada but Ontario Genomics has put in place its own process to help teams navigate the various stages and increase competitiveness. At each of the above stages, applicants will be part of a due diligence process where a panel of industry experts and entrepreneurs provide feedback. These reviews are mandatory for all Ontario projects.

Applicants should expect the following steps and gates throughout the process:

- Submission of draft EOI to Ontario Genomics.
- Face-to-Face business pitch to due diligence review panel ([see members here](#) [4]).
- Work with Ontario Genomics lead to develop EOI.
- Submission of EOI to Genome Canada.
- Teams invited to the project pitch stage will have a practice pitch with Ontario Genomics before the real pitch to Genome Canada.
- Teams invited to the supplementary proposal stage will submit draft applications to Ontario Genomics for panel review before submission to Genome Canada.

For copies of the current forms, please contact sramsubir@OntarioGenomics.ca [5]

Please submit forms directly to your assigned Ontario Genomics lead according to the timeline provided by them.

Information For Co-applicants

If you need to meet a deadline set by the lead institution for this opportunity, please ensure that you provide the Office of Research with at least five days in advance of the lead institution's deadline to review the application, or your proposed component of the project. Please be in touch with the Office of Research (contact information below) ahead of the deadline if it looks like it will be difficult for you to submit all the required documentation on time (i.e. budget, proposal, OR-5 Form).

For Questions, please contact

For questions on the GAPP program, please contact [Shobha Ramsubir](#) [6], Senior Manager, Business Development & Research at sramsubir@OntarioGenomics.ca [5]

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