

Q&A Session for NFRFT 2026 NOI Webinar EN

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Starting time: 12:31 PM

-Betty Peavey (betty.peavey@ualberta.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: yes

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:00 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Claire Davies (claire.davies@queensu.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: Can hear

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:00 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Robin Cassady-Cain (robin.cassady-cain@sri.utoronto.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: totally clear!

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:00 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Alexandra Shisko (ashisko@sfu.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: I can hear you!

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:00 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Ruth Ann Marrie (rmarrie@dal.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: I can hear

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:00 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Maria Pasic (pasic@lunenfeld.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: yes

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:00 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Elif Ak (elif.ak@mun.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: yes

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:00 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Jessica Chapman (jessica.chapman@uottawa.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: yep!

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:00 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Shooka Karimpour (Shooka@yorku.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: I can hear you

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:00 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Chimerem Amiaka (ca15hi@brocku.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: yes i can hear you

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:01 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-chris forgaard (cforgaar@uwo.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: yes

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:01 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Zahra Moussavi (Zahra.Moussavi@umanitoba.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: I can hear you

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:01 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Kelly Tracey (kelly.tracey@ufv.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: yes I can hear you

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:01 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Maya Chaddah (mayachaddah@xplornet.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: Yes

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:01 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Jennifer Turner (jturner2@brocku.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: I can hear you!

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:01 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Ian Sutherland (ian.sutherland@jacobs.com) - 1:00 PM

Q: Can hear you.

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:00 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:10 PM

A: Thank you - these topics will also be adressed in later slides, please let us know if they don't answer your questions.-

-Lauren M (mercierl@mcmaster.ca) - 1:00 PM

Q: yes

Priority: N/A-

-Jennifer Turner (jturner2@brocku.ca) - 1:03 PM

Q: I am not able to hear anymore - just me?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:05 PM

A: I am sorry to hear you are having issues! If you continue to have issues, please go to "Select Audio Connection" and select "I will call in" and follow the instructions there. -

-Elif Ak (elif.ak@mun.ca) - 1:04 PM

Q: My apologies, my Internet connection is corrupted in the beginning. Can we download the current presentation from somewhere? Thank you so much.

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:05 PM

A: you can send us an email and we will share the slides as well as the recording of the webinar. email : nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaire.gc.ca-

-Judith Chadwick (j.chadwick@utoronto.ca) - 1:05 PM

Q: could you clarify the features that distinguish NFRF-T from the CFREF program?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:06 PM

A: Hello, We can only speak about the NFRF programs, unfortunately we do not have the rules and regulations of the CFREF program. -

-Elif Ak (elif.ak@mun.ca) - 1:06 PM

Q: Thank you so much.

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:08 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Rosmin Esmail (rosmin.esmail@ahs.ca) - 1:07 PM

Q: 1. Can be used to support operational activity - as opposed to purely implementation supports (scale/spread)?

2. What is meant by interdisciplinary?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:10 PM

A: Interdisciplinarity elements are detailed in the evaluation matrices: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx -

-Melanie Ethier - 1:10 PM

A: The link to the evaluation matrices you can see the definition of interdisciplinary : https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:13 PM

A: Thank you for your question - the level of commitment to EDI has not changed.-

-Kieran Quinn (kieran.quinn@mail.utoronto.ca) - 1:09 PM

Q: Is there a Transformation NFRF competition every year?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:09 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Nilushi Kumarasinghe (nilushi.kumarasinghe@futureearth.org) - 1:10 PM

Q: Can you expand on how the funding will not support "existing technologies"?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:23 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Ana Maria Peredo (aperedo@uottawa.ca) - 1:10 PM

Q: what does it mean do not support program of research or networks?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:23 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Terrance Wade (twade@brocku.ca) - 1:10 PM

Q: Is there value in explaining how our proposed transformation project builds on successful smaller NFRF projects?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:13 PM

A: Hello, There is limited space for you to explain the project description, I would only refer to this IF it is applicable and will help explain your project. It isn't something we require of you in your application. -

-Terrance Wade (twade@brocku.ca) - 1:11 PM

Q: Is the high level of commitment to EDI still at the forefront of this competition?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:19 PM

A: EDI in Research Practice is one of the evaluation criteria, as it was in previous years. -

-Shooka Karimpour (Shooka@yorku.ca) - 1:11 PM

Q: The value includes the indirect cost, correct? What is the cap excluding these?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:18 PM

A: Yes, the value of \$2M-4M per year includes indirect costs. The direct cost limits are \$1.6 million/year (minimum) to \$3.2 million/year (maximum)-

-Bishal Bharadwaj (bbharadwaj.bishal@ucalgary.ca) - 1:12 PM

Q: Do planetary challenges like plastic pollution and establishing its monitoring system falls under the scope of this grant?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:18 PM

A: As long as the research project span the mandate of at least 2 of our granting agencies , yes it can be under the scope of this grant.-

-Kirk Hillier (kirk.hillier@acadiau.ca) - 1:12 PM

Q: Will these slides be made available at a later date?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:14 PM

A: Yes, please send us an email and will share the recording and the slides as soon as possible.-

-Chimerem Amiaka (ca15hi@brocku.ca) - 1:14 PM

Q: Is there a precedent for the integration of the visual/theatrical arts and the basic and social sciences? How open to transdisciplinarity is this competition?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:21 PM

A: Proposed projects must cross the mandates of at least two of the three federal granting agencies (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR). You can see more about the projects funded through the 2020 and 2022 competitions here: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2022/award_recipients-titulaires_subvention-eng.aspx https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/award_recipients-titulaires_subvention-eng.aspx

-Sasha Nadeau (sasha.nadeau@unityhealth.to) - 1:16 PM

Q: What email address should we request the slides from? Thank you!

