

## **Q&A Session Transcript for NFRF - Transformation Webinar (EN)**

**January 21, 2020**

-Jacques P. Tremblay - 10:58 AM

**Q:** I listened to the French webinar this morning but I did not obtain the answer to the following question. May the co-applicant be NRC investigators?-

-NFRF FNFR - 10:59 AM

**A:** This was answered twice. Individuals affiliated with government can be collaborators but cannot be NPI, co-PI or co-applicants.-

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-UBC SPARC - 11:01 AM

**Q:** At which stage will ECR eligibility be confirmed?-

-NFRF Team - 11:04 AM

**A:** That will be up to the RGO to determine at which stage they wish to verify eligibility-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:05 AM

**A:** Early career researchers (ECRs) must be included as confirmed members in all teams. RGOs must confirm that the participants meet the eligibility requirements at each stage.-

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-Eddy Lang - 11:11 AM

**Q:** Can a single individual be a nominated PI on more than one proposal?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:13 AM

**A:** No. -

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-Jackie Cooney-Birch - 11:13 AM

**Q:** Can any funds be allocated for necessary replacement of infrastructure or new purchases? or \$0 for infrastructure-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:14 AM

**A:** There is no set limit, but the intention is not to fund infrastructure purchases.-

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-UBC SPARC - 11:02 AM

**Q:** At which stage will NFRF confirm "interdisciplinarity eligibility" WRT the project meeting the mandate of more than one Tri-Agency? And who will determine this eligibility?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:14 AM

**A:** This will be done by the multidisciplinary review panel members at the LOI stage-

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-Alex Wong - 11:15 AM

**Q:** Is there an upper limit on team size?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:15 AM

**A:** No-

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-University of Calgary Research Services - 11:14 AM

**Q:** Does there need to be a min % of time dedicated to this project by the PI?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:16 AM

**A:** There is no set minimum. However, the members of the multidisciplinary review panel will need to be convinced that sufficient time is dedicated to achieve the results of what is expected to be an ambitious research project.-

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-Brandon DeHart - 11:16 AM

**Q:** can an NPI or co-PI on one proposal be a co-applicant on another proposal?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:16 AM

**A:** Yes-

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-Rene Dery - 11:16 AM

**Q:** Can ECR team member be based at an international institution?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:17 AM

**A:** There is no restriction re: where the ECR works.-

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-FMV UDEM - 11:17 AM

**Q:** Can there be more than 1 NPA to share the burden of the direction and management of such large initiatives?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:18 AM

**A:** No. That's the role for co-PIs.-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:18 AM

**A:** Co-PIs (sorry for the typo)-

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-FMV UDEM - 11:17 AM

**Q:** Are there limits on the number of co-PI?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:18 AM

**A:** No limits-

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-Kristen Korberg - 11:21 AM

**Q:** what is the difference between a co-PI and a co-app? -

-NFRF Team - 11:19 AM

**A:** Co-principal investigators share responsibility with the NPI for the direction of the proposed activities and may access grant funds.

Co-applicants contribute to the execution of the research project and may access grant funds.-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:19 AM

**A:** Collaborators can be any individual who contributes to the project. They do not have access to grant funds.-

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-Daniel Banks - 11:18 AM

**Q:** Will the evaluation of the team be blind? That is, is it OK to identify the names of the team members in the proposal text?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:19 AM

**A:** No stage of evaluation will be double blind for the Transformation stream. It is okay to identify the names of the team members in the proposal text.-

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-Lynn Gauthier - 11:21 AM

**Q:** if patient partners are included as co\_Is or collaborators, can they be paid out of the grant - compensation for time and expertise?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:22 AM

**A:** The rules as outlined in the tri-agency guide on financial administration apply for NFRF grants.-

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-FMV UDEM - 11:20 AM

**Q:** what is the composition of the Jury-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:22 AM

**A:** As the jury meeting is over a year away, we have not yet recruited the members. -

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-Eddy Lang - 11:23 AM

**Q:** Do the RGO and nominated PI have to be at same institution?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:23 AM

**A:** Normally, yes. -

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-Lynn Gauthier - 11:23 AM

**Q:** Will the midterm review criteria be made available before the LOI stage?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:23 AM

**A:** There are not specific criteria for the midterm review. The review will check that the project is on-track. -

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-Tomas Paus - 11:24 AM

**Q:** Can investigator's role change between NOI and LOI stage ? E.g. from co-invest to co-PI. Thanks.-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:24 AM

**A:** Not easily. You will have to request us to make the change. -

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-T M - 11:24 AM

**Q:** Can research admin staff submit test NOIs/LOIs so that we can see what applicants see in Convergence?-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:25 AM

**A:** Yes, this is possible. You must submit a test NOI, and it will be forwarded to the LOI stage.-

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-Margit Fuchs - 11:26 AM

**Q:** Is a research facilitator able to do a test LOI in the Convergence Portal? This did not work for the Exploration stream, since no NOI has been approved before. -

-NFRF FNFR - 11:25 AM

**A:** Yes it is possible, as it was in the Exploration stream. You need to send an email to ask us to "submit" it so you can proceed to the next stage. -

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-Jackie Cooney-Birch - 11:24 AM

**Q:** When saying no personal information, do you mean anonymized as was the case with the last Exploration competition. Or only avoiding information that would disclose EDI status?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:25 AM

**A:** Avoiding information that would disclose EDI status. There is no blinded review in the Transformations team.-

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-Nicki Islic - 11:24 AM

**Q:** Hello, Can you please repeat if co-PIs can be non-researcher/non-academic... rather a not-for-profit member?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:26 AM

**A:** Yes they can.-

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-Caroline Morrison - 11:25 AM

**Q:** Can you please clarify your comment re: not including personal information; I saw a question/answer above about no reviews being blinded so it would be ok to include names.-

-NFRF Team - 11:26 AM

**A:** our knowledge keepers, patients, community leaders, individuals working for a charity, and a range of other individuals. To be eligible as a co-principal investigator or a co-applicant, researchers and professors must be considered independent researchers.-

-NFRF Team - 11:28 AM

**A:** Hi Caroline, apologies, for this response. The Transformation review process will not be double-blind therefore there is no need to anonymize information.-

