

Request for Proposals: Frailty and COVID-19

Updated Information

Research Alert title update: Request for Proposals: Frailty and COVID-19

Additional information provided in 'Funding Availability' section, as well as changes to the proposal requirements - see the updated [Request for Proposals](#) [1]

Sponsor

Canadian Frailty Network (CFN)

For More Information

For additional information, please visit the [program's websites](#) [1] for

- Program guidelines
- Application forms
- Evaluation criteria

Description

CFN is providing **early notice** of a rapid request for proposals to investigate the intersection between frailty and COVID-19.

Official launch and final details will be posted on April 2nd, and hence the information provided below is subject to change.

The Canadian Frailty Network (CFN) is looking to fund proposals aimed at investigating the interaction between frailty and COVID-19. Older adults living with frailty are the most vulnerable to COVID-19. As a result, CFN is looking for health, social or policy research studies that investigate determinants of increased susceptibility, and solutions to mitigate or prevent the differential risk to COVID-19.

Two Streams of Funding: CFN is looking for health, social or policy studies that fall under one of the two following streams of research:

1. Proposals that study the differential impact of frailty on the response or outcomes of a therapy or add a frailty cohort/subgroup to an existing ongoing COVID-19 investigation.
2. Original research proposals that investigate the outcomes and underlying mechanisms for the observed outcomes, the utility of frailty as a prognostic factor, complexities of

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care, unique challenges for adults living with frailty and COVID-19 infection.

In keeping with CFN's mission, proposals must:

- focus on frail individuals and if appropriate assess frailty using validated scales or assessment tools.
- if appropriate include an evaluation (qualitative and/or quantitative) of program effectiveness.

Eligibility

Faculty

Funding Availability

- Total maximum CFN funding of up to **\$500,000** is available for this entire competition.
- **Single proposal budget maximum is \$250,000.** Note that increasing budgetary requests will be expected to produce a proportionally greater impact and will undergo commensurate scrutiny as to the potential to achieve these impacts.
- **For this RFP CFN no longer requires 1:1 matching funds.**

Maximum Project Value

There is no single proposal budget maximum. In other words, a single proposal can request a budget of \$500,000.

All CFN funding must be accompanied by applicant matching partner funds of at least a 1:1 ratio. To be clear, as an example, if you request \$100,000 from CFN you will need to secure an additional minimum \$100,000 in partner cash or in-kind contributions. Both cash and in-kind matching partner funds are eligible although cash contributions are weighted higher in proposal evaluations.

Project Duration

up to 2 years - end March 2022

Special Notes

Please refer to the [Office of Research COVID 19 web-page](#) [2] for directives related to research activities at the University of Guelph.

Deadlines

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

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deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Friday, April 10, 2020 - 11:59pm	Applicant to submit a copy of proposal along with a complete OR5 form to: research.services@uoguelph.ca [3] Changes to the Proposal requirements - see the updated Request for Proposals [1].
External Deadline	Friday, April 17, 2020 - 8:00pm	Applicant must email proposal as a single PDF document to research@cfm-nce.ca [4]

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).

Attachment(s)

Attachment	Size
 Application Guidelines [5]	249.31 KB

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[1] <https://www.cfn-nce.ca/research/request-for-proposals-frailty-and-covid-19/>

[2] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/research/article/2019-novel-coronavirus-information>

[3] <mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca>

[4] <mailto:research@cfn-nce.ca>

[5] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/research/alerts/sites/default/files/attachments/RFP-Frailty-and-COVID-1.pdf>

[6] <mailto:perry@CFN-nce.ca>

[7] <mailto:omccarro@uoguelph.ca>