

College and Community Social Innovation Fund - Letter of Intent

Deadline:

December 3, 2025

Purpose and scope:

The College and Community Social Innovation Fund (CCSIF) is an NSERC-sponsored funding opportunity under the College and Community Innovation program (CCI). The funding opportunity is open once per year, typically launching mid-late November with a typical due date of mid-late February. All applications to this funding opportunity are *institutional*: the college is the applicant, and names a primary investigator who will provide the research direction for the project. Colleges are limited to 5 total applications that can be submitted to each competition. As a result of both this limitation and the institutional categorization of the CCSIF, Okanagan College has an internal letter of intent (LOI) process to determine which applications will go forward.

Intention:

The intention of the LOI is to ensure that applications forwarded to the CCSIF program from Okanagan College follow the funding opportunity criteria, are aligned with the strategic priorities of the institution, propose meaningful opportunities for OC student researchers, and are high quality and competitive at a national level.

How to submit:

Potential applicants should prepare a summary of their proposed CCSIF project (max 2 pages, single spaced, 12pt font). The summary should speak to the CCSIF [evaluation criteria](#). Applications that have established partnerships in place, demonstrate clear connection to an OC program, and identify student applied research training opportunities will be given priority in the assessment process. It will be an asset if project teams have already engaged Applied Research staff in their planning and preparation. The summary and an updated CV for the proposed primary investigator (PI) should be submitted to ocappliedresearch@okanagan.bc.ca by 5pm on December 1, 2025.

Adjudication:

LOIs will receive a pre-assessment review by Applied Research staff and will be adjudicated by Provost's Council. LOIs will be assessed based on the alignment of the proposed project with the objectives of the CCSIF funding opportunity, the potential for the project to enhance College programs and priorities, the opportunity for student engagement, and the capacity of the PI to both complete a high quality and competitive application and to carry out the project as proposed.