2022 Grant Clinic Instruction Manual

NFRF EXPLORATION GRANT STREAM
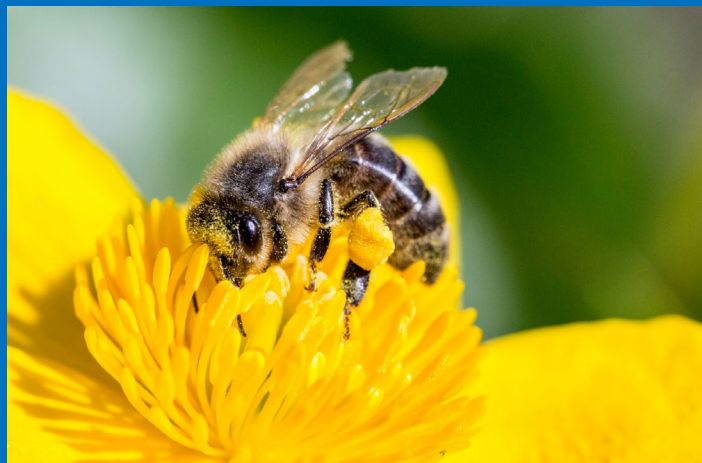
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NFRF Exploration Grant:
The goal of the Exploration stream is to inspire high-risk, high-reward and interdisciplinary research.

Exploration grants support research that pushes boundaries into exciting new areas. Researchers are encouraged to think "outside of the box," undertake research that would defy current paradigms, and bring disciplines together in unexpected ways and from bold, innovative perspectives. With the Exploration stream, there is recognition that innovation often carries risk; proposals for high-risk research projects that have the potential to deliver game-changing impacts are strongly encouraged.

Exploration stream grants support projects that:

- Bring disciplines together beyond traditional disciplinary or common interdisciplinary approaches;
- Propose to explore something new, which might fail; and
- Have the potential for significant impact.

Exploration grants support research with a range of impacts, some of which might be social, cultural, economic, health-related or technological. This list is not exhaustive; other types of impacts are also recognized. Diversity of perspectives is important, and the fund encourages research proposals led from any discipline, from those in the social sciences and humanities, to health, the natural sciences and engineering.

To better promote ground-breaking and interdisciplinary research, the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) has a mandate to explore innovative merit review processes, and the flexibility for competition parameters and processes to evolve from one competition to the next.

Website: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/exploration-eng.aspx

Application: https://www.convergence.gc.ca/en/

General Application Process: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2021/competition-concours-eng.aspx#5

Full Application Guide: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2021/guide_application-guide_demande-eng.aspx

Contact Info:
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The Grant Clinic

The Grant Clinic is a grant-writing program designed to scaffold a professor's progress towards a 2022 Fall Rush Grant Submission. The program begins with attending two workshops, before working with a Grant Development Instructor (GDI) steadily throughout Spring, Summer, and Fall to polish a proposal that is peer reviewed, by up to two external peer reviewers of your choosing. The GDIs help shape the structure of the grant, while the external peer reviewers help shape the grant content. Faculty Research Officers will continue to provide support throughout the Grant Clinic and will assist in submitting your final proposal.

The Grant Clinic Components:

1. Workshops

Prior to beginning the Grant Clinic, participants will need to register and attend two workshops. The first is a NFRF Exploration Grant Information Session being held on April 6, 2022 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm held on Zoom. Link to register for this event, https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=102474

This workshop tells you about the components of writing a grant.

The second is a NFRF Exploration Grant Mock Review being held on May 10, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 pm and will be held on Zoom. Link to register for this event, https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=99438

This workshop takes you into the minds of a NFRF Exploration Grant Reviewer and allows you to hear two colleagues who serve on federal NFRF panels adjudicate two grants, similar to how they would in Ottawa.

Attendance at both workshops is mandatory for New Stream Applicants, and the Mock Review is mandatory for Resubmission Stream Applicants. If you are unable to attend due to a conflicting commitment, a recording will be made available to faculty who have registered using the links above.

If there are any difficulties accessing either video, please email rescom@yorku.ca.

2. One-on-One Meetings with Grant Development Instructors:

Grant Development Instructors will begin emailing NFRF Exploration Grant stream participants on April 29, 2022 to being booking meeting times.

Meetings with GDIs will be taking place between April 29, 2022 and ends on September 22, 2022 via Zoom.