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-Lynn Gauthier - 11:25 AM

**Q:** What would contribute to a determination that the project is not on track?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:26 AM

**A:** If it is meeting the objectives/milestones as outlined in the proposal. -

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-Sharmistha Mishra - 11:25 AM

**Q:** Can co-applicants and collaborators be added between the NOI and LOI stage?-

-NFRF Mélanie - 11:26 AM

**A:** Hello, yes co-applicants and collaborators can be added between the NOI and LOI. -

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-Samira Chamaa - 11:26 AM

**Q:** Can you clarify the no personal information and description of the research team. What do you mean by this? Where is there more info on this?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:26 AM

**A:** <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx>-

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-Marc Johnson - 11:28 AM

**Q:** What is the maximum number of team members?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:27 AM

**A:** No maximum.-

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-Marc Johnson - 11:28 AM

**Q:** Can funds be given to Canadian or International collaborators by the NPI or co-PI?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:27 AM

**A:** Collaborators are not eligible to receive NFRF funds.-

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-Stuart Turvey - 11:26 AM

**Q:** Do you have targets for the percentage/number of applications that will advance through each stage of the competition?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:27 AM

**A:** We anticipate 20-30 being invited to the Full Application stage (depending on the amount of funding requested); 10-20 will go to the Jury.-

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-Margit Fuchs - 11:30 AM

**Q:** At which stage is EDI of the team composition evaluated?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:28 AM

**A:** EDI of the team composition is never evaluated.-

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-Stuart Turvey - 11:28 AM

**Q:** Will you be sharing the slides after the presentation?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:28 AM

**A:** Yes!-

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-Shelley Brown - 11:28 AM



**Q:** Will the NOI be made available to the Multidisciplinary review panel and to external reviewers?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:29 AM

**A:** Yes-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:30 AM

**A:** The LOI includes all information submitted in the NOI (updated as necessary).-

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-Marc Johnson - 11:31 AM

**Q:** re: funds to collaborators. What if you are paying for them or their student to conduct research with the NPI or Co-PI? i.e. the direct cost of doing the research. -

-NFRF FNFR - 11:30 AM

**A:** The rules in the tri-agency guide on financial administration apply.-

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-Kathryn Hunter - 11:29 AM

**Q:** Could you clarify an earlier comment please. Did you say that the leading researchers in each discipline have to be from Canadian institutions?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:31 AM

**A:** I was saying that if there were NO international team members/collaborators, the applicants will have to justify that all the world-leading experts are in Canada. -

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-Melanie Monk - 11:31 AM

**Q:** We will be alerted at the NOI stage if another group submits a similar proposal?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:31 AM

**A:** No. We can't share this information. -

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-UBC SPARC - 11:31 AM

**Q:** Can we see some of the LOI application, for example the EDI section?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:31 AM

**A:** This is within the Convergence Portal.-

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-Rhian Gunn - 11:31 AM

**Q:** Is there a maximum team size?-

-NFRF Team - 11:32 AM

**A:** No, there is no maximum team size-

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-Rene Dery - 11:33 AM

**Q:** Is there a limit on the proportion of funding that can be accessed by the co-PI and co-applicants who are based in international institutions?-

-NFRF Team - 11:44 AM

**A:** .-

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-Joanna Wong - 11:33 AM

**Q:** Can Co-PI be removed at LOI stage?-

-NFRF Team - 11:34 AM

**A:** You will be able to add people but not remove -

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-abigail vogus - 11:34 AM

**Q:** Can NPI, co-applicant and collaborator all be from different countries?-

-NFRF Team - 11:35 AM

**A:** Yes, but the NPI must be from an eligible Canadian institution-

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-Hamza Shafique - 11:32 AM

**Q:** The content eligibility must meet two of the three mandates for CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC, could this be elaborated on? Thanks!-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:35 AM

**A:** Projects may involve any discipline, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for funding across the three federal research funding agencies (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC). -

-FNFR NFRF - 11:36 AM

**A:** Projects should engage the full range of disciplines required to achieve the project goals.-

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-Sara A - 11:34 AM

**Q:** Can you clarify how my team members need to be "international"?-

-NFRF Team - 11:38 AM

**A:** Projects are expected to be world-leading, drawing on global research expertise, when relevant. There are no set requirements.-

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-Johanna Dobransky - 11:33 AM

**Q:** Where can we view previously funded proposals? Thank you!-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:39 AM

**A:** This is a new program, and the first competition.-

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-Lan UofA - 11:37 AM

**Q:** Does the project have to be cross-council?-

-NFRF Team - 11:39 AM

**A:** No, Transformation projects must propose an interdisciplinary approach that integrates different disciplinary approaches to bring a novel perspective to address the research challenge.-

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-abigail vogus - 11:34 AM

**Q:** Can we add co-applicants after the NOI?

-FNFR NFRF - 11:40 AM

**A:** Yes.-

-NFRF Mélanie - 11:43 AM

**A:** Hello, yes co-applicants can be added after the NOI, however in order to submit your NOI, you must have 5 confirmed participant that will not change. However if you wish to add other co-applicants this is allowed. -

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-Rhian Gunn - 11:32 AM

**Q:** Can equipment be bought? is there a price limit-

-NFRF Mélanie - 11:40 AM

**A:** Hello Rhian, Please see our link for the use of Grant Funds: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/competition-concours-eng.aspx#8> -

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-Mélanie Dieudé - 11:40 AM

**Q:** Do we need confirmed early career at the NOI stage?-

-NFRF Team - 11:41 AM

**A:** No, this will be required at the application stage-

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-Rene Dery - 11:41 AM

**Q:** Do we need to address the multi-disciplinary criteria in full at the NOI stage or can this be done at the LOI stage?-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:51 AM

