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John R. Evans Leaders Fund allocations

Please remember that John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF) projects need to receive a funding decision before March 31, 2023 in order to be included in your institution's 2020–23 allocation. As such, your institution has until October 2022 to submit proposals under its current allocation.

As soon as your institution's current allocation is depleted, it can access its new, 2023–26 allocation, the amount of which we communicated in late May 2022. The new allocation will be available until March 31, 2026.

An overview of your institution's JELF allocation is available from the institutional dashboard of the CFI Awards Management System (CAMS).

Please contact your Senior Programs Officer if you have any questions.

Interim financial reports

Interim financial reports for the period ending March 31, 2022 were due by June 15, 2022 for ongoing infrastructure projects that received CFI funds before April 1, 2022. If your institution is planning to submit a final financial report by September 30, 2022, you do not need to submit an interim report by June 15, 2022. The list of reports that your institution needs to submit is available on the institutional overview page in CAMS. All financial reports must be submitted electronically in CAMS.

Infrastructure Operating Fund annual reports

Infrastructure Operating Fund annual reports were due by June 15, 2022. This report must be submitted electronically in CAMS and includes actual expenditures up to March 31, 2022 and projected expenditures for 2022–23.

Find the **2021-22 Infrastructure Operating Fund rates** on our website. These rates are for calculating electricity costs and facilities charges if you choose to report these costs in your IOF annual report using the simple method. These rates are updated annually, usually in April. Thank you for the time and effort your institution dedicates to reporting to the CFI.

National conversation on youth and science

On June 8, 2022 we hosted a national conversation on youth and science in partnership with [Acfas](#) (website available in French only) that brought together experts in science education, communications and skills development from across the country. We held this virtual event to further the discussion around the findings of the survey we conducted last fall of 18- to 24-year-olds in Canada, which aimed to learn how this group forms their attitudes toward science and to understand the conditions and people who shape those attitudes. The conversation focused on three themes:

- The role of educators in promoting science literacy
- The current state of science communication to build public trust
- The skills in science and technology that will contribute to the Canadian economy.

Read the [summary of the discussions](#) and explore the [results of the survey](#).

Your feedback on future strategic priorities

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) is developing a new strategic plan for 2023 to 2028. This plan will guide our organization beyond our current 2018–23 Strategic roadmap. Since May, to get different perspectives, the CFI has conducted consultations with external stakeholders.

To provide your feedback on the CFI's future strategic priorities described in its [consultation document](#) please complete our [online form](#) or send us an email at consultations@innovation.ca by July 15, 2022.

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Important upcoming dates

You can always find key dates for all the CFI's funding opportunities on [Innovation.ca](https://www.innovation.ca). Here are a few important dates coming up:

July 15, 2022	Deadline to submit proposals for the 2023 Innovation Fund competition
	Deadline to submit feedback on the CFI's future strategic priorities
July 21, 2022	Deadline to submit proposals for the Canada Biomedical Research Fund and Biosciences Research Infrastructure Fund – Stage 1: Research Hubs selection

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