New Stream Participants will have nine one-on-one meetings with their GDI. Resubmission Participants will have three one-on-one meetings. The schedule will be set at mutually agreeable dates to ensure Participants meet the overarching deadlines of the Grant Clinic.

3. External Peer Review:

The external peer review process will occur between August 19-31, 2022 (subject to change based on external peer reviewers' schedule) for the NFRF Exploration Grant Stream. The Grant Clinic will pay for up to two external peer reviews for per application. Once accepted in the clinic, Participants will be required to provide the names of five potential external reviewers via email to Andrew (drewcast@yorku.ca).

We strongly suggest participants consider Canadian researchers who are familiar with NFRF Exploration Grant application due to having served on the NFRF Exploration Grant adjudicating committee or winning a NFRF Exploration Grant in the past.

4. Pilot study or Preliminary work/Fieldwork Reimbursement:

The 2022 Grant Clinic program is providing participants a $1000 CAD reimbursement for the collection of pilot or preliminary data for their 2022 Fall NFRF Exploration Grant application. These funds are not to support grant preparation or grant writing, but rather to support some type of preliminary or pilot work that may support your grant's feasibility, your grant's theoretical premise, your grant's partnerships, etc. A non-exhaustive list of examples of acceptable reimbursements:

- Data collection for a pilot study
- Funds for a graduate student to conduct a textual analysis to support a theoretical supposition of the grant
- Funds to travel to an archive where the analysis will support a premise of the grant
- Paying for a statistician to analyze archival data to support a new methodology
- Funds to support fieldwork in a community that will support the need for your grant
- Funds to support an in-person meeting with core partners to develop mutually beneficial goals

This reimbursement will only be provided if the participant: 1) submits their application for the Fall 2022 submission deadline, and 2) provides receipts and documentation of spending.

If you have any questions about what costs can be reimbursed, please email rescom@yorku.ca

The Grant Clinic Milestones:

Milestone	Date
NFRF Exploration Grant Information Session	April 6, 2022
NFRF Exploration Mock Review	May 10, 2022
MachForm Opens	February 18, 2022
MachForm Due	April 14, 2022
Grant Clinic Decision Released	April 29, 2022
GDIs Begin Scheduling Meetings	April 29, 2022
Period of One-on-One Meetings	April 29-September 1, 2022
Notice of Intent	August 10, 2022
GDI Reviews Full Draft Proposal	August 15-20, 2022
Application Out for External Review	August 19-31, 2022
Final Meeting with GDI to Discuss Peer Review	September 15-22, 2022
Faculty-Specific Deadline	Please check with Faculty Research Office in Early September
ORS Deadline	October 14, 2022
Funding Agency Deadline	October 19, 2022

The Grant Clinic MachForm (Working Template):

The online MachForm application for NFRF Exploration Grant stream will open on February 18, 2022. The online MachForm applications are due by April 14, 2022 for both the New Applicant Stream and the Resubmission Stream.

The templates provided below are for your information. The template below is not the application, all applications must be submitted online by the deadline, April 14, 2022, using the below links.

MachForm Application – NFRF Exploration Grant New Applicant Stream

Link for New Applicant Stream Application -
https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=112391

Name:

Email:

Faculty:

Department:

| Applicant or Team (200 Words): |
| Research expertise and experience relevant to the proposed research. |
| Evidence of relevant contributions (data, publications, patents, disclosures). |
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| Research Question (150 Words): |
| What do you want to solve? Is it interdisciplinary? |
| What is/are the challenge(s) or gap(s) in the field? |
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High Risk of Your Project (250 Words):   Refer to the Merit Indicators for High Risk (https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2021/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx) and what qualifies as "Exceptional," then answer the question, how high-risk is your proposed project?
High Reward of Your Project (250 Words):   Refer to the Merit Indicators for High Reward (https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2021/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx) and what qualifies as "Exceptional," then answer the question, how high-risk is your proposed project?
Feasibility (150 Words):   Refer to the Merit Indicators for Feasibility (https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/exploration/2021/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx) and what qualifies as "Exceptional," then answer the question, what is the feasibility of your proposed project?

Please include your CCV, but a recently updated CV will suffice.

MachForm Application – NFRF Exploration Grant Resubmission Stream

Link for Resubmission Stream Application -
https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=117910

Name:

Email:

Faculty:

Department:

1. Please upload your previously submitted, but unfunded NFRF Exploration Grant application.
2. Please upload any reviewer comments you may have received on your application.