

Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance Tier I Research Program Call for Full Proposals

Updated Information

Updates: The program has a new submission deadline

Extended submission deadline: The submission deadline for the Tier I research program has been extended to Thursday, October 14th at 1:00 p.m.

Sponsor

Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance (OMAFRA/UofG Agreement)

Description

The Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance requests Proposals that address OMAFRA's Research Priorities. Proposals must address research questions in the following research priority areas:

- Protection and Assurance
 - Food Safety
 - Animal Health & Welfare
 - Plant Health & Protection
- Stewardship
 - Soil Health
 - Water Quality & Quantity
 - Sustainable Production Systems
 - Productive Land Capacity
- Economic Development
 - Competitive Production Systems
 - Innovative Products & Product Improvement
 - Trade, Market, Targeted Sector Growth Opportunities
 - Strong Rural Communities

For further information about this call, please visit the [Alliance website](#) [1] and consult the 2021/22 OMAFRA Priorities document and the 2021 Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance Tier I Program Guide.

A **town hall information session** will take place Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 1:00 pm via Microsoft Teams: No registration is required. [The presentation will be posted to the Alliance website](#) [2] after the meeting.

- Join the town hall on your **computer or mobile app**: [Join the meeting](#) [3]
- Or **call in (audio only)**: +1 647-484-5755. Phone Conference ID: 646 840 1#

Join OMAFRA on 1) August 26 from 2:00 – 3:30 am OR 2) August 30 from 10:00 – 11:30 pm for this year's Virtual **Discovery and Dialogue Meeting**. This event is an opportunity for University of Guelph faculty to learn more about this year's OMAFRA research questions by interacting with OMAFRA specialists. **Register** the event using the [registration form](#) [4]. **Please RSVP by August 24**. For more information or if you have any questions please contact research.omafra@ontario.ca [5].

The 2021/22 Alliance Tier I Research Program involves a single-stage call. Proposals are due by 1:00 pm on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. **Intent information** must be complete by September 27, 2021 (General and Peer Review tabs complete in the RMS).

A Proposal Development Workshop is being held Thursday, September 16 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm via Microsoft Teams. Join program staff and U of G Research Program Directors to learn more about the review process and learn tips for preparing high-quality proposals. [Join the Proposal Development Workshop via Microsoft Teams](#). [6]

The town hall presentation is now available on the [Tier I Research Program webpage](#) [1].

Eligibility

University of Guelph faculty members are eligible to be the Lead Applicant and/or a Co-Applicant on any Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance Research Program project. Adjunct faculty members may also apply if they are eligible to hold research funding at the University of Guelph and are not employed by or have a financial interest in any of the collaborating organizations or co-funders. Consult the program guide for more details.

Applicants must be fully compliant with all reporting requirements prior to a new proposal being reviewed under any Alliance Research Program. The Lead Applicant and the Co-Applicant will have 30 days from the submission deadline to complete any outstanding compliance requirements, including reporting. If applicants are not compliant at that time the submitted proposal will be withdrawn from the review process and declined.

Special Notes

Proposal Compliance Checks (optional)

Office of Research, Agri-Food Partnership staff are offering to complete a compliance check of proposals in advance of the submission deadline. The compliance check does not assess overall quality or scientific merit but will review the proposal for issues that are not caught during the system validation checks in the RMS (e.g., congruence between team/HQP tables and the budget, eligibility of budget items etc.). Please email rescoord@uoguelph.ca [7] on or before the intent deadline (September 27) if you want program staff to complete a compliance check of

your proposal. The proposal should be at or near completion.

Withdrawing Proposals

Proposals that have been started in the RMS but will not be submitted should be withdrawn by selecting 'Withdraw' on the bottom left side of the application template.

COVID-19

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](#) [8].

Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Monday, September 27, 2021 - 11:59pm	Intent Information - All faculty intending to submit a full proposal to this program must complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All fields in the 'General' tab• All fields in the 'Peer Review' tab
External Deadline	Thursday, October 14, 2021 - 1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call open: August 20, 2021• Program town hall (information session): August 25, 2021• Intent information complete: September 27, 2021• Full Proposals due: October 14, 2021• Award decisions: Anticipated February 2022

For Questions, please contact

If you have questions about the Call for Proposals, please contact Kat Tisshaw, Tania Etienne or Allison Moorman, Research Programs Coordinators in the Office of Research (Agri-Food Partnership), at rescoord@uoguelph.ca [7].

For support with the development of your Knowledge Translation and Transfer (KTT) Plan please contact Victoria Holla at kttadmin@uoguelph.ca [9].

If you have questions related to industry partner contributions, leveraging opportunities, intellectual property, or commercialization please contact Gregor Lawson (lawsong@uoguelph.ca [10]) or Vanja Banks (vbanks@uoguelph.ca [11]) from the Research Innovation Office.

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[1] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/alliance/funding-programs/research/apply-project-operating-funding>

[2] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/alliance/funding-programs/research/apply-project-operating-funding-tier-i>

[3] https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YmFhYzNkMGYtZjBkMC00MDkwLWJlMDgtZjI2ZmZlZGFjNTM3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22be62a12b-2cad-49a1-a5fa-85f4f3156a7d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%220d4905f5-57f1-4f9b-b2df-325d02d7c0bc%22%7d

[4] <https://forms.office.com/r/83Xmi6LR58>

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