

## **2023 International Joint Initiative for Research in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation**

### **Sponsor**

New Frontiers in Research Fund

### **Program**

International

### **Description**

The Vice-President (Research) invites expressions of interest in the 2023 International Joint Initiative for Research in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.

The International Joint Initiative for Research in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation call aims to further the design and implementation of co-produced adaptation and mitigation strategies for vulnerable groups—those groups currently most impacted by the effects of climate change, owing to both

- physical vulnerability – heightened exposure to events related to climate change and/or poor infrastructure;
- socioeconomic vulnerability – limited resources to prepare or respond to the impacts of climate change, including knowledge, technology or financial resources, or owing to conflict, security and fragility.

The program will support research on participatory, contextually and culturally appropriate mitigation and adaptation responses to at least two of the eight representative key risks of climate change identified in the [Sixth Assessment IPCC reports](#) [1] and listed on the [NFRF](#) [2] website.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must apply as a transnational research project partnership. Project teams must be interdisciplinary and trans-sectoral, incorporating required disciplinary expertise to develop adaptation and mitigation strategies, and including appropriate stakeholders to reflect the participatory, co-developed nature of the project. It is strongly recommended that all project teams include at least one expert in social sciences or humanities among the co-principal

investigators to ensure that the community/social dimension is integrated, fostering successful implementation of the strategies for maximum impact.

Projects must focus on responding to the needs of those most impacted by the effects of climate change—such as communities in low- and middle-income countries or Indigenous territories, or groups that are vulnerable due to their geographic, social and/or economic circumstances.

All projects are required to partner with a participating community or communities in the co-creation, implementation, and ownership of the research and outcomes, and to develop approaches related to policy implementation and knowledge mobilization. The integration of team members from vulnerable groups is required.

## Funding Availability

The call is supported by research funding organizations from different countries, referred to as the “[consortium partners](#) [3].” The total amount of funding available to support each project will depend on the consortium partners that will be supporting the project. Refer to the information provided in the annexes (links in [Table 1](#) [4]) for information on the level of financial support available.

## Maximum Project Value

The maximum support provided by NFRF is \$1,500,000 per project.

## Indirect Costs

25%

## Project Duration

Funding is available for three-year projects.

## Special Notes

Project teams will be composed of co-principal investigators (co-PIs), co-applicants and collaborators. Co-PIs share responsibility for directing the project and co-ordinating proposed research activities, in addition to participating in the execution of the research project; co-applicants and collaborators contribute to executing the research project.

A minimum of three countries must be represented among the co-PIs, and the team must be eligible to receive funds from at least two consortium partners. At least one co-PI must be eligible to apply to the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) program.

## Funding principles

The call will be implemented through a co-ordinated funding approach: each consortium partner will fund researcher(s) within a project team who are eligible to receive funding from them.

Funding will be awarded according to the rules, regulations, terms and conditions of the consortium partner. Eligible expenses may vary across a project team. Applicants must review the documentation from the relevant consortium partner(s) (links in [Table 1](#) [4]) to ensure the proposed project meets all eligibility requirements.

Team members who are not eligible to receive funds from other consortium partners may be eligible for support from NFRF. Using the links in [Table 1](#) [4], research teams should check the eligibility of expenses before submitting the full application.

## Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Wednesday, February 1, 2023 - 9:00am	Preliminary Expression of Interest due. Please submit to Ailsa Kay <a href="mailto:ailsakay@uoguelph.ca">ailsakay@uoguelph.ca</a> . (See details under How to Apply.)
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Tuesday, April 25, 2023 - 8:00am	Final draft NOI due for administrative/eligibility review. From the Finalize Application section in the Convergence Portal, follow the prompts to submit the NOI.
<b>External Deadline</b>	Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - 8:00pm	NOI due to NFRF. NOIs will be used for administrative purposes to assess indicative eligibility of the project team, identify external reviewers and compose the multidisciplinary/multisectoral review panel.

Type	Date	Notes
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Thursday, September 7, 2023 - 8:00am	Submit full application via Convergence for administrative review. Submit OR-5 and final application to <a href="mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca">research.services@uoguelph.ca</a> (cc <a href="mailto:ailsakay@uoguelph.ca">ailsakay@uoguelph.ca</a> ).
<b>External Deadline</b>	Tuesday, September 12, 2023 - 8:00am	Final application due to NFRF

## How to Apply

To help the Research Services Office (RSO) gauge interest in the competition and determine how best to support teams in the development of competitive NOIs, faculty are asked to submit an EOI to Ailsa Kay, Manager, Strategic Programs ([ailsakay@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ailsakay@uoguelph.ca)) **by the internal deadline of February 1, 2023**. Ailsa will then follow up to discuss next steps including iterative draft review by RSO and/or a specially convened panel. The EOI is for informational purposes only. It is not evaluated.

## EOI requirements:

1. Project title
2. Nominated Principle Investigator
3. Short list of anticipated co-PIs and community partner(s). This list does not need to be exhaustive or confirmed. It will help us understand disciplinary breadth, international scope, and pathway to impact.
4. Brief project summary that demonstrates how the proposed project meets the program's eligibility criteria

## Information For Co-applicants

If you are invited to be a co-PI or co-applicant on a project led by another university, please inform your College Research Manager and the Manager, Strategic Programs ([ailsakay@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ailsakay@uoguelph.ca)) as soon as possible. The OR-5 and draft application are due at the final internal deadline of Sept 7, 2023.

For Questions, please contact  
**Office of Research**

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## Source

**URL:** <https://www-research.uoguelph.ca/research/alerts/content/2023-international-joint-initiative-research-climate-change-adaptation-and-mitigation>

## Links

[1] <https://www.ipcc.ch/assessment-report/ar6/>

[2] <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/international/2023/international-2023-prelaunch-eng.aspx>

[3] <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/international/2023/competition-concours-eng.aspx#consortium-partners>

[4] <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/international/2023/competition-concours-eng.aspx#t1>

[5] <mailto:ailsakay@uoguelph.ca>