Ontario Research Fund – Small Infrastructure Fund Program Guidelines

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Overview

The Ontario Research Fund – Small Infrastructure Fund (ORF-SIF) program helps attract, retain and develop leading research talent at publicly funded Ontario Universities and Research Hospitals through the acquisition and renewal of leading-edge technology and equipment.

The Ontario Research Fund (ORF) will contribute a maximum of forty percent (40%) towards total eligible costs, and the research institution is responsible for obtaining at least sixty percent (60%) from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) (through the [CFI John R. Evans Leaders Fund](#)), any private, not-for-profit or public sector funding partners, or its resources.

The ORF-SIF will not automatically match the CFI awards to Ontario institutions. The Ministry of Colleges and Universities (Ministry) has integrated research security assessments into all of its research funding programs. This will help to protect the province's long-term economic security and interests against risks that could result in loss or misuse of publicly funded knowledge.

Funding

The ORF will contribute a maximum of forty percent (40%) toward the total eligible costs. The research institution is responsible for obtaining at least sixty percent (60%) from the CFI, any private, not-for-profit or public sector funding partners, or its own resources. The maximum amount of an ORF-SIF award is $800,000.

Final determination of the level of provincial funding rests with the ORF. If the project cost decreases after the dates of the Ontario award, then the ORF contribution will decrease accordingly.

Grants received for a specific purpose from the Ontario government or from an Ontario government agency, or funding which has already fully leveraged Ontario government funding, cannot be used as an institutional contribution toward the project.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

Ontario institutions that are eligible to apply to the CFI John R. Evans Leaders Fund are also eligible to apply to the SIF. Researchers should contact the research office at their institution to learn about eligibility and the process to apply.

Eligible Infrastructure

An eligible infrastructure project involves the acquisition or development of research infrastructure to increase research capacity, allowing the pursuit of world-class research. The infrastructure will serve researchers and promote productive networks and collaboration.

Eligible Costs

Eligible costs are defined as the costs of acquiring or developing research infrastructure. Institutions must report the full cost of each item. The taxes net of credits received may be included. Taxes must not be calculated on an in-kind portion. At the application and award finalization stages, the expected cost at the anticipated acquisition date should be reported (i.e., consider expected price fluctuations). Examples of eligible and ineligible costs are provided below. Additional details of costs relating to personnel, construction or renovation and databases are provided in the following sections. Eligible and non-eligible costs associated with a specific competition are detailed in the call for proposals. If a particular item is not clearly defined as eligible or non-eligible, the CFI will consider the request on a case-by-case basis.

Examples of Eligible costs

- Research equipment and components
- Shipping, transportation and installation of research infrastructure, including brokerage fees, excise taxes and duties
- Warranties and/or service contracts

- Software subscriptions and licenses
- Laboratory furniture
- Communications infrastructure essential for the research activities described in the proposal

- Travel to a manufacturer, dealer or supplier to select research infrastructure (including costs of carbon offsets for travel)
- Initial training for the main operator(s) of the research infrastructure (It is expected that the main operator(s) will train other users. Alternatively, an initial group training session may be provided by the vendor at the institution.)
- Salaries (including benefits) of professional, technical and managerial personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in the design, engineering, manufacturing, installation, construction or renovation of the infrastructure
- Construction or renovation of space essential to house and use the infrastructure or to conduct the research activities described in the proposal
- Acquisition of a database or the time-limited design and development of a database to the point that it is ready for exploitation by a designated research community

Examples of Non-eligible costs:

- Purchase or lease of real property
- Infrastructure that is primarily used for teaching and/or clinical care (When infrastructure is dual purpose (e.g., research and clinical use), costs must be prorated accordingly.)
- Office furniture and supplies
- Internal fees for the use of CFI-funded infrastructure
- Operating costs related to the general maintenance and overhead of the research infrastructure and of the building or other facilities in which the research infrastructure is situated
- Supplies and consumables
- Trainee stipends (undergraduates, graduates and postdoctoral fellows) and researcher salaries
- Research-related costs (e.g., primary data collection, recruitment initiatives, publication fees)
- Conference travel
- Administrative costs not specifically listed as eligible costs

Expenditures are considered incurred when goods are received, services have been rendered or work has been performed.

All costs must adhere to the *Broader Public Sector Accountability Act – 2010*, including any procurement directives issued thereunder, to the extent applicable.

Final determination of an item's eligibility rests with the ORF, which may make eligibility subject to terms, conditions and limits as set out in the Grant Agreement.

The Ontario Research Fund–Research Infrastructure program stipulates that institutions that incur costs in advance of an Ontario approval do so at their own risk, in the event that provincial funding is not awarded.

