

NFRF International – 2023 New Frontiers in  
Research Fund (NFRF) International Initiative  
for Research on Climate Change Adaptation  
and Mitigation

Western Research Information Session and  
Networking event  
March 20, 2023

# Housekeeping

- Recording session/saved chat transcript
- Please use microphone in front (volume dial)
- Zoom video
- Reactions and questions
- Washrooms

# Agenda

- Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
- Introductions
  - Western Research supports
- Program overview
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- Team presentations
- Finding Expertise
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# Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Decolonization (EDID) Support



- Understand funding requirements and EDID in research landscapes
- Identify systemic barriers related to different research areas/disciplines and develop EDID strategies
- Embed as part of funding applications
- Review funding applications
- Create and deliver workshops and educational opportunities

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# Indigenous Research Support

- Prioritizes support for Indigenous faculty, students and trainees to facilitate their research success
- Provides research support for the respectful inclusion of, and capacity for, Indigenous research, methods, data and/or research involving Indigenous people, communities and organizations
- Provides professional guidance to the Western community about Indigenous research and/or implications of research for Indigenous people, lands, data, and/or knowledges
- Works in close collaboration with OII and ISC on programming and initiatives



Design de Plume Inc.; <https://indigenous.uwo.ca/about-us/artwork/index.html>

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# Program overview

- This call represents a collaboration among research funders:
  - Brazil, Canada, Germany, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States (Consortium Partners)
  - Leverage international expertise to tackle the global challenges caused by climate change
  - Coordinated funding approach

## GOAL:

- *co-produced* adaptation and mitigation strategies for **vulnerable groups**—those groups most impacted by the effects of climate change due to both **physical vulnerability** *and* **socioeconomic vulnerability**.
  - must address at least two representative Six Assessment IPCC key risks
  - Must be high risk (novelty of the approach and quality of the research) and high reward (potential to create a significant and real change or impact)

# Eligibility

- **A minimum of 3 countries** represented among the co-PIs
- Eligible to receive funds from **at least 2 Consortium Partners (including NFRF)**
- Must be interdisciplinary and trans-sectoral teams (with appropriate stakeholders)
  - Ensures project outcomes have a real impact and potential to drive real change
  - Trans-sectoral: works across academic, research, economic, societal (government and non-government) and community sectors
- NFRF strongly recommends that teams include at least one expert in social sciences/humanities among the co-PIs.
- May only participate as a co-PI on one application to this competition

# Teams

- Partnership with participating community(ies) in the **co-creation, implementation** and **ownership** of the research and outcomes is a must
- Early conversations ensure that projects develop strategies related to policy, communication and community partnerships
- Encourages acceptance, support and the behavioural changes required for implementation
- The *meaningful* integration of team members from vulnerable groups/communities is required
- Challenging to demonstrate true co-leadership and co-development unless representatives from vulnerable groups be named as co-PI

# Teams Cont.

- No assessment of “Excellence of Researcher” (e.g. No CV assessment)
- Focus is on the idea, not the researcher
- Not “are these the best experts in their field?” but rather a mix of experience and expertise
- NFRF-eligible applicant referred to as NPI (starts and submits app in Convergence etc.) but really all co-PIs will lead
- Additional team members may be added at full application stage

# Equity Diversity and Inclusion in Research Practice/Design

- Must clearly demonstrate commitment to EDI in research teams:
  - team recruitment, composition
  - training/development opportunities
  - inclusion
- Diversity as it applies to career stages, sectors, institutions, regions and countries
- Focus on *commitment* to EDI (not the team's EDI profile)
- EDI in research design must be integrated, maintained and implemented