**A:** NOI content (section 2) may be updated at the LOI stage.-

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-Isabelle Pot - 11:32 AM

**Q:** Can funds flow to a co-PI located outside of Canada?-

-NFRF Marie-Claude - 11:42 AM

**A:** Yes, the can be transferred.-

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-Joanna Wong - 11:33 AM

**Q:** Will there be a portion of the funds allocated to ECR led projects as in Exploration stream?-

-NFRF Team - 11:42 AM

**A:** No, but every team is expected to have ECR as part of their core team-

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-Lan UofA - 11:35 AM

**Q:** Co-applicants need to be defined as an "independent researcher". Can you please provide additional information as to how an Indigenous Elder be defined as an "independent researcher". -

-FNFR NFRF - 11:43 AM

**A:** Please see the definition of independent researcher in the competition description:  
<https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4->

-NFRF NFRF -Roxanne - 11:49 AM

**A:** co-applicants can be practitioners, policy-makers, educators, decision-makers, health care administrators, Indigenous elders, Indigenous knowledge keepers, patients, community leaders, individuals working for a charity, and a range of other individuals.-

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-Jacqui Dockray - 11:33 AM

**Q:** By "in all teams" do you mean that ECR's must appear at all stages of the application process - NOI, LOI and Full application?-

-NFRF Team - 11:43 AM

**A:** It will be a requirement to submit a full application. -

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-McGill University - 11:33 AM

**Q:** Can ECR co-applicants by funds on the grant?-

-NFRF Team - 11:43 AM

**A:** I'm not sure I understand your question-

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-Maggie Civak - 11:33 AM

**Q:** Will letters of support/CVs be required at any stage?-

-NFRF Team - 11:43 AM

**A:** .-

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-Nicole Noel - 11:36 AM

**Q:** Is there a limit on the number of Co-PIs?-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:43 AM

**A:** There is no maximum team size.-

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-Lynn Gauthier - 11:32 AM

**Q:** At the LOI stage, aside from a budget table, is there more required for the budget?-

-NFRF Marie-Claude - 11:44 AM

**A:** For the LOI stage, only the budget table required.-

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-Elizabeth Costello - 11:37 AM

**Q:** What is the NOI evaluation? Can you repeat this?-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:45 AM

**A:** NOIs are not adjudicated. NOIs will be used only for administrative purposes to help the NFRF program team identify external reviewers and review panel composition.-

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-Rhonda Alger - 11:43 AM

**Q:** What will the CV requirements/format be? -

-NFRF Team - 11:45 AM

**A:** No, there are no CV requirements for NFRF-

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-Rhian Gunn - 11:32 AM

**Q:** What if their primary affiliation is with a government lab?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:45 AM

A: Individuals affiliated with a government are only eligible to be collaborators.-

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-abigail vogus - 11:33 AM

Q: Does the problem being address have to have impact for Canada or can it address challenges elsewhere or should it do both?

-NFRF FNFR - 11:46 AM

A: It is not an absolute requirement that it have impact for Canada. -

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-Lan UofA - 11:39 AM

Q: Can it be interdisciplinary within the same council?

-FNFR NFRF - 11:46 AM

A: Projects that fall under the mandate of only one federal research funding agency are not eligible.-

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-meghann proulx - 11:41 AM

Q: Can an NPI be a co-app or collaborator on another application?-

-NFRF Team - 11:46 AM

A: Hi Meghann, no an NPI or co-PI cannot be an NPI or co-PI on another application-

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-Etienne Laliberte - 11:33 AM

Q: Interdisciplinary: it's a pass/fail, so if two agencies then it's OK (pass), or will proposals that cover three agencies receive a more positive assessment?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:47 AM



A: 2 of 3 agencies may receive a pass. However, one that spans three agencies might score higher in the high risk and high reward criteria.-

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-Sara A - 11:33 AM

Q: To clarify program heads etc. are not included in exclusion criteria for team membership, correct?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:47 AM

A: Program heads? We're not sure what you mean.-

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-Hallie Siegel - 11:39 AM

Q: You said the criteria are weighted differently at the different stages of the competition. how do the criteria shift?-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:47 AM

A: Please see the Review Process descriptions in the competition description:  
<https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4->

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-Heather Young-Leslie - 11:33 AM

Q: Say more about how interdisciplinarity of a project will be evaluated at the LOI stage... surely it must be more than just cross-council Co-PIs? -

-NFRF FNFR - 11:47 AM

A: Yes - it has to do with the approach/method/etc. as well as the anticipated outcomes.-

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-Kristen Korberg - 11:49 AM

Q: will the recording of the presentation be available after today? -

-NFRF Marie-Claude - 11:47 AM

A: Yes, they will be shared through the Research administration offices.-

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-Lan UofA - 11:34 AM

Q: If we submit a name as a co-applicant, can we change to co-PI later?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:47 AM

A: You will have to contact us to have it done.-

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-Jackie Cooney-Birch - 11:34 AM

Q: Can you please clarify 1) whether all funding must flow to the lead institution, and only then to co-applicants by sub-grant? and 2) that international co-applicants can receive funding through a sub-grant-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:48 AM

A: Yes. That is correct. All funds go to the affiliation of the NPI.-

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-Rhonda Alger - 11:44 AM

Q: Are there any partnership/matching funds/contributions required?-

-NFRF Team - 11:48 AM

A: No, this is not expected in the Transformation stream-

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-Lynn Gauthier - 11:34 AM

Q: Can non-Canadian investigators be co-PIs and receive funds if they meet the independent researcher status?

-NFRF FNFR - 11:48 AM

A: Yes they are eligible to receive funds to support research (not salary) - but it will be done through the NPI's affiliation. -

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-Caroline Morrison - 11:34 AM

Q: Can you be an NPI or co-PI on one and a co-applicant on another?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:48 AM

A: Yes.-

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-McGill University - 11:34 AM

Q: Can we add team members after the LOI? -

-NFRF FNFR - 11:48 AM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

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-Caroline Morrison - 11:40 AM

Q: Can suggested reviewers submitted at NOI be revised at LOI?-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:49 AM

A: Yes.-

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-Saad Salim - 11:34 AM

Q: Can an NPI or Co-PI identified at the NOI or LOI be included in the full application of another application that was invited if their application was not invited?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:49 AM

A: Yes.-

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-McGill University - 11:35 AM