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:16 PM

A: NFRF-FNFR <NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaires.gc.ca>-

-Agetha Mahendran (amahen@uwo.ca) - 1:16 PM

Q: Are we required to provide preliminary data in our project proposal for the transformation stream?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:21 PM

A: Hello, This is not a requirement, however if you have preliminary data and want to add it to your application. Please do so!-

-Reisa Klein (rklein5@uottawa.ca) - 1:16 PM

Q: Is the new narrative CV a requirement of this competition?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:19 PM

A: No we have no narrative CV requirement for this program.-

-Greg Beilhartz (greg.beilhartz@sickkids.ca) - 1:16 PM

Q: can you post the email?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:16 PM

A: NFRF-FNFR <NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca>-

-Resty Nabaterega (resty.nabaterega@unbc.ca) - 1:18 PM

Q: Will the slides be shared with participants? Thx

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:18 PM

A: Yes, please send us an email requesting the slides and recording to NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca-

-Greg Beilhartz (greg.beilhartz@sickkids.ca) - 1:19 PM

Q: thanks

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:19 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-DAKUYO claud (Claude.dakuyo.1@ulaval.ca) - 1:19 PM

Q: Hello, is it possible to share the recording after the session?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:20 PM

A: Hello, yes this is possible, we ask that you email us and we will share the slides and the recording. -

-Ana Maria Peredo (aperedo@uottawa.ca) - 1:20 PM

Q: please e-mail me the slides: aperedo@uottawa.ca

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:20 PM

A: Hello please send this to our email : nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaire.gc.ca we will share the recording and the slides-

-Terrance Wade (twade@brocku.ca) - 1:21 PM

Q: Approximately, how many grants will be funded? Will there be a geographical distribution to the funding allocations?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:22 PM

A: We fund a minimum of 6 grants. -

-DAKUYO claud (Claude.dakuyo.1@ulaval.ca) - 1:21 PM

Q: Ok. my email is: claudedakuyo@gmail.com

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:22 PM

A: Yes, please send us an email requesting the slides and recording to NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca-

-Michelle Gaffey (michelle.gaffey@sickkids.ca) - 1:21 PM

Q: Can you elaborate on what is meant by 'large-scale' for this call?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:26 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Atanu Sarkar (asarkar@mun.ca) - 1:22 PM

Q: Please send the slide to asarkar@mun.ca

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:23 PM

A: Hello please email us this request : nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaire.gc.ca Thank you!-

-parminder Raina (praina@mcmaster.ca) - 1:22 PM

Q: does every application require inclusion of indigenous peoples?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:25 PM

A: Only if applicable - please refer to the Indigenous Research element of Feasibility in the Evaluation Criteria. https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx

-Barbara Sherwood Lollar (barbara.sherwoodlollar@utoronto.ca) - 1:22 PM

Q: Has the NFRF Exploration program been discontinued?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF - Jacob - 1:24 PM

A: No, the Exploration competition has not been discontinued-

-Kyla Reid (kyla.reid@carleton.ca) - 1:24 PM

Q: How does the reviewer determine if a cluster of projects are cohesive or uncohesive?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:24 PM

A: Hello , please see our reviewer guide this will detail what the reviewers look at to evaluate the application : https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/reviewers_manual-guide_de_l_evaluateur-eng.aspx-

-Angela (angela.mashford.pringle@utoronto.ca) - 1:24 PM

Q: if each researcher is conducting the project to ensure it happens across Canada, would you deem that a group of researchers or a project of research?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:29 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Zhenzhong Si (zsi@wlu.ca) - 1:24 PM

Q: Is engaging with indigenous communities mandatory or encouraged?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:26 PM

A: Only if applicable - please refer to the Indigenous Research element of Feasibility in the Evaluation Criteria. https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx-

-Vera Kettmaker (vmk@queensu.ca) - 1:24 PM

Q: To what extent will information about the NPI and the academic team members be part of the evaluation or visible to the committee or the external reviewers, e.g., will the process be double-blind or will it involve full CCVs?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:28 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Chimerem Amiaka (ca15hi@brocku.ca) - 1:25 PM

Q: just to confirm, Is there value in explaining how our proposed transformation project builds on successful smaller NFRF projects?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:29 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Matthew (mpletts@ualberta.ca) - 1:25 PM

Q: can you clarify how Application of existing technology does not fit in transformation but integration of it may be considered

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:29 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Lindsay (lindsay.cole@ubc.ca) - 1:25 PM

Q: In the 2022 competition, the successful applicants had a very strong orientation to health/medical sciences and engineering/tech, and none (maybe 1?) were more oriented toward social sciences and humanities. I'm wondering if this is an artifact of who applied, or if this is a leaning/orientation of the projects that this grant is looking for fund? If there are any trends that you can share about successful applicants in the 2024 round that would be helpful.

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:33 PM

A: Projects selected are strongly dependent on the applications submitted and the strength of the projects submitted.-

-Andrea Cuellar (andrea.cuellar@uleth.ca) - 1:26 PM

Q: Is this competition expected to continue every two years for the foreseeable future?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:29 PM

A: yes-

-parminder Raina (praina@mcmaster.ca) - 1:26 PM

Q: yes, that is what I thought but when you get reviewers comments on LOI they list that as deficiency. There is disconnect between review process and requirement

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:30 PM

A: .-

-Resty Nabaterega (resty.nabaterega@unbc.ca) - 1:26 PM

Q: Can we include salaries as direct costs

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:30 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Terrance Wade (twade@brocku.ca) - 1:26 PM

Q: Is there a geographic distribution?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:31 PM

A: Geography is 1 of the factors that are considered but it is not a main factor.-