Eligible Partner Contributions

Only contributions to the eligible costs of projects described above can be counted as partner contributions. The one exception is a donation of real property if it is deemed essential to the infrastructure project.

A specific partner contribution that has already been used to leverage or match funds for another capital project at the institution will not be recognized as an eligible matching contribution to the ORF-RI program.

The institution is responsible for ensuring that in-kind contributions from partners and cash expenditures incurred by the institution have taken place after the date of eligibility set for the Canadian Foundation for Innovation John R. Evans Leaders Fund in the funding agreement.

Eligible In-Kind Contributions

In-kind contributions are defined as non-monetary resources that external partners provide to eligible projects.

Eligible in-kind contributions include the value, in whole or in part, of:

- Capital items needed to bring the infrastructure into service that eligible external partners donate to the institution, such as equipment and facilities;
- Certain non-capital eligible costs needed to bring the infrastructure into service (e.g., professional services and training); and
- Title to real property to be transferred to the institution (unless ownership has been transferred to the institution at the time the application is submitted).

The ORF retains the right to determine eligibility of any in-kind contribution. ORF may make eligibility subject to terms, conditions and limit.

Assessing the Value of In-Kind Contributions

The ORF policy for assessing and documenting the value of in-kind contributions will be addressed in the Grant Agreement. As a general rule, the ORF will adopt CFI's policy.

The ORF reserves the right to make the final determination of the eligibility and value of in-kind contributions, to disallow expenditures, and reduce the ORF award. To avoid a situation where in-kind contributions may later be deemed ineligible or incorrectly valued, institutions are advised to contact Ministry staff early in the process to confirm the eligibility and valuation of an in-kind contribution

Advanced Research Computing Infrastructure

For the purposes of this competition, the Ministry will adopt CFI's definition of "advanced research computing infrastructure". Proposals that include advanced research computing infrastructure and related resources to carry out a research or technology development project are eligible. However, proposals that focus predominately on major, collective and shared advanced research computing infrastructure are not.

Investments in advanced research computing infrastructure are maximized when those resources are shared. For that reason, and similar to CFI's expectation that the Digital Research Alliance of Canada is consulted if applicants are planning to request advanced research computing infrastructure as part of their CFI application, the Ministry's expectation is that you have also consulted with [Compute Ontario](#) if advanced research computing infrastructure is being requested as part of the ORF application given Compute Ontario's role in helping to coordinate advanced research computing resources in Ontario. The engagement with Compute Ontario can take place at the same time you engage the Digital Research Alliance of Canada.

Application Process

Submission of Applications

Small Infrastructure Fund applications are available through the [Ontario Research Fund](#) website. Eligible institutions may apply for Ontario Research Fund small infrastructure funding by submitting:

- Complete the current electronic Ontario Research Fund – Small Infrastructure application form and submit it to the Ministry. Please do not submit scanned copies of the application form as these will not be accepted.
- The Ministry requires an electronic copy of the [Mitigating Economic and Geopolitical Risk Checklist for Ontario Research Fund Applications](#) as a separate document accompanying your ORF-SIF application.
- Ensure the application is signed by the Vice President of Research or other officer of the institution with the authority to bind the institution. A digital signature is preferable, however, should this not be possible a scanned signed signature page will be accepted.
- Submit a PDF copy of the corresponding John R. Evans Leaders Fund application to the Canada Foundation for Innovation, together with all supporting materials provided with the application, in PDF format.
- The Ministry requires a zipped file containing all the completed [Application Attestation Form for Researcher](#). The applicant (the lead institution in the application) is responsible for collecting all completed and signed Application Attestation Forms from all named researchers in the application, including the PI and providing the signed forms as a zipped file.

Important Dates

Applications for Ontario Research Fund – Small Infrastructure Fund should be submitted to the Ministry by the following dates:

- **June 7, 2024**
- **November 1, 2024**
- **March 7, 2025**

Note that ORF-SIF deadlines are timed just in advance of the expected CFI Board decisions on applications and may be subject to change.

When preparing an application, review and consider the following:

- Arial 12-point font is used.
- The pages are numbered.
- Adhere to the character limits restrictions specified in the application form. Note that spaces are counted as a character; however, figures, tables and references are not counted in the character limit.
- Use plain language and avoid technical jargon under the Project Brief and Summary sections.
- Attachment text must be in black and of letter quality.
- Attachments can include: letters of support, references, figures and tables, etc.