Q: Which team members cannot be Canadian? -

-NFRF FNFR - 11:49 AM

A: NPI-

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-Maggie Civak - 11:35 AM

Q: where will rigor be evaluated in the criteria? (Research methods)?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:49 AM

A: Feasibility-

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-UBC SPARC - 11:44 AM

Q: Can we please get more detail about what constitutes "high reward" since it is weighted at 60% at the LOI stage?-

-NFRF Team - 11:49 AM

A: You can have a look at the evaluation matrices here: [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit\\_indicators-indicateurs\\_du\\_merite-eng.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx) -

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-Faisal Khosa - 11:43 AM

Q: Please advise if a topic like study of gender and racial disparity in academic disciplines would be suitable for submission as a grant proposal for this offering?-

-NFRF Team - 11:50 AM

A: Hi Faisal, please read through the funding opportunity for further guidance: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/competition-concours-eng.aspx> -

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-University of Waterloo UW - 11:35 AM

Q: Is preference given to projects that have a Canadian impact only? Or is preference given to projects that have international impacts as well. What about a solely international impact? -

-NFRF FNFR - 11:50 AM

A: Check the "Benefit" line of the High Reward matrix. [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit\\_indicators-indicateurs\\_du\\_merite-eng.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx)

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-Christopher Collins - 11:35 AM

Q: Are there any IP guidelines or is this discussed between partners including any for-profit collaborators?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:51 AM

A: None specific for NFRF-

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-McGill University - 11:36 AM

Q: Reviewers cannot be in conflict with even collaborators?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:51 AM

A: That's correct.-

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-meghann proulx - 11:36 AM

Q: Can NPI be a co-app or collaborator on another application?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:51 AM

A: Yes.-

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-Sandeep Raha - 11:42 AM

Q: Is there a budget breakdown required at the LOI stage?-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:51 AM

A: A budget table is required at the LOI stage.-

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-Faisal Khosa - 11:45 AM

Q: Please advise if a topic like study of gender and racial disparity in academic disciplines would be suitable for submission as a grant proposal for this offering?-

-NFRF Team - 11:51 AM

A: Hi Faisal, please review the funding opportunity: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/competition-concours-eng.aspx>

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-Jackie Cooney-Birch - 11:37 AM

Q: There were some Exploration projects funded/advanced to full application which were effectively interdisciplinary within only one agency mandate (interdisciplinary within health only for example) - can you clarify if this is different between the streams ?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:51 AM

A: This is different between the streams. The definitions of each criteria differ between streams.-

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-Eric Campos - 11:37 AM

Q: How many of the 5 (or more) -team members can be from outside Canada?-

-NFRF Marie-Claude - 11:51 AM

A: There can be as many as your program/project needs.-

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-LP Haraoui - 11:42 AM

Q: Are proposals with ECR as NPI less likely to get funded because of the scale/timeline of the funding?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:52 AM

A: Not necessarily. It is up to applicants to make the case.-

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-D C - 11:49 AM

Q: Is there an expectation that NFRF funds be leveraged or matched with institutional funds, industry funds, or other cash or in-kind contributions to the project?-

-NFRF Team - 11:52 AM

A: Hi DC, no there is no expectation for matching funds.-

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-Krembil Centre KCNI - 11:38 AM

Q: Can you provide any guidance on priority areas?-

-NFRF NFRF -Roxanne - 11:52 AM

A: There are no priority areas identified for Transformation.-

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-Faisal Khosa - 11:37 AM

Q: Please advise if a topic like gender and racial disparity would be suitable for submission as a grant proposal?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:52 AM

A: We can't comment on project ideas.-

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-McGill University - 11:37 AM

Q: How do reviewers balance or reconcile high risk with feasibility?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:52 AM

A: Read the matrices - they are not defined as in the colloquial sense.

[https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit\\_indicators-indicateurs\\_du\\_merite-eng.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx)

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-Heather Young-Leslie - 11:37 AM

Q: Say MORE about what the multidisciplinary review panel will be looking for. re: Say more about how interdisciplinarity of a project will be evaluated at the LOI stage... -

-NFRF FNFR - 11:52 AM

A: Check the matrices: [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit\\_indicators-indicateurs\\_du\\_merite-eng.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx)

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-Saad Salim - 11:38 AM

Q: To clarify my question, I was wondering if a proposal is not invited to submit an application, can the NPI, co-PI and/or co-Apps be added to another application that was invited?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:52 AM

A: Yes I understood your question. Yes, they could.-

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-Elizabeth Costello - 11:50 AM

Q: What is the NOI evaluation ?-

-NFRF Team - 11:53 AM



A: NOIs will be used only for administrative purposes to help the NFRF program team identify external reviewers and review panel composition.-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:53 AM

A: NOIs are not adjudicated. NOIs will be used only for administrative purposes to help the NFRF program team identify external reviewers and review panel composition.-

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-abigail vogus - 11:38 AM

Q: Can you flow money to non-Canadian labs/institutions?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:53 AM

A: We don't. The NPI's affiliation can. There are no rules restricting the flow of funds to international organizations.-

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-Karam Thomas - 11:38 AM

Q: Can a PI or nominated PI figure in a Transformation grant and Strategic Innovation Fund grant?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:53 AM

A: There are no restrictions with other agency programs.-

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-Shelley Brown - 11:39 AM

Q: Can an NPI or Co-PI on a Transformation stream proposal also be NPI or Co-PI on an International stream proposal?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:53 AM

A: There are no restrictions on participation between streams.-

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-Clint Westgard - 11:39 AM

Q: What is the anticipated success rate or cuts between each stage of the competition?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:53 AM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

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-Hugo Lemieux - 11:51 AM

Q: As an administrator, can I create a test NOI so that I can have access to the system at the LOI and full application?-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:53 AM

A: Yes.-

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-McGill University - 11:39 AM

Q: Does the challenge have to be a Canadian challenge? Or can we focus on global challenges?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:53 AM

A: See the "Benefits" section of the High Reward matrix: [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit\\_indicators-indicateurs\\_du\\_merite-eng.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx)-

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-Jed Meltzer - 11:40 AM

Q: Can collaborators be paid out of direct costs? We have some indigenous language experts who should be paid to develop learning materials, but we want to list them as collaborators to demonstrate the expertise. -