# Coordinated funding approach

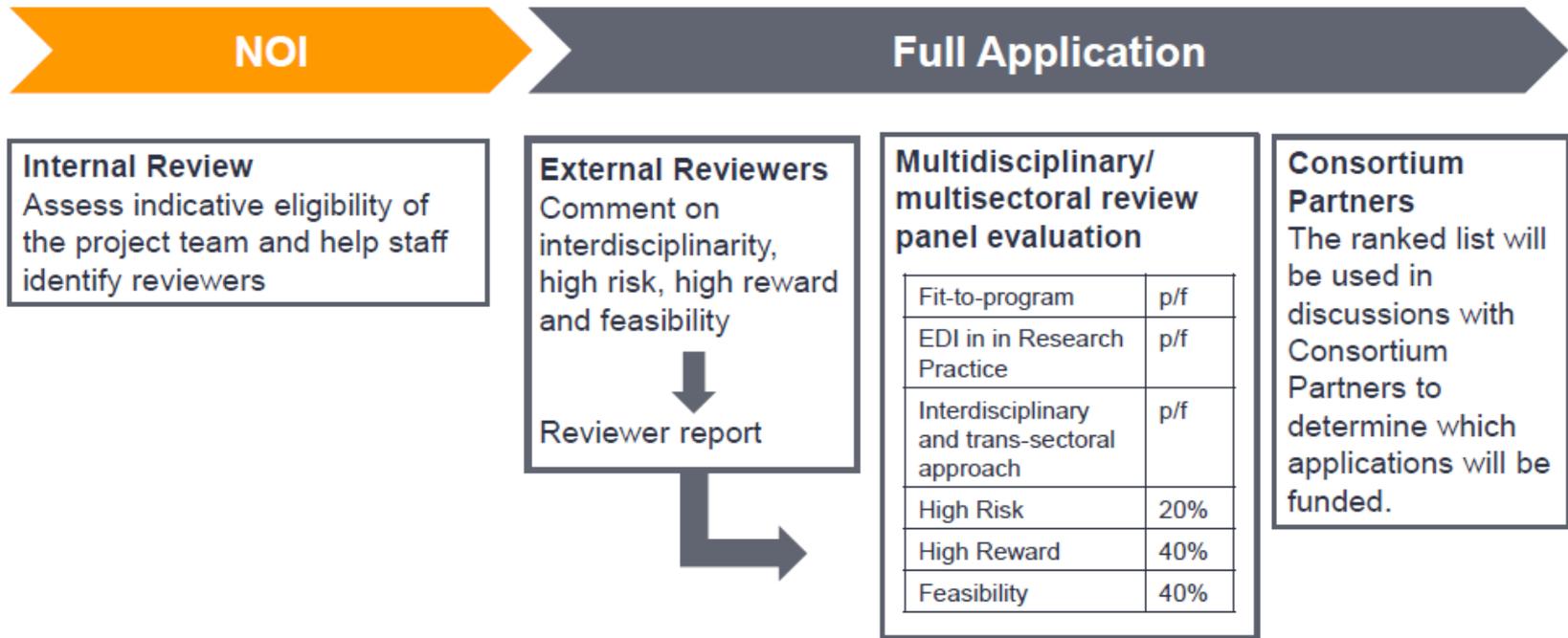
- Each Consortium Partner will fund researcher(s) within the team who are eligible to receive funding from that CP
- Budget: Each CP has their own eligibility rules
- Team members not eligible to receive funds from one of the CPs may be eligible for support from NFRF (also UKRI and DFG-Germany)
- Only one application is submitted to NFRF – in Convergence and access to all Co-PIs *invited by NPI*
- Funds will flow to the co-PI that is eligible to hold the funds for that CPs funding

# Merit Review

- EDI: both in research practice and research design, must be integrated in the project design – Pass/fail
- Fit to Program – Pass/fail
- Interdisciplinary and Trans-sectoral approach – Pass/Fail
- High risk (novelty of the approach and quality of the research proposed) – 20%
- High reward (potential to create a significant and real change or impact) - 40%
- Feasibility – the plan, timeline, reciprocity with stakeholders and the ability to execute the activities - 40%

# Review Process

## Overview



# Successful Applications

- Applications with an overall rating of “fail” in Fit-to-program, EDI in Research Practice/Design, Interdisciplinarity/ trans-sectoral approach are considered not fundable
- Reviewer’s rankings will be used to determine an overall score
- Review panel will agree to a final list, ranking all applications in rank order according to their overall merit
- Application will be funded in rank order from highest to lowest
- Applications in the list will only be skipped in cases where one CP has no funds left to award