Information Sharing Between CFI and ORF

Before submitting an application to the ORF-SIF, institutions must complete and submit a "Release of Information by the Canada Foundation for Innovation to the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities" form, available from the Ministry (please contact ORFInfrastructure.Mailbox@ontario.ca to obtain this form). **Institutions that have already submitted this form do not need to resubmit.**

The release form ensures that institutions understand that:

- Applicants will be required to request that CFI release to the Ministry, on a Confidential basis, all review material related to the project;
- The proposal review carried out by the CFI will be an important component of the ORF-SIF assessment;
- It is necessary to streamline and harmonize the ongoing administration and monitoring of successful projects with the CFI;
- The CFI will release to ORF-SIF, on a confidential basis, ongoing progress and financial information;
- Ministry staff may attend financial monitoring/audit visits, as well as site visits to review project progress and impact; and
- Sharing of information with the Ministry begins immediately.

Assessment and Review Process

The expert review process to assess the scientific merits of proposals will be managed by CFI. The Ministry will accept the CFI Expert Review and subsequent CFI Board decisions to fund projects.

The Ministry assessment process consists of the following:

- Applications will be reviewed by ministry staff to ensure compliance with program guidelines;
- The CFI approved projects are further reviewed by the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN). SOLGEN reviews proposals for research security related due diligence;
- The results of the CFI Board funding decision and the SOLGEN review are provided to ORFAB. ORFAB incorporates all considerations into its affirmation of value and benefit to Ontario to the Minister of Colleges and Universities;

- The final funding decision rests with the Minister of Colleges and Universities. The Minister may approve applications, approve subject to terms and conditions, or decline applications at the Minister's sole discretion.

Other Project Requirements and Considerations

Intellectual Property (IP)

For the purposes of the program,, Intellectual Property(IP) refers to anything that may be protected by any intellectual property right including, but not limited to, works, performances, discoveries, inventions, trademarks (including trade names and service marks), domain names, industrial designs, trade secrets, data, tools, templates, technology (including software in executable code and source code format), Confidential Information as applicable, mask work, integrated circuit topographies, documents, or any other information, data, or materials and any expression thereof. For further information, please review the [Report: Intellectual Property in Ontario's Innovation Ecosystem](#).

The Ministry does not claim any ownership or rights to any IP resulting from ORF funded projects. Such rights are to be determined by the lead institution in accordance with its current IP policy. In cases where a consortium of applicants exists, the policy, as dictated in the Inter-Institutional Agreement between the consortium members, will dictate the IP policy.

The applicant should describe how ownership and disposition of any IP generated from the project will be determined. The Ministry may request a copy of the institutional and/or relevant IP policy. Applicants are expected to make mutually agreeable commercialization arrangements with their private sector partners.

IP Resources

The Ministry recognizes the important contribution you are making to your field of practice, as well as the potential commercial value that your ideas hold. Strengthening the ways that Ontarians use intellectual property to support the provincial and local economies is a key priority for our government.

In July 2020, the Ontario government announced the province's first [Intellectual Property Action Plan](#) , following the recommendations made by the [Expert Panel on Intellectual Property](#) . The IP Action Plan included a commitment, among others, to implement a Commercialization Mandate Policy Framework (CMPF) for Ontario's colleges and universities and was released in January 2022. The CMPF will help postsecondary institutions to adopt and implement policies and practices to better commercialize innovations, idea and products generated through "Ontario-made" research and innovation.

The IP Action Plan will drive the province's long-term economic competitiveness by prioritizing the generation, protection, and commercialization of IP. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with Ontario's intellectual property resources and opportunities for support from [Intellectual Property Ontario (IPON)](#), as well as those available through the [Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)](#) . Over the duration of the project, a member of the research team will be required to complete a foundational IP course provided through [University of Toronto – IP Education Program](#) or [CIGI – Foundations of IP Strategy](#).

For more resources see the following links:

- [Intellectual Property Institute of Canada – Courses and Events](#)
- [The European Patent Office](#)
  - [Materials and programs](#)
  - [Searching for Patents](#)
- [World Intellectual Property Organization - Resources](#)
- [Patentscope – Search for patents](#)

Protection of Intellectual Property

Applicants must implement the proper mechanisms for the protection of intellectual property in accordance with Ontario and Canadian legislation, if applicable, including without limitation the execution of nondisclosure and confidentiality agreements with personnel that are directly involved in the project.

Exploitation of Intellectual Property

Applicants shall use their best efforts to ensure that any intellectual property created or developed through ORF funded projects is exploited, including licensing, in a way that maximizes benefits for Ontario and Ontarians.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

The Ministry has committed to making equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) a priority through the integration of EDI principles into ORF funding opportunities.

The Tri-Agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS), through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), defines equity as the removal of systemic barriers and biases, to enact the practice of inclusion so that all individuals have equal access to and can benefit from the program.

To achieve this, TIPS states that institutions must embrace diversity, defined as differences in race, colour, place of origin, religion, immigrant and newcomer status, ethnic origin, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and age. Recognizing and valuing diversity and equity must be accompanied by concerted efforts to ensure the inclusion of diverse and underrepresented populations.