-Terry Campbell (tcampbel2023@outlook.com) - 1:26 PM

Q: When will the results of the 2024 competition be announced?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:27 PM

A: We plan on announcing them before end of March.-

-Alex Whalley (alexander.whalley@ucalgary.ca) - 1:26 PM

Q: Is there clarity on the fraction of researchers that are from Canada based?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:27 PM

A: We have no rules on how many researcher need to be inside Canada versus outside. The only rule is that the NPI must be from a Canadian institution.-

-Shashi Gujar (shashi.gujar@dal.ca) - 1:27 PM

Q: Could you give an example of a successful project thus far that illustrates 'interdisciplinarity'?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:31 PM

A: link to our funded 2020 competition : https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/award_recipients-titulaires_subvention-eng.aspx

-Melanie Ethier - 1:32 PM

A: link to the T2022 funded : https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2022/award_recipients-titulaires_subvention-eng.aspx

-Mark (mtaylor4@ualberta.ca) - 1:27 PM

Q: The NFRF website indicates that previously funded NFRF-T grants will be a factor in deciding which grants will be funded in the 2026 competition. Can you please confirm when the results from the 2024 NFRF-T competition will be made public? This will help people to decide if they should submit an NOI.

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:28 PM

A: They will be released by the end of March, we do not yet have a set date.-

-Angela (angela.mashford.pringle@utoronto.ca) - 1:27 PM

Q: Asking again: if each researcher is conducting the project to ensure it happens across Canada, would you deem that a group of researchers or a project of research?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:29 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Agetha Mahendran (amahen@uwo.ca) - 1:28 PM

Q: Could grant funds be used to purchase equipment necessary for the project?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:29 PM

A: Yes-

-Ana Maria Peredo (aperedo@uottawa.ca) - 1:28 PM

Q: Can you explain more about the international components? Can we have International Co-applicants? could they get funding from the grant?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:31 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Barbara Sherwood Lollar (barbara.sherwoodlollar@utoronto.ca) - 1:28 PM

Q: Can you tell us when the nfref exploration program will be open for applications please

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:30 PM

A: We ask that you email the NFRF inbox and someone from teh exploration team will be able to answer you.-

-Shashi Gujar (shashi.gujar@dal.ca) - 1:28 PM

Q: Is there limit on how many international Pls could be part of the team?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:31 PM

A: There is no limit to the number of international Pls. -

-Kyla Reid (kyla.reid@carleton.ca) - 1:29 PM

Q: Does the funding opportunity provide a definition of project versus program, given that programs won't be successful?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:33 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Maria Drangova (mdrangov@uwo.ca) - 1:29 PM

Q: Are international co-applicants eligible?

Can funding be used outside Canada?

What the typical number of co-investigators that participate in a Transformation project.

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:34 PM

A: Yes, international co-applicants are eligible, and funding can be used outside of Canada. In terms of size, the appropriate team size and composition depends on the requirement of the proposed project.-

-Shooka Karimpour (Shooka@yorku.ca) - 1:29 PM

Q: can you provide a link of list of funded grants?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:31 PM

A: The website seems to be down at the moment - under each stream's tab there is a link "Competition Results" Please send us an email if you cannot find it: NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca-

-DAKUYO claudie (Claude.dakuyo.1@ulaval.ca) - 1:29 PM

Q: Le courriel est envoyé

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:33 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-parminder Raina (praina@mcmaster.ca) - 1:29 PM

Q: Can you please elaborate what do you mean by incremental versus leaping forward type of projects?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:32 PM

A: -

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiodQxZjBkNDctMzZjMy00ZDNhLTk2OTQtOTdmMTk5NDhlODk3IiwidCI6ImZiZWYwNzk4LTlwZTMtNGJlNy1iZGM4LTM3MjAzMjYxMGY2NSJ9&language=en-ca->

-Zhenzhong Si (zsi@wlu.ca) - 1:30 PM

Q: Is the NPI eligible to apply for this grant if they hold existing NFRF projects of other streams?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:33 PM

A: Hello NPI that hold NFRF funds for exploration or international streams are eligible to apply to the Transformation stream without issue.-

-Agetha Mahendran (amahen@uwo.ca) - 1:30 PM

Q: do early career researchers have to be from a Canadian institution?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:34 PM

A: Hello, no the Early career researcher CAN be from outside of canada without issue.-

-Kelly Cubbon (kcubbon@mail.ubc.ca) - 1:30 PM

Q: Do reviewers factor in if an application is a resubmission into their evaluation at any stage?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:35 PM

A: No this is not something that is taken into consideration for the reviewers. They are told to review all application as though it is a first time applying. -

-Jennifer Llewellyn (jennifer.llewellyn@dal.ca) - 1:30 PM

Q: can you provide example of successful application

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:33 PM

A: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/stories-histoires-eng.aspx>
(please use the filter on the left and select Transformation)-

-Angela (angela.mashford.pringle@utoronto.ca) - 1:30 PM

Q: Do First Nations communities (band & council) qualify for as collaborators?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:37 PM

A: Individuals whose primary affiliation is with an Indigenous government are eligible to be co-PIs, co-applicants or collaborators, with eligible expenses limited to those related to the execution of the project that are not within the mandate of the Indigenous government.-

-DAKUYO claud (Claude.dakuyo.1@ulaval.ca) - 1:30 PM

Q: The e-mail is sent

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:33 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Resty Nabaterrega (resty.nabaterrega@unbc.ca) - 1:30 PM

Q: Can a project include product development right from the lab to commercialized product

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:39 PM

A: Yes. Please note that there are other eligibility requirements (like covering the mandate of at least two of the three federal granting agencies, etc.) and the timeline should be feasible within the timeline of the grant (6 years).-

-Lindsay (lindsay.cole@ubc.ca) - 1:31 PM

Q: In the 2022 competition, the successful applicants had a very strong orientation to health/medical sciences and engineering/tech, and none (maybe 1?) were more oriented toward social sciences and humanities. I'm wondering if this is an artifact of who applied, or if this is a leaning/orientation of the projects that this grant is looking to fund? If there are any trends that you can share about successful applicants in the 2024 round that would be helpful.

