

**CANADA FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION (CFI)
INNOVATION FUND (IF) 2027**

University of Manitoba Expression of Intent (EOI) Form

If you intend to apply CFI's 2027 Innovation Fund competition, either as a Team Leader (maximum 2) **or** as a Team Member on an application led by another institution, please complete this form and send it to Birtukan Gebretsadik at Birtukan.Gebretsadik@umanitoba.ca, **no later than 4:30 PM, February 17, 2026.**

Anticipated project title:

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Anticipated application stream (choose one stream):

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| Stream 1: Leading edge of exploration and knowledge generation (open to all disciplines) | |
| Stream 2: Leading edge of exploration and knowledge generation in the social sciences, humanities and arts [SSHA] (primary field of research must be in SSHA) | |
| Stream 3: Creation, renewal and upgrade of core facilities (all requested infrastructure must be housed in and managed by a core facility) | |

Anticipated team leader(s)

| | Name (first and last) | Department (plus Institution if not UM) |
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| Team leader(s) (maximum 2), or UM participants if led by another institution: | | |

Anticipated equipment and construction/renovations request

List and briefly describe the anticipated equipment to be requested

(see Appendix for examples of eligible and ineligible costs; if known, please specify the location that will house the equipment):

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If applicable, briefly describe any anticipated construction/renovations to be requested, including the location and size of the space that will require construction/renovations:

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Summary of the proposed initiative (approximately 750 words)

- 1. Innovative Research or Technology:** Describe the program's innovation, feasibility, and global competitiveness.
- 2. Diverse Expert Team:** Highlight multidisciplinary expertise and actions supporting equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- 3. Essential Infrastructure:** Summarize critical components, including major construction or renovation plans.
- 4. Anticipated Benefits:** Outline expected social, health, environmental, and economic impacts.

APPENDIX – EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE COSTS

CFI funds the capital costs of acquiring, developing, modernizing, or leasing research infrastructure. Eligible costs include all goods and services required to bring the new infrastructure into operation, as well as warranties and service contracts that are included in the infrastructure purchase price. For infrastructure that is used for purposes other than research, the total amount must be prorated to include only the research portion of the infrastructure project.

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE COSTS - Source: CFI Policy and Program Guide

- Research equipment and components
- Shipping, transportation and installation of research infrastructure, including brokerage fees, excise taxes and duties
- Warranties and/or service contracts
- Software subscriptions and licenses
- Laboratory furniture
- Communications infrastructure essential for the research activities described in the proposal
- Travel to a manufacturer, dealer or supplier to select research infrastructure (including costs of carbon offsets for travel)
- Initial training for the main operator(s) of the research infrastructure (It is expected that the main operator(s) will train other users. Alternatively, an initial group training session may be provided by the vendor at the institution.)
- Salaries (including benefits) of professional, technical and managerial personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in the design, engineering, manufacturing, installation, construction or renovation of the infrastructure
- Construction or renovation of space essential to house and use the infrastructure or to conduct the research activities described in the proposal
- Acquisition of a database or the time-limited design and development of a database to the point that it is ready for exploitation by a designated research community
- Salaries of technicians or professionals are also eligible for the following activities:
 - Helping researchers and other users appropriately operate and access the database
 - Maintaining the database and integrating updated data sets and information.
- For Stream 3 projects only, CFI has expanded eligible costs to include scientific and technical personnel for the operation and management of core facilities. It is not possible to request such personnel costs if the requested infrastructure is expected to be housed in and managed by a facility funded through the CFI's Major Science Initiatives Fund.

Eligible activities performed by specialized personnel include:

- Platform management and coordination
- Operating and maintaining specialized equipment
- Interfacing with researchers from a variety of disciplines
- Outreach with the private sector
- Training highly qualified personnel.

EXAMPLES OF NON- ELIGIBLE COSTS

- Purchase or lease of real property
- Infrastructure that is primarily used for teaching and/or clinical care (When infrastructure is dual purpose (e.g. research and clinical use), costs must be pro-rated accordingly.)
- Office furniture and supplies
- Internal fees for the use of CFI-funded infrastructure
- Operating costs related to the general maintenance and overhead of the research infrastructure and of the building or other facilities in which the research infrastructure is situated
- Supplies and consumables

- Trainee stipends (undergraduates, graduates and postdoctoral fellows) and researcher salaries
- Research-related costs (e.g. primary data collection, recruitment initiatives, publication fees)
- Conference travel
- Administrative costs not specifically listed as eligible costs