

Memorandum

To: All FSc Faculty members

From: Vivian Saridakis, Associate Dean – Research & Partnerships


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Subject: Faculty of Science 2025 CFI-JELF Competition

The Faculty of Science (FSc) is pleased to launch the 2025 Canada Foundation for Innovation John R. Evans Leaders Fund (**CFI-JELF**) competition. The CFI-JELF competition can be used to retain outstanding researchers and to enable them to conduct their research with state-of-the art infrastructure. For 2025, FSc faculty members are invited to submit applications for an internal competition that will determine candidates who will be permitted to submit CFI-JELF grant applications in either the February 2025 or June 2025 CFI competitions. The following are the guidelines for the internal competition:

- (1) This competition is **only** open to full-time FSc faculty members with research stream appointments.
- (2) There can be up to 3 FSc faculty members per application – 1 lead applicant and 2 co-applicants.
- (3) There is a limit of a single application per faculty member regardless of the their role in the application.
- (4) The total maximum request may be up to \$500,000 per application consisting of \$200,000 (40%) from CFI, \$200,000 from ORF (40%) and \$100,000 (20%) typically from vendors as in-kind contributions through discounts.
- (5) If an amount larger than \$500,000 is required for a single project, please provide sufficient justification for this request.
- (6) The total minimum request per application is \$187,500 (equivalent to \$75,000 from CFI) as per their guidelines.
- (7) Preference will be given to those researchers who have never applied for CFI-JELF funding.
- (8) **Three applications** will be chosen to advance to the external CFI-JELF competition in February or June 2025. There is a possibility that others will be added if the request for the top 3 is less than \$500,000 each.

Your application must include the following:

- (1) Previous CFI-JELF or other CFI awards.
- (2) Your preferred submission window of either February or June 2025.
- (3) Where the infrastructure will be located?



- (4) A description of the research program, the urgent need for the infrastructure and the benefit to FSc and a detailed budget including all infrastructure and necessary renovations (if applicable).

Some costs that are ineligible under the CFI program include salaries and travel, infrastructure for education purposes as well as supplies and consumables. Please refer to the [CFI-JELF guidelines](#) for more information.

Applications are due **Wednesday December 4th by 4:30 pm**. Please submit a **single PDF document** using this [Machform link](#). Late applications will not be accepted. The results will be announced by Monday December 16th.

All applications will be judged based on the innovative nature and feasibility of the proposed research, the critical need for the infrastructure, the excellence of the applicants and the alignment of the research program with FSc's strategic research goals. The Research and Awards Committee will rank the applications and provide recommendations to the ADR.

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