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:34 PM

A: already answered-

-Barbara Sherwood Lollar (barbara.sherwoodlollar@utoronto.ca) - 1:31 PM

Q: I was asked to use this box to ask if you can tell us when the nfrf exploration program will open for applications

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF - Jacob - 1:33 PM

A: There is not an exact launch date for the next Exploration competition yet. All information for the Exploration Stream can be found on the website: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/exploration-eng.aspx>

-Jennifer Llewellyn (jennifer.llewellyn@dal.ca) - 1:32 PM

Q: the applications are not there though and applications are shared within institutions which disadvantages institutions that have not had one

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:35 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Heidi Van Wart (heidi.vanwart@unb.ca) - 1:32 PM

Q: The guidelines indicate that team members listed at the NOI stage are expected to be listed at the LOI stage. Some American researchers are concerned that being formally involved with a Canadian-based research team may put their own national funding at risk, especially in a program with strong EDI considerations. Is there flexibility in adding/removing American researchers from the NOI/LOI, considering the extraordinary pressures they're currently facing?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:36 PM

A: This seems to be a specific situation, we ask that you email us at : nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaire.gc.ca and we will ensure to answer this correctly and ask for any additional information we might have.-

-Ruanne Lai (ruanne.lai@ubc.ca) - 1:32 PM

Q: What is the anticipated success rate of the NFRF Transformation?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:34 PM

A: As mentioned and indicated in the slides, we anticipate a minimum of 6 projects to be funded in each competition. -

-Ana Maria Peredo (aperedo@uottawa.ca) - 1:33 PM

Q: You mention 4 streams? is the international stream or special projects will be consider this year?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:35 PM

A: None are planned at this time. -

-Sonja Givetash (sgivetash@oicr.on.ca) - 1:35 PM

Q: Will host institution be eligible if we are only eligible for CIHR funding? we are not NSERC/SSHRC eligible

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:35 PM

A: Any institution that is either CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC eligible are eligible.-

-Jonathan Brent (jonathan.brent@usask.ca) - 1:35 PM

Q: Are you able to remove team members between stages as well, or just add?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:37 PM

A: The 5 core members added at the NOI stage must remain on the application and should not be removed. however during the LOI and full app stage you can add people and also remove them if they can no longer participate.-

-Eveline Bernier (eveline.bernier@fsaa.ulaval.ca) - 1:35 PM

Q: Can the NPI change between the NOI and the LOI ?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:36 PM

A: No - the NPI cannot change. -

-Chloé Bois (Chloe.bois@i-ci.ca) - 1:37 PM

Q: Can you confirm that the NPI doesn't have to be from university, there is mention of that on the website.

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:37 PM

A: The NPI's primary affiliation must be with a Canadian institution currently holding full institutional eligibility with one of the agencies. -

-Katherine Lawless (katherine.lawless@ucalgary.ca) - 1:37 PM

Q: I am leading a transdisciplinary project that is guided by an Elder from Whitehorse with specialized knowledge critical to the project methodology. How should we navigate compensating him as a consultant for his expertise versus providing an honorarium as a Knowledge Holder, while ensuring the research remains aligned with Indigenous-led principles and SSHRC guidelines? Can he be a collaborator on the grant if he is being compensated?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:39 PM

A: Hello Katherine, this has many questions and may need us to look into the guidelines before we can ensure we are answering you correctly. Can you please send this question to our email : nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaire.gc.ca , this way we can look into these and give you an answer. -

-Steven Brooks (steven.brooks@kingstonhsc.ca) - 1:37 PM

Q: Does the evaluation criteria or weighting differ for Co-PIs versus Co-Is? In other words, is there strategy in choosing who on your team should be Co-PI versus Co-I based on their CV, experience, or expertise?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:43 PM

A: Answered previously-

-Chloé Bois (Chloe.bois@i-ci.ca) - 1:38 PM

Q: can you double check because this is waht,s written on the page in french Les personnes qui ne sont pas des chercheuses ou chercheurs universitaires peuvent exercer tous les rôles sauf celui de chercheuse principale désignée ou chercheur principal désigné.

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:40 PM

A: Exactly. The NPI must be from an eligible post-secondary institution. coPIs and co-applicants do not have to be.-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:42 PM

A: Could you please send us an e-mail with this question and we'll take a closer look? Thank you.-

-Erin Champion (echampion@selkirk.ca) - 1:38 PM

Q: If a co-PI is a retired business founder (and minority shareholder) of a relevant business, who is now employed as a researcher at a college are they ineligible?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:48 PM

A: Hello, to make sure we aren't missing anything could you email us this question at : nfr-fnfr@chairs-chaire.gc.ca please provide which college they are working for and any other information so that we may have a full picture and answer you correctly.-

-Claudia dos Santos (claudia.santos@utoronto.ca) - 1:38 PM

Q: can npa change after noi stage?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:38 PM

A: No the moment an NOI is started it is locked in with that person. you cannot change the NPI at ANY stages.-

-Lei Wang (lei.wang@osumc.edu) - 1:39 PM

Q: How many ECRs are required on a proposal team?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:40 PM

A: There must be at least 1 confirmed ECR on a transformation.-

-Jackie Cooney-Birch (jackie.cooney-birch@umanitoba.ca) - 1:39 PM

Q: Can you clarify if there are any specific parameters for assessing delays related to COVID as they relate to ECR status? Or is it at the discretion of the institution to assess this