-NFRF FNFR - 11:54 AM

A: Collaborators generally cannot be paid. The rules in the Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration apply.-

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-J BK - 11:51 AM

Q: Does the NPI need to be Canadian or PR?-

-NFRF Team - 11:54 AM

A: Hi J BK, The NPI must be considered an independent researcher at their primary affiliation, at an eligible Canadian institution –which is defined as the primary organization where the NPI is employed or appointed or where they conduct research. -

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-Melanie Monk - 11:54 AM

Q: Where can we locate the specific requirements of the use of grant funds and eligible expenses?-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:54 AM

A: <https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/>-

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-McGill University - 11:39 AM

Q: Is there a definition for an Indigenous scholar/researcher? -

-NFRF NFRF -Roxanne - 11:55 AM

A: There is no definition of Indigenous scholar but for details on Indigenous research please visit: [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/merit\\_review-evaluation\\_du\\_merite/guidelines\\_research-lignes\\_directrices\\_recherche-eng.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/merit_review-evaluation_du_merite/guidelines_research-lignes_directrices_recherche-eng.aspx)-

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-Sanja Jovanovic - 11:40 AM

Q: Can you give an example of experience (yrs. of experience, type of projects led-do they need to be on a national/international level, # of publications, etc.) that NPI would need to have? Is it safe to say that a more senior researcher is expected to apply?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:55 AM

A: No we can't say. There is no set expectation. It's up to the applicants to present a strong proposal.-

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-meghann proulx - 11:54 AM

Q: sorry - still unclear if an NPI/Co-PI can be a CO-APPLICANT or COLLABORATOR on another transformation submission-

-NFRF Team - 11:55 AM

A: an NPI can be a co-applicant or collaborator on another grant, but not an NPI or co-PI.-

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-Lynn Gauthier - 11:40 AM

Q: can a NPI or co-PI be a co-applicant on another application?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:55 AM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

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-Caroline Morrison - 11:41 AM

Q: Will more information about reporting requirements be available to research administrators in advance of award notification to NPIs? -

-NFRF FNFR - 11:55 AM

A: We are aiming to be able to do so.-

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-Karmela Krleza-Jeric - 11:52 AM

Q: how to fill in the overseas institution? Highly probably it is not on a drop-down list-

-NFRF Team - 11:56 AM

A: .-

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-Faisal Khosa - 11:41 AM

Q: Please advise if a topic like study of gender and racial disparity in academic discipline would be suitable for submission as a grant proposal?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:56 AM

A: We cannot advise on proposed topics. -

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-kirsten farncombe - 11:54 AM

Q: Is it necessary to include previous affiliations that have ended in the convergence portal, or any active affiliations?-

-NFRF Team - 11:56 AM

A: .-

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-Anjana Balakrishnan - 11:42 AM

Q: If there are two LOIs with common themes then would you ask to modify NOI?-

-NFRF Team - 11:57 AM

A: Hi Anjana, I am not sure I understand your question? You should only submit 1 NOI-

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-meghann proulx - 11:47 AM

Q: I understand that an NPI/Co-PI can't be an NPI/Co-PI on another application but can they be a co-applicant or collaborator?-

-NFRF Marie-Claude - 11:57 AM

A: They can be a co-app or collaborator on another NFRFT grant-

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-Caroline Morrison - 11:41 AM

Q: Program materials indicate that costs incurred between the date the competition was announced and the effective funding date are eligible (per the financial guide). Can you confirm that this means cost incurred after December 5, 2019 will be eligible?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:57 AM

A: Yes that is correct. -

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-Rob Lajeunesse - 11:41 AM

Q: Are research administrators given a grace period (48 hours) after the deadline of each stage to review/approve/submit? CIHR does this for grants submitted utilizing their e-approval process -

-NFRF FNFR - 11:57 AM

A: No.-

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-Ahmad Foruzanmehr - 11:41 AM

Q: Can a co-PI be based in a university outside Canada?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:57 AM

A: Yes.-

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-Michae Thompson - 11:41 AM

Q: What is the validate button for on the invitation screen and suggested reviewers screens in the convergent portal?-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:57 AM

A: This is a necessary step in submitting the information in Convergence.-

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-padmaja subbarao - 11:41 AM

Q: Are indirect costs - i.e. institutional overheads meant to be part of the budget at the LOI stage-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:57 AM

A: Yes.-

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-Stuart Turvey - 11:41 AM

Q: If you were an applicant on a funded 2018 "exploration" stream application, does this impact eligibility for the 'transformation' scheme?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:57 AM

A: There are no restrictions between streams.-

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-Eric Campos - 11:42 AM

Q: Is there a limit on the amount of funds that is transferred to the international team members?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:57 AM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

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-Rebecca - 11:42 AM

Q: Can NPI and Co-PIs be co-apps on other transformation stream projects in future competitions within the duration of the project? -

-NFRF FNFR - 11:57 AM

A: Yes-

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-UBC SPARC - 11:43 AM

Q: Could we please get some clarification about the Co-PI/co-applicant role eligibility for those who hold faculty positions but also have roles on start-ups, etc.?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:58 AM

A: It all depends on their primary affiliation. If you have a specific question, send it to us at NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaires.gc.ca-

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-sarah g - 11:57 AM

Q: Can you share a link to the excel sheet with the subject codes? Having trouble finding it

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-NFRF Marie-Claude - 11:58 AM

A: [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/CRDC\\_Web\\_EF.xlsx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/CRDC_Web_EF.xlsx) than  
ca be found on this page <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/crdc-ccrd-eng.aspx>-

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-Dar Dowlatshahi - 11:40 AM

Q: For EDI, do you mean "engagement" at the level of applicants? Or at the level of the target population?-

-NFRF NFRF -Roxanne - 11:58 AM

A: The research team must demonstrate a commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion, as demonstrated by the meaningful engagement of members of the four designated groups (as part of the research team)-

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-Richard Gold - 11:44 AM

Q: I see emphasis on ECR, but what about HQP (post-docs and doctoral students). Is there any emphasis on HQP?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:59 AM



A: There is no criteria related to HQP. However, it is expected that HQP will be trained/exposed to the project.-

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-Marc Johnson - 11:45 AM

Q: under "value and duration" on the website, I don't understand the following: "Applicants may also add up to 25% of the value of the direct costs of research to cover indirect costs and include this in the total funding request"-

-FNFR NFRF - 11:59 AM

A: Eligible expenses related to the direct costs of research are outlined in the Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration. <https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/> -

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-Jed Meltzer - 11:34 AM

Q: Can Indigenous band council members be co-PIs, despite the ban on people associated with "governments?"

