

Canada Foundation for Innovation

The mandate of the [Canada Foundation for Innovation](#) (CFI) is to increase the capability of Canada's universities, colleges, research hospitals and non-profit research organizations to carry out high-quality research by investing in research infrastructure. CFI awards are held by the institution, with the applicant as the project leader and the Vice President (Research and Innovation) as the project holder.

The Institutional Projects group within RSO will assist and advise researchers throughout the life of the CFI project (application development, award finalization, project activation, infrastructure acquisition/funding management, and project closure) and will liaise with CFI when required.

Funding Programs

John R. Evans Leaders Fund

The CFI [John R. Evans Leaders Fund](#) (JELF) provides funding support for the acquisition or development of research infrastructure for projects with a maximum total eligible cost of \$2,000,000. The JELF helps the institution to attract and retain researchers who are leaders in their field and to remain competitive in areas of strategic research priority. There are three JELF submission deadlines per year in February, June, and October.

For more information about the JELF program, please visit the RSO [website](#).

Innovation Fund

The CFI [Innovation Fund](#) (IF) supports investment in research infrastructure for large, often multi-Faculty and multi-institutional projects with a minimum total eligible cost of over \$2,000,000. Projects funded through the IF will help Canada remain at the forefront of exploration and knowledge generation while making meaningful contributions to generating social, health, environmental, and economic benefits and addressing global challenges. The CFI holds IF competitions every 24-30 months.

For more information about the IF program, please visit the RSO [website](#).

Accessing previously successful CFI applications

RSO maintains a collection of previously successful JELF and IF applications to be used as a guide for researchers developing their own CFI proposal. To request a previously successful CFI application, please submit the following Google form: <https://forms.gle/VXmALf8ziHrLSTtHA>