

OMAFRA Ontario Agri-food Research Initiative 2023-24

Sponsor

The initiative is jointly funded by the Governments of Canada and Ontario under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), a five-year federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Program

[2023-2028 Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative](#) [1]

Description

Overview

The Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative (OAFRI) provides funding for agri-food research and innovation projects in Ontario, which is a key pillar of the [Grow Ontario Strategy](#) [2].

The OAFRI program strives to create an application process that adheres to the principles of equity, diversity, inclusion and Indigenization. The goals of the initiative are to:

- fund demand-driven research and innovation activities in the agri-food sector
- support the sector's resiliency and facilitate sustainable growth
- improve knowledge or technology to address business challenges
- expand market opportunities locally and globally

Funding Streams

OAFRI has four funding streams to support research and innovation projects aimed at providing solutions for Ontario's agri-food sector (such as new knowledge, technologies, products or practices).

The four streams are categorized based on [technology readiness levels](#) [3] (TRLs). Use the TRL as a reference to determine the appropriate OAFRI stream for your application. The four streams are:

- applied research - Intake is open. The external deadline is January 11, 2024 (see deadlines below)
- pilot and demonstration - Intake is open. The external deadline is January 11, 2024

(see deadlines below)

- commercialization -Intake is open. The external deadline is January 11, 2024 (see deadlines below)
- knowledge translation and transfer (KTT) - Intake is currently closed for the KTT stream. Please refer to [upcoming intake dates](#) [4] for more information.

For all streams, your application must align with at least one of the [research priorities](#) [5] outlined in the specific stream intake guidelines.

Review [funding streams and how to apply](#) [6] for more information on the four streams.

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, the lead applicant must:

- be located in Ontario
- demonstrate their capacity to perform quality research and innovation activities
- be part of:
 - a university or college
 - a research organization, institute or foundation
 - an industry organization or business
 - a non-government organization
 - a municipal or indigenous government or government agency

Indirect Costs

Up to 25% - please review eligible costs under each stream

Special Notes

Virtual information session

OMAFRA will hold a virtual information session (webinar) on November 14, 2023, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Staff from OMAFRA and Bioenterprise will:

- provide an overview of the program
- explain the streams and priorities
- answer your questions about the application process and research priorities

[Register to attend this session](#) [7] and get webinar details.

Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Thursday, January 4, 2024 - 4:30pm	Please submit your application (PDF copy), along with an OR-5 Form to research.services@uoguelph.ca [8].
External Deadline	Thursday, January 11, 2024 - 11:59pm	Application submitted to Sponsor by PI (see stream details [6] for application submission details)

How to Apply

Visit the [OAFRI website](#) [9] for details on how to apply to each stream.

For Questions, please contact

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For more information about this initiative, email us at research.omafra@ontario.ca [10].

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Links

- [1] <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-agri-food-research-initiative>
- [2] <https://www.ontario.ca/page/grow-ontario-provincial-agri-food-strategy>
- [3] <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/clean-growth-hub/en/technology-readiness-level-trl-assessment-tool>
- [4] <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-agri-food-research-initiative#section-3>
- [5] <https://www.ontario.ca/page/agriculture-research-priorities>
- [6] <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-agri-food-research-initiative#section-1>
- [7] <https://omafra.my.site.com/survey/ArdiraSurvey/SurveyResponse.app?recordId=a1GMm0000008L5h&logicalId=a37e935f-2cdd-ab1e-aae9-c6eb65df7e03>
- [8] <mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca>
- [9] https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vZQ3-4IMtu_WX5ZhevbB9E634tZ0E-HsHAzjbkcCi9FdnrzZe_V9AUIqH0StrdS0E2n4aTnlHB5SMbqMADY-zq33u62MK0i8vgwA5liHla7-yaYSSjJlIPdTxWFH1-f1j0CFzOFS-SgloZjONkBwEtdFgOydBSm56SHdwnWFVRib-jx0gEQP2nIBt3CFpxHJWx-Gmg9cxGh8PwR5O3hYxzh5QPAGWNWLRQ7sKWWOUixwfDFpubOGvOpWU0pSBNe1WUQzGN1nJPWwOtbdv7HRwVReNDkSUAc&c=XDTMUNxPIe93n6IMp_rzLGVoh42X5TYngZB7cVE8VGa5QqkAx6qBfQ==&ch=9IFbShUI3vCEnVWi5cq0jll_kbFRQIFZ-XsPJMCzk8bASNg-IV1BYw==
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