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:43 PM

A: Please see the ECR section of our FAQ for details on pandemic delays as well as how to calculate ECR eligibility: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/faq-eng.aspx#3>-

-Jennifer Chen (jc290@queensu.ca) - 1:39 PM

Q: Is a confirmed ECR required at the NOI stage?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:41 PM

A: Only at the LOI stage.-

-Bishal Bharadwaj (bbharadwaj.bishal@ucalgary.ca) - 1:39 PM

Q: Is it ok to have an advisor committee to support knowledge challenge and also ensure research quality?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:44 PM

A: Yes, proposed projects' management plans may include management and advisory committees.-

-Kieran Quinn (kieran.quinn@mail.utoronto.ca) - 1:39 PM

Q: Some agencies have expanded the ECR definition to within 7 years of appointment due to pandemic. Does the NFRF make this modification or is sticking to the 5 year definition?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:43 PM

A: For NFRF the ECR is 5 years -

-Steven Brooks (steven.brooks@kingstonhsc.ca) - 1:40 PM

Q: reposting: Does the evaluation criteria or weighting differ for Co-PIs versus Co-Is? In other words, is there strategy in choosing who on your team should be Co-PI versus Co-I based on their CV, experience, or expertise?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:41 PM

A: Individuals are not evaluated. The team, as a whole, is considered for their ability to undertake and execute the proposed project.-

-Chloé Bois (Chloe.bois@i-ci.ca) - 1:41 PM

Q: yes but in french it refers to university only, not colleges

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:43 PM

A: This is what it says in French: La chercheuse principale désignée ou le chercheur principal désigné doit être considérée ou considéré comme chercheuse indépendante ou chercheur indépendant par son établissement d'affiliation principal, c.-à-d. le principal établissement où elle ou il occupe un poste, est affectée ou affecté ou effectue des travaux de recherche.-

-Gordon Sarty (gordon.sarty@usask.ca) - 1:41 PM

Q: Is a co-PI allowed to retire before the grant is finished?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:45 PM

A: If a co-pi retires during the grant, this is of course allowed. we ask that you email us when this happens as there is forms to fill out and also you might wish to replace them with another co-pi. -

-Sanjiv Dhingra (sanjiv.dhingra@umanitoba.ca) - 1:42 PM

Q: Can NPI be CoPI in another project

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:44 PM

A: No - this is not allowed-

-Xiang Chen (xchen@uwindsor.ca) - 1:42 PM

Q: At NOI stage, are we expected to have 5 core members ready?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:45 PM

A: Yes, that is correct- at the NOI stage there must be 5 confirmed team members (NPI and co-PIs/co-applicants).-

-Daniel Rubenson (rubenson@torontomu.ca) - 1:42 PM

Q: Do ECRs need to be Canadian (at Canadian Unis)?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:06 PM

A: No ECR do not need to be Canadian.-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 2:11 PM

A: No they cannot.-

-Claudia dos Santos (claudia.santos@utoronto.ca) - 1:42 PM

Q: Can and NRC scientist be the NPI?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:44 PM

A: No-

-Chloé Bois (Chloe.bois@i-ci.ca) - 1:42 PM

Q: can you confirm that colleges researchers are eligible as NPI.

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:44 PM

A: Yes they are. However it has to be a researcher and not a VPR (as is usually the case in colleges). This is a researcher-held grant and not an institutional grant.-

-Jennifer Chen (jc290@queensu.ca) - 1:42 PM

Q: Regarding STRAC policy, will institutions have opportunity to address concerns that are identified or will decisions be made without engaging institutions?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:45 PM

A: NOIs are not adjudicated, a later slide will explain this in more detail.-

-Tricia Meaud TIPS/SPIIE RS/SR - 1:48 PM

A: If a STRAC attestation is missing or incomplete there will be an opportunity to correct the information. -

-Maya Chaddah (mayachaddah@xplor.net.ca) - 1:43 PM

Q: Will the Q and A information also be circulated?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:06 PM

A: Yes we will share them. please email us : nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaire.gc.ca-

-Mark (mtaylor4@ualberta.ca) - 1:43 PM

Q: There is a lot of important information being provided in these chat messages. Can you please provide a transcript of the chat, along with the slides and recording of the presentation? Thank you.

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:43 PM

A: You can save the Q&A-

-Eveline Bernier (eveline.bernier@fsaa.ulaval.ca) - 1:43 PM

Q: Can you confirm that the NPI must have been hired no later than March 3, 2026?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:44 PM

A: That is correct.-

-Stacey Taylor (stacey_taylor@cbu.ca) - 1:43 PM

Q: We have a question: Can the ECR be the NPI?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:46 PM

A: Yes, the NPI may be an ECR.-

-Mark (mtaylor4@ualberta.ca) - 1:43 PM

Q: How do you save the chat?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:55 PM

A: Hello Mark, we will save them and share them along with the slides and recording. if you can email us : nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaire.gc.ca thanks!-

-Maria Drangova (mdrangov@uwo.ca) - 1:44 PM

Q: are NOIs adjudicated?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:57 PM

A: No they are not. Please do not wait to be invited to submit an LOI.-

-Chloé Bois (Chloe.bois@i-ci.ca) - 1:44 PM

Q: Thank you, please note that on this page it says only university member can be NPI
<https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/competition-concours-fra.aspx>

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:46 PM

A: I copied text from that page above and it does not say just universities: La chercheuse principale désignée ou le chercheur principal désigné doit être considérée ou considéré comme chercheuse indépendante ou chercheur indépendant par son établissement d'affiliation principal, c.-à-d. le principal établissement où elle ou il occupe un poste, est affectée ou affecté ou effectue des travaux de recherche.-

