

TRU Office of Research and Graduate Studies
Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) – John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF)
Call for Proposals for October 2015 competition

This is an invitation for *Letters of Notification* for the October 2015 JELF, which was formerly known as Leaders Opportunity Fund. The JELF is a program of the CFI designed to help universities attract excellent faculty and retain the very best researchers. Applicants must be engaged in:

- cutting edge research program requiring proposed infrastructure, and
- providing an enriched research training environment

TRU currently has an institutional allocation of approximately \$450,000 to support the infrastructure needs of individual faculty or small groups of up to three faculty members when there is a demonstrated need to share infrastructure. *The JELF is not intended to serve the infrastructure needs of larger groups, centers, departments, or institutions.*

The CFI JELF is a matching program:

- 40% of the total project budget is requested from CFI
- 40% is requested from the BC Knowledge Development Fund (Application is submitted to BCKDF one month following CFI deadline)
- 20% is the responsibility of the Project Leader and the Faculty submitting the proposal (Please contact ORGS for help with this amount)

This call is directed to both New Investigators (within 24 months of start of the candidate's full time academic appointment) and Established Investigators addressing their proposals to the priority areas identified in the <http://www.tru.ca/research/about/plan.html>. New faculty members are expected to provide a plausible plan for raising the matching funds at the *Letter of Notification* stage. Established faculty should identify secured source (s) of matching funds at this stage. If the CFI application is successful, the agreements for the matching funds will have to be secured/finalized within 9 months of the award announcement. If the matching funds are not secured and award agreements not finalized within that time period, TRU will not be able to accept the CFI award.

PLEASE NOTE: This application will have 3 step process:

Step 1: *Letter of Notification* (LoN): If you are planning to submit application to this round, please send one page *LoN* describing briefly the proposed research and infrastructure needed to enable the proposed research to ansharma@tru.ca. The deadline for the internal review of *LoN* is **August 25, 2015**. LoN should demonstrate Decanal support.

Step 2: Successful applicants must use the CFI portal at <http://www.innovation.ca/en/OurFunds/CFIFunds/JohnREvansLeadersFund> and complete the application form. When the application form is completed, **do not submit the application to CFI** (do not click the Validate button on the web form and do not click the Completed button). Instead, save a copy of the modules as a PDF and email it to ansharma@tru.ca for internal review by **September 15, 2015**.

Step 3: Complete applications will be forwarded to the CFI by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies by **October 15, 2014**.