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-NFRF Team - 11:59 AM

A: HI Jed, can you please send an email to NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaires.gc.ca -

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-T JIBC - 11:44 AM

Q: Can co-PIs be compensated if research is not part of their job description? i.e. they are employed by a college?-

-NFRF FNFR - 11:59 AM

A: See the section "Use of Funds" in the competition overview. Salaries are eligible for college researchers. But not necessary for all co-PIs.-

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-Hadi Hemmati - 11:58 AM

Q: where can I find that Excel file for field of research?-

-NFRF Marie-Claude - 11:59 AM

A: [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/CRDC\\_Web\\_EF.xlsx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/CRDC_Web_EF.xlsx)  
than ca be found on this page <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/crdc-ccrd-eng.aspx>-

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-Sophie Parent - 11:45 AM

Q: Is there any international country that can't be included in the team?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:00 PM

A: We have no lists of restrictions.-

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-Mélanie Dieudé - 11:35 AM

Q: Do we need confirmed early career at the NOI stage?-

-NFRF Team - 12:00 PM

A: Hi Melanie, you will need a confirmed ECR before submitting the full application-

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-Heather Young-Leslie - 12:00 PM

Q: How very realistic (demo :-) -

-FNFR NFRF - 12:00 PM

A: .-

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-Caroline Morrison - 11:50 AM

Q: I've seen a few people ask questions about what the LOI will look like. I understand that it will be available through the Convergency portal in the future, but is it possible to share that structure earlier to help research administrators plan? -

-NFRF FNFR - 12:00 PM

A: the LOI guide describes all the components of the LOI. The majority of the "meat" of the LOI is in an attachment (therefore word document)-

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-Heather Young-Leslie - 11:52 AM

Q: To confirm, any researcher from a project that is \*not\* invited to the full application, may be added to an application that IS invited to full? -

-NFRF FNFR - 12:00 PM

A: Yes - we will not be policing this.-

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-Kumudinie Kariyapperuma - 11:59 AM

Q: Can NPI or Co-PI be a co-applicant of another Transformation application?-

-NFRF Marie-Claude - 12:00 PM

A: Yes, co-app or collaborator.-

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-Talena Rambarran - 11:41 AM

Q: When you talk about how international world experts must be involved, can they receive funding as well or must the funds stay in Canada-

-NFRF Team - 12:01 PM

A: Hi Talena, yes, funds can be sent to international experts-

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-Elizabeth Costello - 12:01 PM

Q: thank you-

-NFRF Team - 12:01 PM

A: .-

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-Caroline Morrison - 11:53 AM

Q: I understand that matching funding is not required, but is it advantageous?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:01 PM

A: Where appropriate, I would say yes.-

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-Melissa Deane - 11:59 AM

Q: There seems to be some ambiguity with the eligibility of co-applicants. "To be eligible as a co-PI or a co-app, researchers and professors must be considered independent researchers." Does this mean all co-apps need to be independent researchers? -

-FNFR NFRF - 12:01 PM

A: No. They can be practitioners, policy-makers, educators, decision-makers, health care administrators, Indigenous elders, Indigenous knowledge keepers, patients, community leaders, individuals working for a charity, and a range of other individuals. -

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-UBC SPARC - 11:54 AM

Q: Following up on our previous question about viewing the EDI section of the LOI application, this is because this stage does not open until Feb. 25.-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:02 PM

A: I understand. It is the same as is currently in there for the Exploration stream. There is an additional module for ECR, which is a single text box to fill, as described in the LOI guide.-

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-Daniel Banks - 12:01 PM

Q: Is there a limit on the number of co-applicants or collaborators?-

-FNFR NFRF - 12:02 PM

A: There is no maximum team size.-

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-Lan UofA - 12:00 PM

Q: Could you explain how a project can be within one agency yet addressing the mandates of more than one agency?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:02 PM

A: It can't be. In the Exploration stream it can be. Not in the Transformation stream.-

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-Nicki Islic - 12:01 PM

Q: Can co-apps receive funds from the NFRFT? Just collaborators cannot?-

-NFRF Team - 12:02 PM

A: Yes that is correct-

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-Lan UofA - 11:58 AM

Q: We see from the guidelines that projects that fall under the mandate of only one federal funding agency are not eligible. Could you elaborate on that?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:02 PM

A: .-

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-Stuart Turvey - 12:01 PM

Q: This is a section in the NOI: 'Overview of approach and potential changes'.-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:02 PM

A: .-

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-Lan UofA - 12:01 PM

Q: if an npi has an application in to another funding agency for a high risk/ high reward proposal but does not yet know the outcome can they submit an NOI to this competition for the same project -

-NFRF FNFR - 12:03 PM

A: It is unlikely that something prepared for another funding opportunity will be suitable for the Transformation stream.-

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-Stuart Turvey - 12:02 PM

Q: This is a section in the NOI: 'Overview of approach and potential changes'. Is there a typo? Should it be 'challenges' rather than 'changes'?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:03 PM

A: No it's not a typo. What changes (transformative changes) are anticipated?-

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-Lan UofA - 12:02 PM

Q: at what stage are biosketches of research team members supposed to be submitted?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:04 PM

A: They are part of the application stage.-

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-Ahmad Foruzanmehr - 12:03 PM

Q: can you please explain what is meant by 'Indigenous research' in the context of the NFRF?-

-FNFR NFRF - 12:04 PM

A: SSHRC's Indigenous Research Statement of Principles and Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research should be referred to by teams preparing applications related to Indigenous research. -

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-Christopher Collins - 11:45 AM

Q: My question about about IP?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:04 PM

