

Ontario Early Researcher Award, Round 18 Information Session
May 23, 2024
Zoom Chat

dawn bazely:

- Hi Abby — can you remind us of the term (years) of the award?

Mia Biondi:

- If the terminal degree is clinical training, after PhD, would that be an interruption or it is truly a terminal degree?

dawn bazely:

- NB that those references also function as external reviews of your grant application because the person who writes the reference is asked to comment on your funding application

Kiemute Oyibo:

- Could the ERA fund be used to pay participants in the proposal's experiments?

Luann Good Gingrich:

- For addressing research security, you may find the Safeguarding Research department and website in the VPRI useful: <https://www.yorku.ca/research/research-security/>

dawn bazely:

- The Strategic Value for Ontario is often the make or break category — that 10% rating is critical

Woldegebriel Assefa Woldegerima:

- (1) should the research Proposal be on a new topic(research problem, methods), or we can submit the research proposal we already have where our Research trainees are working one, for e.g., a research proposal I have won for NSERC Discovery Grant.
- (2) Also, when you say the funding will be used the research team & trainees (excluding PI), are we referring to those who already enrolled MSc/PhD in our labs or we plan to hire new student applicants?

Mia Biondi:

- For references, and COI, what about when you are on very large network-based Tri-Council funding where it's essentially every Canadian researcher in your field, and there are hundreds of co-Is/collaborators

Rahul Kannan:

- How is independence from supervisors assessed? Is it independence from just your Phd supervisor or also postdoc supervisors?

Kinnon MacKinnon:

- I understand some of the funds would be earmarked for the research team. If the research team includes physicians and other healthcare providers, can this include salary buy-out and/or generous honoraria for research team. Presuming this plan puts together a research team of clinician-scientists?

Mia Biondi:

- On the note of research trainees, some faculties at York provide funded graduate student positions. Should we just assume the ministry is overlooking that?

Kiemute Oyibo:

- Can the supporting funding come from the researcher's startup package?

Abby Vogus:

- No, start up funds are not eligible as the matched funding

Luann Good Gingrich:

- For thinking through IP issues, you can book a consultation with the IP Innovation Clinic, a legal clinic at Osgoode Hall Law School focused on intellectual property (IP). Email: ipinnovationclinic@osgoode.yorku.ca

Luann Good Gingrich:

- BTW, the NFRF is the New Frontiers in Research Fund, an interdisciplinary funding opportunity offered by the Tri-Agencies: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/index-eng.aspx>

Abby Vogus:

- i will circulate an older reviewer form so you can see the drop-down menus

Kiemute Oyibo:

- When you say pedagogy- and education-based proposals are not being funded these days, does that include ICT to promote pedagogy and education?

Ross Arnold:

- I believe the emphasis should be on the ICT innovation. It would look weak for this competition to say your only innovation is to use an existing piece of technology in classrooms for the first time. But to develop a technical innovation that has applicability for Ontario's classrooms could be very useful.

Kinnon MacKinnon:

- Thank you for all the info. Could you please explain in more detail the 50,000 matching criterion. Do we need institutional letters to demonstrate this like for SSHRC Connection? I am not quite clear on this

David Cuff:

- Please reach out to Ravi and myself to discuss. For the application I believe there is a form that is submitted with the application that affirms the financial support, which is signed by VPRI following confirmation of matching funds.

dawn bazely:

- from start to finish, a complete grant will likely take you 4 months to develop
- this plain language guide from a science editor is an oldie but goodie
- you need to be really clear about possible coi considerations
- Also, start to co-publish with your grad students
- many many references are coming from international sources
- reaching out to people who are citing your work is a great idea

Kinnon MacKinnon:

- For arms length referees, should both be international? Or could one be Ontario based if the referee also has an international reputation in this field of research? Thanks.

dawn bazely:

- you should NOT worry about being early on
- this is an EARLY CAREER AWARD
- ps the NFRF-E gives awards at the same rate to PIs at all stages of their career
- so, early career applicants are NOT disadvantaged
- we do need to keep in mind that the concept of international profile is highly variable by discipline
- recognition in STEM at the international level is there from the get go for grad students
- this has to do with citation practices within different discipline publications
- this is 10 years old and in my experience, citation practices are shifting in social sciences and humanities: <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2014/12/09/poor-citation-practices-humanities-and-social-sciences/>

Kiemute Oyibo:

- I learned it is permissible to use your NSERC DG for a topic other than the original topic the fund was for. If an NSERC DG grant holder changes topic, could they still claim they have grant for the new topic they are working on and proposing?

dawn bazely:

- citation justice: <https://lib.guides.umd.edu/ResearchEquity/CitationJustice>
- this is a paper that I haven't read — interesting: Hyland, K., & Jiang, F. (2019). Points of reference: Changing patterns of academic citation. *Applied Linguistics*, 40(1), 64-85.
- ERA IS a contract wrt delivering the deliverables
- within tri-council grant programmes some are more flexible and not tied to specific (contractual) deliverables while other grants are tied to specific outcomes