

Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP) - Round 13

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Program

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For More Information

The main point of contact for the GAPP program is Shobha Ramsubir, Senior Manager Business Development & Research (sramsubir@ontariogenomics.ca [1]).

Review the complete [listing of competition deadlines](#) [2] if you are interested in applying to this competition and contact Shobha Ramsubir directly to register for Round 13. All deadlines listed on the Ontario Genomics website should be confirmed with Shobha Ramsubir prior to applying to this program, as dates are subject to change.

Description

The Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP) funds downstream research and development (R&D) projects that address real world opportunities and challenges identified by industry, government, not-for-profits and other “Receptors” of genomics knowledge and technologies.

GAPP projects are collaborations between academic researchers and Receptor organizations. They are co-funded by Receptors and other stakeholders, and have the potential to generate significant social and/or economic benefits for Canada.

The GAPP aims to:

1. Accelerate the application of Canadian genomics-derived solutions to real-world opportunities and challenges defined by industry and public sector Receptors.
2. Channel Canada’s genomics capacity into sustainable innovations that benefit Canadians.
3. Enhance the value of Canadian genomics technologies by de-risking and incentivizing follow-on investment from industry and other partners.

4. Foster mutually beneficial collaboration and knowledge exchange between Canadian academia and technology receptors.

[NEW! Precision Health Initiative – Rare Diseases: Clinical Implementation Projects](#) [3]

Genome Canada has launched a national initiative for the clinical implementation of precision health, focusing on a rare disease pilot program as a foundational step. In order to initiate this ambitious program, Genome Canada is encouraging the submission of projects to the Genomic GAPP.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the GAPP, a project must:

- Develop and apply a genomics-derived tool, product or process to an opportunity or challenge defined by the Receptor(s);
- Focus on late stage R&D that will position the innovation for near-term implementation / commercialization;
- Be co-led by an academic and a Receptor organization in partnership, with active and necessary roles for both; and
- Demonstrate the potential to generate significant social and/or economic benefits for Canada.

Small-scale proof-of-concept / pilot projects through to large-scale projects will be accepted. Projects should not be in discovery phase.

The [GAPP Guidelines](#) [4] provide full information on eligibility.

Maximum Project Value

Total project size: \$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 Receptor partner (cash or in-kind) and 1/3 of other co-funding (non-GC). For more information see Section 9 and Appendix 2 of the [GAPP Investment Strategy and Guidelines](#) [5].

Indirect Costs

0% for funding requested from Genome Canada; indirect costs may apply to Receptor (i.e. industry) collaborator(s)

Project Duration

1-3 years. Shorter or longer terms will be considered only if strong rationale is provided.

Special Notes

Important Documents to Review:

- [Investment Strategy and Guidelines](#) [5]
- [Ontario Genomics Quick Financial Guide \(GAPP\)](#) [6]

Deadlines

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

| Type | Date | Notes |
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| External Deadline | Monday, August 20, 2018 - 9:00am | Draft Expression of Interest (EOI) due to Ontario Genomics. This draft EOI does not need to be submitted to the Office of Research at this time. |
| Internal Deadline | Tuesday, October 2, 2018 - 9:00am | Final Expression of Interest (EOI) to Office of Research Please submit a signed OR-5 form and the Final Expression of Interest to the Office of Research two weeks prior to the external deadline to Ontario Genomics. If invited to the supplementary proposal stage, please submit a copy of the supplementary proposal to research.services@uoguelph.ca [7] at least two weeks prior to the deadline set by Ontario Genomics. |
| External Deadline | Tuesday, October 16, 2018 - 9:00am | Final Expression of Interest (EOI) to Ontario Genomics |
| Internal Deadline | Wednesday, January 2, 2019 - 9:00am | Final Supplementary Proposal to Office of Research Applicants invited to submit a |

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| | | Final Supplementary Proposal must send a copy to research.services@uoguelph.ca [7] at least two weeks prior to the deadline set by Ontario Genomics. *If an applicant requests a more in-depth review, please submit prior to January 2, 2019. |
| External Deadline | Monday, January 14, 2019 - 9:00am | Final Supplementary Proposal to Ontario Genomics |

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

At each of the above stages, Ontario Genomics has developed a due diligence review process, where a panel of industry experts and entrepreneurs provide feedback to help teams navigate the application and increase their competitiveness. These reviews are mandatory for all Ontario projects.

Applicants should anticipate the following phases in the application process:

1. Submission of draft EOI to Ontario Genomics.
2. Face-to-face business pitch to due diligence review panel ([see panel members](#) [8]).
3. Development of final EOI through active collaboration with Ontario Genomics.
4. Submission of EOI to University of Guelph Office of Research (two weeks prior to deadline set by Ontario Genomics)
5. Submission of EOI to Genome Canada.
6. Teams invited to Project Pitch stage: Perform practice pitch with Ontario Genomics before official pitch to Genome Canada.
7. Teams invited to Supplementary Proposal stage: Submit draft applications to Ontario

Genomics for panel review before submission to Genome Canada.

Application Forms and Submission:

For copies of the current forms, or to submit an EOI, please contact Shobha Ramsubir at sramsubir@OntarioGenomics.ca [9]

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](#) [10], Senior Manager, Business Development & Research at sramsubir@OntarioGenomics.ca [9]

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Links

[1] <mailto:sramsubir@ontariogenomics.ca>

[2] <http://www.ontariogenomics.ca/funding-opportunities/open-competitions/genomic-applications-partnership-program-gapp/>

[3] <http://www.ontariogenomics.ca/news-events/funding-opportunities/precision-health-initiative/>

[4] https://www.genomebc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/GC_GAPP_Investment_Strategy_and_Guidelines_12-01-2017.pdf

[5] <https://www.genomecanada.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/en/gc-gappinvestmentstrategyandguidelines.pdf>

[6] <https://www.genomecanada.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/en/gc-gappinvestmentstrategyandguidelines.pdf>

[7] <https://www.genomecanada.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/en/gc-gappinvestmentstrategyandguidelines.pdf>

[8] http://www.ontariogenomics.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/1/2018/04/201803_OG-GAPP-QuickFinancialGuide.pdf

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