A: There is no IP requirement for NFRF. -

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-Karmela Krleza-Jeric - 12:01 PM

Q: do we have to form the team by inviting this way or we might have the team or a part of team already formed - do we still need to invite them this way to formalize the team-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:04 PM

A: They have to be invited through Convergence portal so they can accept to be part of the team, fill out their profiles, and accept the T&Cs. Until they do that, they are not confirmed.-

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-Sandeep Raha - 12:04 PM

Q: If you delete someone from your application does it clear their name completely from the participant list or do they remain there?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:05 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

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-Gina Funicelli - 12:05 PM

Q: what is the most efficient means for asking questions throughout the application process?-

-FNFR NFRF - 12:05 PM

A: For more information, contact: NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:05 PM

A: Send an email to NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca-

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-Nicki Islic - 12:05 PM

Q: Hello, can a not-for-profit institution be a co-applicant on multiple NFRFT?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:06 PM

A: A co-applicant can only be an individual (not an institution). But yes - co-applicants can be part of multiple proposals.-

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-Ahmad Foruzanmehr - 12:05 PM

Q: I meant 'Indigenous research'.....misspelled previously-

-FNFR NFRF - 12:06 PM

A: .-

-NFRF NFRF -Roxanne - 12:08 PM

A: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programmes-programmes/definitions-eng.aspx#a11>-

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-Lisa Kozycz - 12:05 PM

Q: Will RGOs submitting test NOIs be required to add 4 unique team members? (this may be challenging)-

-NFRF Team - 12:06 PM

A: Yes, you will have to go through the same steps.-



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-UBC SPARC - 11:49 AM

Q: Do intergovernmental organizations (e.g. World Bank) count as "government" by NFRF's definition?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:07 PM

A: Please send an email to [NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca](mailto:NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca). We'll have to look into it to be able to give you a robust answer.-

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-Nicki Islic - 12:07 PM

Q: What would be the best role for a not-for-profit (as a knowledge translation partner) to join more than one NFRFT and be able to receive funding?-

-NFRF Team - 12:08 PM

A: Hi Nicki, please send an email to [NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca](mailto:NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca)-

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-Lan UofA - 12:06 PM

Q: can you confirm the comment you recently made about eligibility with affiliation to non-profit organizations?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:08 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

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-Nicole Noel - 12:09 PM

Q: Can contract lecturers at a University be a co-applicant or collaborator-

-NFRF Team - 12:11 PM

A: Hi Nicole, please make sure you refer to the eligibility section in the funding opportunity: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/competition-concours-eng.aspx#4> -

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-Clint Westgard - 12:09 PM

Q: Can you change your title after the NOI stage?-

-NFRF Team - 12:12 PM

A: Yes, you will be able to change the title-

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-Clint Westgard - 12:11 PM

Q: How do you remove people from team who have accepted?-

-NFRF Team - 12:12 PM

A: .-

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-Michael Thompson - 12:06 PM

Q: When do we hit the 'validate' button on the participant screen?-

-NFRF Marie-Claude - 12:13 PM

A: You hit it when you have sent your invitations. I suggest to hit it after each session you add invitations.-

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-Heather Young-Leslie - 12:13 PM

Q: Please review response to Meghann Proulx's question re: "NPI/Co-PI can't be an NPI/Co-PI on another application but can they be a co-applicant or collaborator? .... NFRF Marie-Claude

11:57

They can be a co-app or collaborator on another NFRFT grant"

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-NFRF Team - 12:14 PM

A: Hi Heather, yes that is correct!-

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-Clint Westgard - 12:10 PM

Q: Can you have PDFs as collaborators if their supervisor is also a collaborator?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:14 PM

A: No. This is not allowed.-

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-Clint Westgard - 12:13 PM

Q: The option to remove someone is not there once the person has accepted. What do you do in that case?-

-NFRF Team - 12:14 PM

A: .-

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-Lan UofA - 12:13 PM

Q: Can you confirm that a co-applicant can be on more than one application?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:14 PM

A: Yes.-

-NFRF Team - 12:14 PM

A: Yes, that is correct-

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-Caroline Morrison - 12:13 PM

Q: Can you change the title after LOI? (I saw the response re: title change after NOI)-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:14 PM

A: No. It can't be changed then.-

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-Karam Thomas - 12:13 PM

Q: A Co-PI cannot figure on two Transformation grants, correct? -

-NFRF Team - 12:14 PM

A: Correct-

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-Heather Young-Leslie - 12:08 PM

Q: Is "Indigenous Studies" in the fields of research list?-

-NFRF Team - 12:14 PM

A: .-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:15 PM

A: Not as "Indigenous studies". But Indigenous studies as it applies to law, education, health, etc. etc. etc. - they are many of them.-

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-Heather Young-Leslie - 12:14 PM

Q: Please revisit the response to Meghann Proulx: "NPI/Co-PI can't be an NPI/Co-PI on another application but can they be a co-applicant or collaborator?

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NFRF Marie-Claude

11:57

They can be a co-app or collaborator on another NFRFT grant

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-NFRF Team - 12:14 PM

A: .-

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-Heather Young-Leslie - 12:14 PM

Q: Thank you. -

-NFRF Team - 12:15 PM

A: .-

-NFRF Team - 12:15 PM

A: .-

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-Heather Young-Leslie - 12:08 PM

Q: Is "Indigenous Studies" in the fields of research list?-

-NFRF Marie-Claude - 12:15 PM

A: I suggest searching for indigenous on the spreadsheet containing the codes  
[https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/CRDC\\_Web\\_EF.xlsx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/CRDC_Web_EF.xlsx)-

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-Adam Cummins - 12:15 PM

Q: can fields of research be changed at LOI?-

-FNFR NFRF - 12:16 PM

A: NOI content (section 2) may be updated at the LOI stage.-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:16 PM

A: Yes they can be modified. They shouldn't all be changed because we use this  
information to recruit for the multidisciplinary review panel.-

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-Megan PRins - 12:15 PM

Q: Are there any matching funds requirements for Transformation? -

-NFRF FNFR - 12:16 PM

A: No - no requirements.-

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-Leslie Oldfield - 12:16 PM

Q: Can you have PDFs as collaborators if their supervisor is not a collaborator? -

