

Canada Foundation for Innovation: Innovation Fund 2025

University of Manitoba: Expression of Interest

Expression of Interest (EOI) Guidelines

Instructions: Designated Project Leaders, please complete the following cover page and provide a concise one-page overview. Submit these documents to your unit lead for review, by the internal review deadline established within your Faculty/School.

Submission: Deans/Directors, please submit the completed cover page and one-page overview on behalf of the Investigator(s). If submitting multiple applications, indicate the rank order in terms of the importance to your unit's strategic advancement of research, technology, and innovation.

Important Notice: Incomplete applications will be returned and will not be reviewed by the UM CFI Advisory Committee. Units should establish internal review deadlines, in advance of the Office of Research Services (ORS) submission.

ORS EOI Deadline: Thursday, February 01, 2024 (4:30pm)

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Section 1: Expression of Interest Cover Page

1. **Project Information:** Please complete the following information.

i. **Proposed Project Title:**

ii. **Estimated Total Project Costs:** ☐ \$1-3M ☐ \$3-5M ☐ \$5-10M ☐ >\$10M

2. **Team Composition:** Please list the principal users of the requested infrastructure. Designate **User #1** as the **Project Leader** and, if applicable, **User #2** as the **Co-Project Leader**.

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3. **Explain your Unit's internal review process that contributed to strengthening this submission.**

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Section 2: Expression of Interest Overview

The EOI must include a concise one-page overview, using Times New Roman, 12-point font, and 1" margins. Briefly outline the following:

1. **Innovative Research or Technology:** Briefly describe the proposed program(s). Showcase the innovation, feasibility, and global competitiveness. Demonstrate a bold approach to tackling pressing challenges.
2. **Diverse Expert Team:** Briefly explain how the diverse team (outlined on the cover page) encompass a wide range of expertise necessary to drive forward the innovative program(s). Highlight the synergy between different fields of expertise and, as appropriate, emphasize UM's commitment to multidisciplinary collaboration.
3. **Essential Infrastructure:** Briefly summarize the substantial components vital for the proposed program(s). Emphasize how these elements are not just necessary but ground-breaking, underscoring UM's willingness to take significant risks in pursuit of transformative research. Include any anticipated major construction and/or renovation plans.
4. **Anticipated Benefits:** Briefly highlight the expected outcomes, emphasizing the need for impactful social, health, environmental, and economic benefits to improve the lives of Canadians and beyond.

For questions regarding the IF program or the application process, please contact Birtukan.Gebretsadik@UManitoba.ca (ORS).