

NFRF Transformation Competition 2024 - NOI and LOI

Sponsor

New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF)

Program

Transformation

For More Information

Consult the [2024 Transformation Competition](#) [1] overview and the [University of Guelph Transformation process and resources](#) [2].

Description

The objective of the Transformation stream is to support large-scale, Canadian-led **interdisciplinary** research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize **real and lasting change**. The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental or health impact. Projects are expected to be world-leading, drawing on **global** research expertise, when relevant.

Transformation stream grants will support projects that:

1. tackle a **well-defined** problem or challenge
2. propose a **novel world-leading** approach that is different from the current state-of-the-art approaches to the issue
3. are **interdisciplinary**, bringing different perspectives to the defined problem
4. have the potential to be **transformative**, defined as the potential to **create a significant and real change or impact** — a noticeable leap or tangible breakthrough rather than an incremental advance.

Eligibility

To reflect the expertise required to deliver on the ambitious and interdisciplinary nature of the project, proposals must be submitted by teams. Teams must include a nominated principal investigator (NPI) and may include co-principal investigators, co-applicants and/or collaborators.

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Individuals who are not academic researchers are eligible for all roles except NPI.

The NPI must be considered an independent researcher at their primary affiliation — which is defined as the primary organization where the NPI is employed or appointed or where they conduct research.

Funding Availability

\$144,000,000 over six years

Maximum Project Value

Transformation grants are valued at between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000 per year (including indirect costs) for up to six years. The minimum budget for direct costs of research is \$1,600,000 per year and the maximum budget is \$3,200,000 per year.

Applicants must request a budget (value and duration) commensurate with the objectives of the project.

Indirect Costs

25%

Project Duration

Up to six years

Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Thursday, August 31, 2023 - 1:00pm	Program Webinar Join Link [3] Webinar number: 2343 121 5895 Webinar password: Transformation24 (87267367 from phones and video systems) Join by phone:

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Type	Date	Notes
		+1-438-797-4001 Canada Toll (Ottawa), Access code: 2343 121 5895
Internal Deadline	Wednesday, September 13, 2023 - 9:00am	Expressions of Interest: Please email ailsakay@uoguelph.ca [4] the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PI name• Project title• Project summary (one paragraph)
Internal Deadline	Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - 9:00am	Draft NOI due. Please submit your NOI via the Convergence Portal. (OR-5 <i>not</i> required at this stage.)
External Deadline	Tuesday, October 24, 2023 - 9:00am	Submit via the Convergence portal complete final draft NOI by 9:00 AM. RSO will submit to the sponsor by the external deadline of 8:00 PM.
Internal Deadline	Wednesday, November 22, 2023 - 9:00am	Complete (but do not submit) online sections (a–e) on the Convergence Portal. Submit draft Research Proposal (10pg) to ailsakay@uoguelph.ca [4] for review. This draft may also be shared with a panel for strategic input.

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Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - 9:00am	FINAL Internal deadline. Submit: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. LOI via Convergence2. OR-5 to ailsakay@uoguelph.ca [4] AND research.services@uoguelph.ca [5].
External Deadline	Tuesday, January 10, 2023 - 8:00pm	RSO will submit LOI to sponsor.

How to Apply

For detailed timeline, process, and internal resources, please see [New Frontiers in Research Fund \(NFRF\) | Office of Research \(uoguelph.ca\)](#) [2].

For Questions, please contact

For more information, contact: NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca [6]

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Links

[1] <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2024/competition-concours-eng.aspx>

[2] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/research/for-researchers/funding/apply/NFRF>

[3] https://track.smtpsendemail.com/9079200/c?p=7wGc55ZAsZ88j3Env8mNTNLuduio5f22wLdZP-tMsSMl0wNgnNWxMud9PYFJoptmuEWsFI_Q1_WaD9KXJptlrHQY3e1TT0LzEYf_wV47ww4aqjl32r6OhjrwGgBZ-EQQ2iQYenxV7JnLFBpB4Rle1AUzDNtqfpIFNcdKJvPSBv1dqeZPdoljmRiU-fmoTKDyG3mW-

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