

2017-18 OMAFRA Food Safety Research Program Call for Letters of Intent

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Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Program

The Food Safety Research Program is an open, competitive research fund which enhances food safety in Ontario through innovative research. The program addresses the Ministry's Emergency Management Research Theme which seeks to lessen the frequency and impact of agri-food emergencies. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) strives to fund demand-driven research that has ready receptors in policy, programs or the marketplace.

[Program Information](#) [1]

Since 2001, the program has allocated over \$10 million to 114 projects at different institutions, resulting in:

- new or enhanced technologies that support the agri-food industry and government regulatory and laboratory programs
- new information about emerging food hazards and contaminants
- new strategies to reduce, eliminate or otherwise manage food safety risks

The Food Safety Research Program addresses the Ministry's Emergency Management Research Theme. Research needs specific to food safety have been identified in three priority areas for the 2017-18 call. Applicants' research should address at least one specific research need within one of these three priority areas:

- Pathway analysis
- Detection and surveillance
- Prevention and control of disease

Description

Letter of intent for Food Safety

Eligibility

Public and private sector applicants with capacity to perform quality research in the program priority areas are invited to apply

Maximum Project Value

\$150,000 Canadian (includes a maximum of 25% indirect costs)

Indirect Costs

25%

Project Duration

Up to three years in length

Special Notes

Pre-submission Consultation

Date: Tuesday, July 18th, 2017

Time: 1:30-3:00pm

Location: Conference Room 1, 1 Stone Road West, Guelph This consultation will provide an overview of the research program and the RMS on-line application system. There will also be time for questions. You can attend the consultation in person or by webinar.

To register, please contact Krista Kapitan, krista.kapitan@ontario.ca [2].

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Monday, August 14, 2017 - 8:30am	Please submit your OR5 form to the Research Services email address at resserv@uoguelph.ca and do your letter of intent electronic submission in the RMS at the same time, when you do the

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		submission in RMS your letter of intent comes to the Office of Research. After review and approval the Office of Research will do your final submission to OMAFRA in RMS by the external deadline. Successful letters of intent will be invited to submit a full proposal by OMAFRA.

External Deadline Monday, August 21, 2017 - 11:59am

How to Apply

- Researchers will need apply on-line using OMAFRA's [Research Management System](#) [3] (RMS).
- Those with a username and password can login to their [Researcher Workbench](#) [4] to access program documentation and complete an on-line application

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[1] <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/research/foodsafety/fsresearchprogram.html#overview>

[2] <mailto:krista.kapitan@ontario.ca>

[3] <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/research/rms/rms.html>

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