-Maya Chaddah (mayachaddah@xplornet.ca) - 1:45 PM

Q: How do we save the Q and A?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:47 PM

A: You should be able to save the Q&A by going in the File Menu. if not, please send us an email and we'll share it.-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:55 PM

A: NOI deadline is April 15, LOI June 17. Full Application March 3 2026. Timeline link:
<https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/competition-concours-eng.aspx#6->

-Natasha Christie-Holmes (natasha.christie@utoronto.ca) - 1:45 PM

Q: Do you know if there be an Exploration call this year as well?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:51 PM

A: .-

-Chloé Bois (Chloe.bois@i-ci.ca) - 1:45 PM

Q: thank you for the precision this most helpful

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:48 PM

A: .-

-Ann-Marie P (annmariep@nait.ca) - 1:46 PM

Q: Are 20 reviewers really required for the full submission? Or is this a typo?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:48 PM

A: no - that is accurate!-

-Angela (angela.mashford.pringle@utoronto.ca) - 1:46 PM

Q: Can a PI for NF exploration grant be a co-investigator on Transformation?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:48 PM

A: yes!-

-Claudia dos Santos (claudia.santos@utoronto.ca) - 1:47 PM

Q: Can NRC be NPA?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:47 PM

A: an NPI cannot be from a federal government. here is the eligibility of who can be an NPI for this grant : <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4>

-Steven Brooks (steven.brooks@kingstonhsc.ca) - 1:47 PM

Q: How is "if appropriate" determined in relation to the inclusion of Indigenous research in the application. Is that defined by the researcher or is this determined by the evaluations committee. For instance, if there is an application made on a topic which could have relevance for Indigenous communities, but the research team does not propose engagement, how would this be viewed by the panel?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:50 PM

A: This is defined by SSHRC's Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research - https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/merit_review-evaluation_du_merite/guidelines_research-lignes_directrices_recherche-eng.aspx

-Jens Lassen (lassen@triumf.ca) - 1:47 PM

Q: 20 reviewers as experts in the field is close to impossible

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:48 PM

A: it is from multiple fields, since the project has to be interdisciplinary-

-Resty Nabaterega (resty.nabaterega@unbc.ca) - 1:48 PM

Q: Thx

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:49 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Inanc Birol (ibiol@bcgsc.ca) - 1:49 PM

Q: Can there be multiple NPIs on a proposal?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:50 PM

A: No there can only be 1 NPI per application. -

-Codruta Ignea (codruta.ignea@mcgill.ca) - 1:49 PM

Q: How many co-PIs should be included?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:51 PM

A: The appropriate team size and composition depends on the requirement of the proposed project. There is no requirement to include a co-PI, but there must be 5 core team members confirmed (NPI, any co-PIs and any co-applicants) during the NOI stage.-

-Yun Zhang (yunzhang@unb.ca) - 1:49 PM

Q: Can the NIP and Co-IP come from the same institution?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:50 PM

A: Hello, yes the NPI and co-pi can be from the same institution. -

-Claudia dos Santos (claudia.santos@utoronto.ca) - 1:49 PM

Q: Can a scientist from a foreign university be NPI? co-PI?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:49 PM

A: NPI must be from a canadian institution and other participants can be from outside of Canada-

-Claudia dos Santos (claudia.santos@utoronto.ca) - 1:49 PM

Q: thanks

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:49 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Jennifer Chen (jc290@queensu.ca) - 1:49 PM

Q: Are NPI and/or co-PIs of 2020 NFRF-T awards eligible to be NPI/co-PI of 2026 NFRF-T?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:09 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Bishal Bharadwaj (bbharadwaj.bishal@ucalgary.ca) - 1:49 PM

Q: Do we invite international Co-PI and collaborator using their personal email or through their institution?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:51 PM

A: Co-pi will need to create a convergence account. the email they use for this account is the email you must use to invite them. it can be a personal email or from their institution. Collaborators aren't formally invited, they are simply added to the application. -

-Ruth Ann Marrie (rmarrie@dal.ca) - 1:50 PM

Q: can you provide copies of successful LOI

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:52 PM

A: We cannot provide this information - we can only provide the competition results.-

-Shashi Gujar (shashi.gujar@dal.ca) - 1:51 PM

Q: Could you please elaborate more on what happens at 'Jury review'? Is it similar to in-person "site visit"?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:53 PM

A: Please see the Jury section in the competition literature for more details:
<https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/competition-concours-eng.aspx#6> and also the jury stage of the Reviewer manual here: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/reviewers_manual-guide_de_l_evaluateur-eng.aspx#7.3

-Agetha Mahendran (amahen@uwo.ca) - 1:51 PM

Q: what qualifies as a STRAC?

Priority: N/A-

-Tricia Meaud TIPS/SPIIE RS/SR - 1:52 PM

A: The STRA is available here - <https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/safeguarding-your-research/guidelines-and-tools-implement-research-security/sensitive-technology-research-and-affiliations-concern->

-Srijani Deb (srijani.ghanta@ucalgary.ca) - 1:51 PM

Q: Is there a mandate that the impacts of the project benefits Canada, or can it be global. For example, a component targetting developing countries.

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:52 PM

A: The impact of the research project can be global it does not have to be only within Canada.-

-parminder Raina (praina@mcmaster.ca) - 1:51 PM

Q: IS EDI always rated as pass or fail?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:53 PM

A: EDI in Research Practice and Support of ECRs are always a pass or fail, yes.-

-Stefanie (stefanie.bernaudo@utoronto.ca) - 1:52 PM

Q: Does the NRO include private sector collaborators?

Priority: N/A-

-Sarah (sarah.lau@uwaterloo.ca) - 1:52 PM

Q: While the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships Policy apply to this competition?