# Important Dates

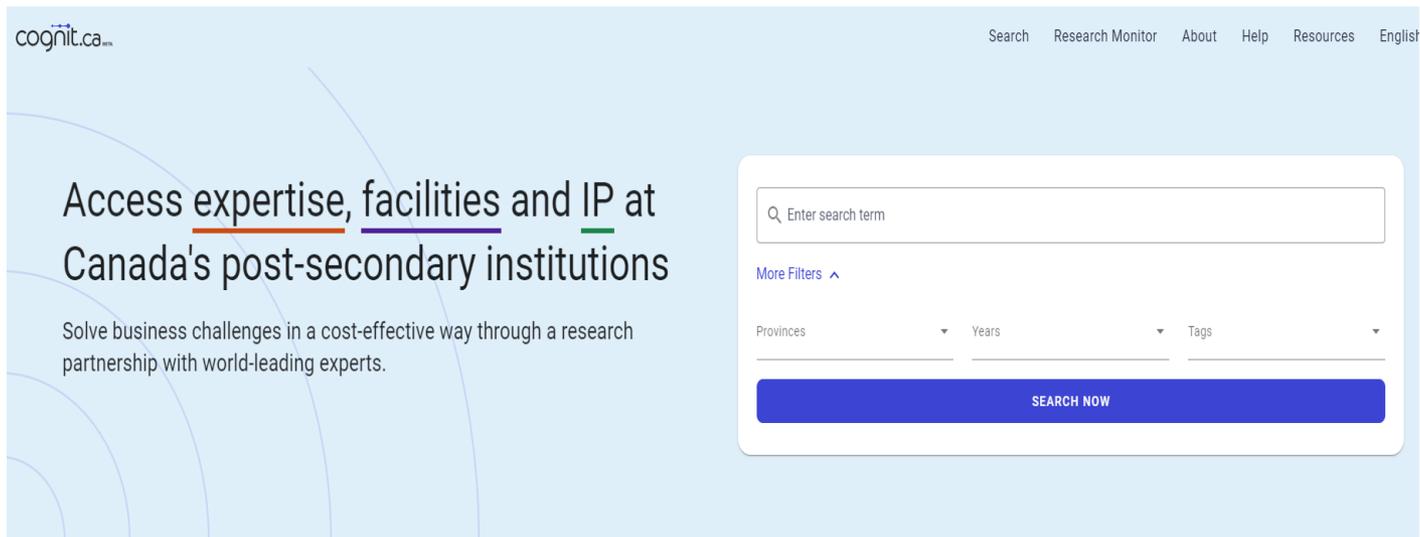
April 25, 2023	Western Research NOI deadline
May 2, 2023	Notice of Intent deadline
August 8, 2023	Draft deadline to Western Research
Sept 4, 2023	Final Internal submission to Western Research, with fully approved ROLA
Sept 12, 2023	Full application deadline
February 2024	Notice of funding decisions
March 2024	Start date of awards

# Team Presentations

# Finding Expertise

Cognit: <https://cognit.ca/en>

- Supported by the U15 to increase the impact of Canadian University Research. Supports access the experts, facilities and/or intellectual property that exists on campuses across Canada



The screenshot displays the Cognit website interface. At the top left, the logo "cognit.ca" is visible. In the top right corner, there is a navigation menu with links for "Search", "Research Monitor", "About", "Help", "Resources", and "English". The main content area features a large heading: "Access expertise, facilities and IP at Canada's post-secondary institutions". Below this heading, a sub-heading reads: "Solve business challenges in a cost-effective way through a research partnership with world-leading experts." To the right of the text is a search interface. It includes a search input field with a magnifying glass icon and the placeholder text "Enter search term". Below the input field is a "More Filters" link with a downward arrow. Underneath, there are three dropdown menus labeled "Provinces", "Years", and "Tags". At the bottom of the search interface is a prominent blue button labeled "SEARCH NOW".

# Finding Expertise

Pivot: <https://pivot.proquest.com/dashboard>

The screenshot shows the Western University Pivot dashboard. At the top, there is a purple header with the Western University logo and the name 'Katherine Laid'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'Funding', 'Profiles', 'Conferences', and 'Awarded Grants'. There are also icons for 'Admin', 'Announcements', and 'HELP'. The main content area features a large search bar with the text 'Search for Funding' and a search button. Below the search bar, there are two main sections: 'My Funding Opportunities' and 'My Profile & Groups'. The 'My Funding Opportunities' section includes links for 'Tracked Opps', 'Saved Searches', and 'Advisor'. The 'My Profile & Groups' section includes links for 'My Profile', 'Profile Proxies', 'Groups', and 'My Preferences'. To the right of these sections is a 'Tips & Resources' section with a list of helpful links.

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### Tips & Resources

If you have questions, please [Contact Us](#).

The following tips and resources are available to help you:

- "How to" documentation: Visit the [Knowledge Center](#)
- Tips for searching for [Funding and Profiles](#)
- Videos: Short YouTube videos to help you learn how to edit your profile, search for funding, set-up alerts and other features. Visit the [YouTube channel](#).