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### 252 **EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES - RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM**

<http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=344>

To qualify for a rapid response approach, a project must be taking advantage of an exceptional, urgent and time sensitive opportunity and partnership, such as the potential loss of funding for research from international sources or private sector, that justifies having the project being considered outside the normal pan-Canadian competitive review process of the Innovation Fund. The nature of the project must require the coordination and financial support of other relevant agencies for the funding of the research, the infrastructure and its operations in a timely manner. The infrastructure component must also be an indispensable element of the project if it is to go forward. Projects which, in whole or in part, have already been reviewed by the CFI are not eligible.

### 253 **INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATING FUND**

<http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=59>

The Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF) is designed to contribute to the incremental operating and maintenance costs of infrastructure projects funded by the CFI.

### 254 **INTERNATIONAL JOINT VENTURES FUND**

<http://www.innovation.ca/whatsnew/intcall05/ap1.pdf>

The International Joint Ventures Fund, which supports the establishment of a small number of very high profile research infrastructure projects in Canada to take advantage of extraordinary research opportunities with leading facilities in other countries that will bring significant benefits to Canada.

### 255 **LEADERS OPPORTUNITY FUND**

<http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=393>

The Leaders Opportunity Fund (LOF) builds on the New Opportunities Fund, the Canada Research Chairs Infrastructure Fund, and Career Awards Fund, and is designed to assist universities in attracting excellent faculty to Canadian universities as well as retaining the very best of today and tomorrow's leading researchers for Canada.

### 256 **LEADING EDGE FUND**

<http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=382>

The following Leading Edge Fund (LEF) information and forms were published in July 2005. They can be viewed and downloaded from the links above.

The LEF will enable institutions to build on and enhance already successful and productive initiatives supported by past CFI investment (s), and thereby secure and further enhance highly competitive research or technology development efforts. Institutions will strengthen particularly successful and productive activities in their select areas of strategic priority where they have a competitive advantage and a proven track record in helping strengthen the country's capacity for innovation.

### 257 **NATIONAL PLATFORMS FUND**

<http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=403>

The National Platforms Fund provides generic research infrastructure, resources, services, and facilities that serve the needs of many research subjects and disciplines, and that require periodic reinvestments because of the nature of the technologies. The Fund is being established to fund High Performance Computing infrastructure, and may prove to be the best vehicle to fund other types of generic infrastructure at a later date.

### 258 **NEW INITIATIVES FUND**

[http://www.innovation.ca/programs/2005/nif\\_instructions\\_e.pdf](http://www.innovation.ca/programs/2005/nif_instructions_e.pdf)

The NIF seeks to support infrastructure initiatives in which the CFI has not previously invested and that enable institutions and their partners to develop their capacity in promising areas of research or technology development, as well as to improve their research competitiveness and international leadership.

Through the NIF, the CFI challenges Canadian institutions to propose new infrastructure projects covering the full spectrum of research and development activities that will lead to breakthroughs and societal improvements for the benefit of Canadians

### 259 **RESEARCH HOSPITAL FUND**

<http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=274>

The Research Hospital Fund (RHF) is designed to contribute to research hospital-based projects that support innovative research and training. Of particular interest are those large-scale infrastructure projects that take a more integrated and multidisciplinary approach to health research – biomedical, clinical, health services and population health research.