Priority: N/A-

-Tricia Meaud TIPS/SPIIE RS/SR - 1:53 PM

A: No, the NSGRP do not apply to this competition-

-Jackie Cooney-Birch (jackie.cooney-birch@umanitoba.ca) - 1:53 PM

Q: Can STRA attestations be uploaded at LOI and full proposal

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:59 PM

A: They will only be requested at the full application stage.-

-Jennifer Chen (jc290@queensu.ca) - 1:53 PM

Q: Could you say again if attestations will only be required at application stage?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:55 PM

A: Yes these attestations will only be needed at the full application stage-

-Philippe Villeneuve - 1:58 PM

A: That is correct, only at the application stage.-

-Jens Lassen (lassen@triumf.ca) - 1:53 PM

Q: I seriously doubt that it is smart to spread "high risk, high reward" projects around the globe through a review process involving close to the complete global community working on related issues

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:56 PM

A: .-

-Jennifer Llewellyn (jennifer.llewellyn@dal.ca) - 1:53 PM

Q: I am not seeing how we can save the q and a or transcript

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:55 PM

A: Please send us an email to NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 2:04 PM

A: Yes-

-MJ (maguiler@uottawa.ca) - 1:54 PM

Q: What is the timeline between the NOI and LOI stage? And then LOI to being invited to submit full application?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:07 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Michael Chuang (michael.chuang@ubc.ca) - 1:54 PM

Q: Do you have a time limit in which PIs have to submit additional attestations for individuals joining a funded project?

Priority: N/A-

-Tricia Meaud TIPS/SPIIE RS/SR - 1:59 PM

A: Adding individuals post award will have time limits related to post award and will be communicated at that time.-

-Ana Maria Peredo (aperedo@uottawa.ca) - 1:55 PM

Q: Can Co-PI be changed at the LOI stage?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 1:59 PM

A: The project should have the 5 core confirmed members at the LOI stage. It might be possible on a case-by-case basis with approval from NFRF.-

-Matthew (mpletts@ualberta.ca) - 1:55 PM

Q: Is it acceptable for the research project to be later commercialized? If so, should this plan be incorporated into the application?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 2:09 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Natasha Christie-Holmes (natasha.christie@utoronto.ca) - 1:56 PM

Q: Sorry Kim - was that a yes?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 1:56 PM

A: É-

-David Cuff (dcuff@yorku.ca) - 1:56 PM

Q: Can you share details on the total volume of applications and program success rate from the last NFRF-T competition?

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 2:04 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Joanne Kienholz (jkienhol@sfu.ca) - 1:57 PM

Q: Have you been able to address the issue of how research assistants or admin support teams can support development of the application on the back end? NPIs often require assistance with the Convergence portal, invitations, etc.

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:01 PM

A: We invite the RGO to have a test application (you must use ZZZ testing as the institution for this test application) This way you can see what the NPI sees in convergence and can then guide them. you can also email us : nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaieres.gc.ca anytime about any process and we will be able to provide the information and then you can share with the NPI.-

-SFurtado (s.furtado@uwinnipeg.ca) - 1:57 PM

Q: Hi Melanie, how do we request this seminar powerpoint to be sent to us?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:57 PM

A: Hello, please send us an email : nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaieres.gc.ca and we will send you the slides and the recording-

-SFurtado (s.furtado@uwinnipeg.ca) - 1:57 PM

Q: sorry i see the answer now

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 1:57 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Daniel Rubenson (rubenson@torontomu.ca) - 1:57 PM

Q: Do ECRs need to be Canadian (at Canadian Unis)?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 1:59 PM

A: They do not need to be at a Canadian university-

-Ana Maria Peredo (aperedo@uottawa.ca) - 1:58 PM

Q: Is this year only dedicated to transformation or is open to Exploration, inetrnational and special calls?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 2:00 PM

A: Please see the NFRF website for other streams' calls.-

-Kelly Cubbon (kcubbon@mail.ubc.ca) - 1:58 PM

Q: If an LOI receives a 'pass' in a pass/fail category but then fails that category at the full stage, is this likely due to the expert review panel flagging something?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 2:02 PM

A: The LOI and Full Application committees are two separate committees and each assess the projects independently.-

-Sarah Dunsiger (dunsiger@triumf.ca) - 1:58 PM

Q: I apologise, I was a bit late in joining. Will there be an NFRF exploration competition?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:05 PM

A: please email us : nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaire.gc.ca and an exploration team member will be able to answer your question-

-Sherri Klassen (s.klassen@utoronto.ca) - 1:58 PM

Q: Could you please run through what is required at the LOI stage in addition to what goes into the NOI?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 2:00 PM

A: Please refer to: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/guide_LOI-guide_LI-eng.aspx-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 2:01 PM

A: Please e-mail us if you have questions about other streams.-

-Terrance Wade (twade@brocku.ca) - 1:58 PM

Q: Will there be any allocation across content areas?

Priority: N/A-

-Ana Maria Peredo (aperedo@uottawa.ca) - 1:58 PM

Q: Could you tell us more about International stream?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF - FNFR Deborah Amanuel - 2:01 PM

A: The information can be found on our website - <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/international/international-eng.aspx>

-Michael Chuang (michael.chuang@ubc.ca) - 1:58 PM

Q: Sorry for submitting the STRAC question after the section- but is there a timeline in which PIs have to submit additional attestation forms for named roles that join post-award stage?

Priority: N/A-

-Tricia Meaud TIPS/SPIIE RS/SR - 2:05 PM

A: This was answered above. There will be a time limit related to post award processes. Typically a week or 2 to provide the new attestations. -

-Steven Brooks (steven.brooks@kingstonhsc.ca) - 1:58 PM

Q: Thank you all for you time on the presentation and answering questions.

