



CFI-IF 2025
Expression of Interest (EOI) Requirements for Co-Applicants

Due:	January 31, 2024
Components:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment Criteria (3 pages) - Allocation Request with budget (in table or spreadsheet) - Endorsement of anticipated construction/renovation costs, with authorizing signature.
Submit to	Manager, Strategic Programs: ailsakay@uoquelp.ca

The objectives of the 2023 Innovation Fund competition are to:

- Enable internationally competitive research or technology development through the equitable participation of expert team members.
- Enhance and optimize the capacity of institutions and research communities to conduct the proposed research or technology development program(s) over the useful life of the infrastructure.
- Lead to social, health, environmental and/or economic benefits for Canadians.

We anticipate that the objectives and assessment criteria will not change substantially for the 2025 competitive. EOI criteria are based on CFI's 2023 assessment criteria. Each will be scored on a 5-point scale.

For more details on the criteria and how these are assessed by CFI, please review [CFI IF - U of G Guide for Applicants FINAL.pdf \(uoquelp.ca\)](#)

Formatting Guidelines:

Length: 3 pages (not including budget)

Font: 12 pt

Margins: 1" (2.5 cm)

Assessment Criteria

1. Internationally competitive research or technology development

- a. Describe the research project goals
- b. How is this research internationally competitive? Situate the research in national and international landscape.

NOTE: We recommend inclusion of a cogent problem statement.

2. Team

- a. Describe the multi-institutional team and U of G applicant(s)' role(s)

- b. Highlight the team members' experience and expertise through traditional and/or non-traditional research outputs. (See "[What are traditional and non-traditional research outputs?](#)"). You may use a competency matrix here to save space.

Note: It is imperative to demonstrate that the team has all the expertise required to conduct the research proposed.

3. Benefits to Canada

- a. Describe the potential benefits to Canadians.

4. Institutional Alignment and Sustainability

- a. Explain how the requested infrastructure enhances and integrates with the existing infrastructure capacity at the University of Guelph
- b. What is the approximate anticipated cost to maintain the equipment and how will these costs be covered?

Budget

Provide an approximate total project budget request and the U of G CFI allocation request (40% of total project costs for U of G portion) that includes:

- major items of equipment (w/in \$500K) to be covered by U of G allocation.
- anticipated construction/renovation costs (and location)
- anticipated in-kind contributions (vendor discounts)

Endorsement

Letter, signed by the dean, confirming the equipment location and endorsing the college's anticipated financial commitment to construction/renovation and maintenance.