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ABOUT THE CFI

• Created in 1997 to ensure Canadian researchers have the tools, the cutting-edge labs and the equipment needed to push the frontiers of knowledge.

• The CFI’s mandate is to build our Nation’s capacity to undertake world-class research and technology development that benefits Canadians.

• CFI fulfills this mandate by investing in the research infrastructure necessary for Canada’s leading researchers to discover, develop, and apply new knowledge in all areas of science, the humanities, social sciences, health, engineering and the environment.
THE CFI APPROACH TO RESEARCH FUNDING

The CFI holds competitions for eligible Canadian universities, colleges, research hospitals and non-profit research institutions.

The CFI provides up to 40 percent of a project’s costs. Matching funds are secured by the proponent from any other source.

Highly competitive funding requiring excellence and institutional commitment to maintaining the infrastructure for its useful life.

Since its creation, the CFI has invested over $8 billion in research infrastructure, generating nearly $20 billion in overall investment.
John R. Evans Leaders Fund

The John R. Evans Leaders Fund enables a select number of an institution’s excellent researchers to undertake leading-edge research by providing them with the foundational research infrastructure required to be or become leaders in their field.

Different streams:
Unaffiliated stream: allows institutions to provide individuals or small groups of researchers (up to three) with research infrastructure necessary to conduct their research program.

Partnership streams: joint process with the Canada Research Chairs (CRC) Program, the Canada Excellence Research Chair Program, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) to offer eligible institutions and their researchers the opportunity to create competitive packages for the funding of infrastructure and research support.
CFI Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund is CFI’s flagship competition, which runs at regular intervals of 24-30 months.

The Innovation Fund is a national competition that funds cutting-edge, world-class research and technology development across the full spectrum of research.

- The objectives of the 2020 Innovation Fund are to:
  - Enable global leadership by supporting world-class research and technology development.
  - Enhance and optimize the capacity of institutions and research communities to conduct the proposed research or technology development program(s).
  - Lead to social, health, environmental and/or economic benefits for Canadians.
Reap the benefits of the internalization of research for all Canadians

- Enable our researchers to participate and to compete globally.

- Increase the global reach of our researchers and advance Canadian interests as a whole.

- Continue to retain our best scholars but attract the best from around the world.

- Bolster the international reputation of Canadian universities as the place to learn and share knowledge and be hotbed for new discoveries that will change the world.

- Tap into collaborative international opportunities in a strategic, focused and coordinated approach.

- Support the development of solutions to address global challenges.
A few CFI investments