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:02 PM

A: You are most welcome!-

-Ruanne Lai (ruanne.lai@ubc.ca) - 2:00 PM

Q: Hello, how many LOIs were submitted in the previous competition?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 2:03 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Diane Orihel (diane.orihel@queensu.ca) - 2:00 PM

Q: Would it be possible to please flesh out the "high risk" criteria further? Can we please go back to this slide and speak more in depth about it?

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 2:04 PM

A: Please see the Evaluation Matrices here for more details: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx

-Natasha Christie-Holmes (natasha.christie@utoronto.ca) - 2:01 PM

Q: Can I clarify - will there also be an Exploration call later this summer? In order to determine whether a project could be scoped for one or the other.

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:03 PM

A: Please email us :: nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaire.gc.ca an exploration team member will be able to answer your questions about exploration-

-Maria Drangova (mdrangov@uwo.ca) - 2:02 PM

Q: can the title be changed after NOI stage

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:07 PM

A: yes it can be changed at the LOI stage.-

-Matthew (mpletts@ualberta.ca) - 2:02 PM

Q: Is it acceptable for the research project to be later commercialized? If so, should this plan be incorporated into the application?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:07 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Charlotte Karam (ck16@aub.edu.lb) - 2:02 PM

Q: Thank you very much this presentation was very helpful!

Priority: N/A-

-Kim (NFRF-FNFR) - 2:06 PM

A: Thanks!-

-Joanne Kienholz (jkienhol@sfu.ca) - 2:03 PM

Q: I appreciate that, but RGOs aren't the team members supporting the team on the ground. How is the support team supposed to help if they can't log in and support development of the application itself?

Priority: N/A-

-George Bepete (gbepete@gmail.com) - 2:05 PM

Q: Can an Early Career researcher stand as an NPI?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:04 PM

A: Hello, yes an early career researcher can be the NPI for the grant.-

-Szymon Parzniewski (s.parzniewski@dal.ca) - 2:03 PM

Q: Can a postdoc be a Co-PI when having a adjunct status?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 2:06 PM

A: This would be something to analyze on a case-by-case basis, please send us an e-mail.-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 2:06 PM

A: postdoctoral fellows are not eligible to apply as NPIs, co-PIs or co-applicants.-

-Rovila Balagtas (rovila.balagtas@fraserhealth.ca) - 2:04 PM

Q: Thank you for this presentation and for the project funding opportunity!

Priority: N/A-

-Magdalena Maslowska (magdalena.maslowska@mcgill.ca) - 2:04 PM

Q: HOW many LOI were invited to FA stage?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF - FNFR Deborah Amanuel - 2:05 PM

A: Usually, about 20 -25 applications are invited to the Full Application stage.-

-Erin Travers (etravers@sfu.ca) - 2:04 PM

Q: Could you share how many were invited to full proposal?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:08 PM

A: 20 -25-

-Jennifer Llewellyn (jennifer.llewellyn@dal.ca) - 2:05 PM

Q: the successful projects seem to be science first is this likely to be favored

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 2:07 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

-Brian McQuinn (brian.mcquinn@uregina.ca) - 2:05 PM

Q: Thank you.

Priority: N/A-

-Jonathan Crush (jcrush@balsillieschool.ca) - 2:05 PM

Q: Are institutional partnerships allowable/desirable?

Priority: N/A-

-Inanc Birol (ibirol@bcgsc.ca) - 2:06 PM

Q: You offered the # of NOIs and LOIs in past competitions. Thank you. How many full apps?

Priority: N/A-

-Melanie Ethier - 2:08 PM

A: we invite 20-30 LOI to submit a full application.-

-Harry (harish.veeramani@uottawa.ca) - 2:07 PM

Q: Thank you for the presentation.

Priority: N/A-

-Natasha Christie-Holmes (natasha.christie@utoronto.ca) - 2:09 PM

Q: Thank you all so much for the information

Priority: N/A-

-Kirstie McCallum (kmccallum@nscad.ca) - 2:10 PM

Q: Can you speak to eligible budget inclusions that are related to supplies or equipment. For example, what if transformative research on novel materials requires specialised equipment? How can this project be realised if equipment is excluded?

Priority: N/A-

-Maria Drangova (mdrangov@uwo.ca) - 2:10 PM

Q: can the NOI forms be accessed without login in to the convergence portal?

Priority: N/A-

-NFRF-FNFR Sinisa - 2:11 PM

A: The link that my colleague referred to: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/guide_NOI-guide_AIPD-eng.aspx

-Lei Wang (lei.wang@osumc.edu) - 2:10 PM

Q: What is it meant by "potential" changes in the NOI overview?

Priority: N/A-

-Maria Drangova (mdrangov@uwo.ca) - 2:11 PM

Q: please post the link to this guid here

Priority: N/A-

-Alice Glaze - NFRF/FNFR - 2:11 PM

A: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2026/guide_NOI-guide_AIPD-eng.aspx

-michael (mkalu@yorku.ca) - 2:12 PM

Q: Can a research enhanced hire from a Canada First Research Excellence Fund be eligible to apply as NPA or co-PI etc

Priority: N/A-

-Maya Chaddah (mayachaddah@explornet.ca) - 2:13 PM

Q: Thanks very much for this.

Priority: N/A-

-Kirsten Exall (kexall@ucalgary.ca) - 2:13 PM

Q: Thank you

Priority: N/A-

-kathy moscou (kmoscou@ocadu.ca) - 2:13 PM

Q: Thank you!

Priority: N/A-

-Robin Cassady-Cain (robin.cassady-cain@sri.utoronto.ca) - 2:13 PM

Q: Thank you!

Priority: N/A-

-Ana Maria Peredo (aperedo@uottawa.ca) - 2:13 PM

Q: thank you.

Priority: N/A-