-NFRF FNFR - 12:16 PM

A: Yes.-

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-University of Calgary Research Services - 12:16 PM

Q: do the 2 primary research areas identified need to cross disciplinary boundaries? or just the project overall-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:17 PM

A: I would think that it would be a much stronger case if the two primary research areas cross the mandates of more than one agency. But it's up to the applicants.-

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-Rhonda Alger - 12:17 PM

Q: Is there a maximum amount/percentage of funds that can leave Canada? -

-NFRF FNFR - 12:17 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.-

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-Leslie Oldfield - 12:18 PM

Q: Can research associates and project managers be included as collaborators or Co-apps?-

-FNFR NFRF - 12:18 PM

A: Students, postdoctoral fellows, research associates, and such positions are not eligible to participate as a co-principal investigator or co-applicant.-

-FNFR NFRF - 12:19 PM

A: Students, postdoctoral fellows, research associates and such positions are eligible to participate as a collaborator if they are not supervised by the NPI, co-principal investigator, co-applicant and/or another collaborator.-

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-Lan UofA - 12:18 PM

Q: Eligibility of government departments - they are not eligible but is that for Canadian governments only and not for foreign governments?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:19 PM

A: For all governments.-

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-Rhonda Alger - 12:19 PM

Q: Apologies for not hearing it earlier, but can you please answer question in written format, what the max % or amount can leave Canada?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:19 PM

A: There is no set maximum. However, one consideration in the High Reward is the benefit to Canada. [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit\\_indicators-indicateurs\\_du\\_merite-eng.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/transformation/2020/merit_indicators-indicateurs_du_merite-eng.aspx)

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-Lan UofA - 12:20 PM

Q: If a project involves different disciplines but they only fall under CIHR, would that be eligible in terms of interdisciplinary?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:21 PM

A: No - not for Transformation stream.-

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-Carolyn Paterson - 12:22 PM

Q: Since the LOI multidisciplinary panel will also be multisectoral, are teams encouraged to suggest reviewers beyond academia?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:23 PM

A: Yes! They should select the most appropriate people. -

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-University of Calgary Research Services - 12:22 PM

Q: can a co-applicant have a COI with external reviewers? or does it only apply to the PI and NPI-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:23 PM

A: COIs apply to all members of the research team - and to collaborators.-

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-Lan UofA - 12:23 PM

Q: If a project has been submitted from an institution by an npj, and the results are pending for that project, AND it seems as though the project would fit into this competition as well, can an NOI be submitted that describes the same aims-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:24 PM

A: It is unlikely that a project submitted to any other agency program would fit the objectives of this program/stream.-

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-Karmela Krleza-Jeric - 12:23 PM

Q: does the independent researcher have to be employed or he/she can be self-employed or affiliated to an institution as a visiting scientist-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:26 PM

A: They must be employed.-



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-Adam Cummins - 12:26 PM

Q: if a participant is removed, can they later be re-invited?-

-NFRF Team - 12:26 PM

A: yes, they can be re-invited-

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-University of Waterloo UW - 12:25 PM

Q: What if the project involves a new approach so there is no world leader yet. -

-NFRF FNFR - 12:26 PM

A: It's up to applicants to prepare their proposal addressing the criteria as they see fit.-

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-Michael Shapiro - 12:25 PM

Q: Please review the requirements for reviewers again.-

-FNFR NFRF - 12:27 PM

A: Do you mean the evaluation criteria? This is in the competition description.-

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-University of Calgary Research Services - 12:29 PM

Q: Would it be possible to change the "deadline" column to show "last edited"? This used to be the case and it was very useful; changed in ~November 2019 I think-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:29 PM

A: We can keep this in mind for future competitions. It cannot be changed now for Transformation stream.-

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-Steven Hermans - 12:30 PM

Q: Can you add a "date modified" column?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:30 PM

A: Not at this time.-

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-Lynn Gauthier - 12:30 PM

Q: Can you please explain the COI issue for reviewers vs NPI, co-PIs, and co-applicants/collaborators? If this is a large team, including necessary world leaders in a small field, how should the team identify reviewers with no COIs w/ anyone on the team?-

-NFRF FNFR - 12:31 PM

A: They would know better the individuals in conflict than program staff. -

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-Anjana Balakrishnan - 12:31 PM

Q: Is the forward to agency function available to all research administrators (e.g. Grants Facilitators) or just higher approval authorities (i.e. forwarding authorities in the SSHRC portal)? Is there a distinction in Convergence?-

-NFRF Team - 12:33 PM

A: Hi Anjana, there is no distinction in Convergence. There is only "research administrator" access.-

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-Jamieyst Hystad - 12:33 PM

Q: It was mentioned that the slides from the presentation will be shared, how will they become available? Thank you for all the information!-

-NFRF Team - 12:33 PM

A: Hi Jamieyst, the slides and recording will be shared with RGOs-

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-Humphrey Fonge - 12:33 PM

Q: When a co-PI accepts an invitation is it possible for the NPA to know if he/she is an ECR?-

-NFRF Team - 12:34 PM

A: .-

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-Humphrey Fonge - 12:06 PM

Q: When a co-PI accepts an invitation is it possible for the NPA to know if he/she is an ECR?-

-NFRF Team - 12:35 PM

A: you will go to participants- view- eligibility profile will appear-

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-Christine G - 12:34 PM

Q: Can you please reconfirm - is the bulk download function available for this Transformation competition?-

-NFRF Team - 12:35 PM

A: yes it is-

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-Paola Marignani - 12:34 PM

Q: can you go over how to find the Research Admin tab-

-NFRF Marie-Claude - 12:35 PM

A: Once you log in, it will be right of the window, next to yor name.-

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-Jackie Cooney-Birch - 12:35 PM

Q: Do we need to send an email in order to have an NOI test application set up which will open an LOI test application?-

-NFRF Team - 12:36 PM

A: Hi Jackie, you don't need to send an email to set up the NOI, please make sure you are using ZZZ testing environment. You can email NFRF once you are ready for that to be submitted.-

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