The research project should meaningfully engage members of underrepresented groups within the research and development team. Underrepresented groups include, but are not limited to, the five designated groups (women, Indigenous peoples, members of visible minorities, persons with disabilities and members of LGBTQ2+). The institution must strive to put in place the right conditions for each individual to reach their full potential.

Please use the [Creating an Equitable, Diverse and Inclusive Research Environment: A Best Practices Guide for Recruitment, Hiring and Retention](#) provided by TIPS to determine how best to address areas of improvement in your work environment and to develop equity, diversity and inclusion action plans.

Ethical, Safety and Integrity Requirements

Institutions are responsible for ensuring any experimentation will be acceptable on ethical and safety grounds.

- Research involving human subjects or human stem cells must comply with the [Tri-Council Policy Statements: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans – TCPS 2 (2022)](#).
- In the case of laboratory animal experimentation, the institution must comply with the [guidelines and policies of the Canadian Council on Animal Care](#).
- Institutions must ensure that any research involving databases containing personal information adheres to ethical and legal requirements relating to privacy, confidentiality and security of the database information.
- Any research involving biohazards must adhere to the standards outlined in the [Public Health Agency of Canada's Laboratory biosafety guidelines](#).
- Research involving radioactive materials must comply with [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regulations](#).
- Institutions must ensure compliance with the [Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications](#).
- The Ministry expects researchers and participating research institutions to maintain the highest standards of research integrity. Research institutions are expected to have and abide by policies and procedures that govern research integrity.

Research Involving the Indigenous Peoples of Canada

For research involving Indigenous peoples, applicants and researchers should familiarize themselves with [TCPS 2 (2022) – Chapter 9](#). The goal of Chapter 9 is to serve as a framework for the ethical conduct of research involving Indigenous peoples; it is offered in a spirit of respect. It is not intended to override or replace ethical guidance offered by Indigenous peoples themselves.

Research Security Requirements

The Ministry has developed a [Research Security Guidelines for Ontario Research Funding Programs (RS Guidelines)](#) outlining the detailed research security requirements and processes from the pre-application stage, the application and adjudication stages including possible risk mitigation processes, through to decisions on funding by

the Minister of Colleges and Universities.

If funding is awarded, successful applicants agree to carry out the project in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the transfer payment agreement to be entered into between the province of Ontario and the Applicant and for this contracting stage, certain research security details are described. Please review the RS Guidelines in conjunction with the ORF-SIF Program Guidelines when applying for funding under this program.

ORF Awards

Following the completion of the CFI's John R. Evans Leaders Fund adjudication processes, and the Ontario review process, the ORF Advisory Board will make funding recommendations to the Minister of Colleges and Universities, who will make final funding decisions. The Minister may approve applications, subject to terms and conditions, or decline applications at their sole discretion

Maximum time to implement projects

The ministry reserves the right to withdraw its support for projects not finalized within a reasonable time frame following ORF-SIF funding decisions based on the following table:

Award Finalization Expectation

Type of Project	Deadline to submit documents required to execute TPA
Co-funded by ORF-SIF and CFI	Within 60 days of CFI award finalization

Award Agreements

Approved applicants will enter into a Grant Agreement with the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. The Grant Agreement stipulates terms and conditions governing the payment of the ORF grant, including:

- Project budget;
- Project management;
- Communications strategies monitoring and reporting requirements, including annual progress reporting, audits and financial reports;
- Milestone and performance measures;
- Mode and schedule of payments; and,
- Contract termination.

Ownership and Control of Assets Funded by the ORF

Ownership and control of the assets acquired with the grant funds, including research equipment or buildings related to a funded ORF project, must remain with the institution for a minimum period of five years after acquisition and installation in the case of equipment, or five years from the date of occupancy in the case of a building.

In the case of a project with a multi-institutional composition or consortium, the inter-institutional agreement should dictate the arrangements made regarding the ownership, control and disposal of research equipment and other assets.

Research equipment and other assets must be located at an eligible research institution, unless it can be successfully shown that an alternate location provides the most effective placement of the equipment or other assets.

Any change in location requires a notification to the Ministry and may require the approval of the Ministry. It is important to ensure that a system is established to monitor the safe and secure use of ORF-funded assets.

Disbursement of Funds

Approved projects will be paid through a Request for Disbursement process. The ORF-SIF grant is subject to a holdback, which will be disbursed after the final ORF review of the project's impact, finances and fulfillment of project objectives.

This program may be subject to change. Grant disbursements are subject to the Ministry having an appropriation approved by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the fiscal year in which the disbursement is to be made.

Communications

To ensure continuity, consistency and open communication between the applicant and the ORF-SIF, the institution's research office staff and the assigned Ministry staff will coordinate any project-related discussions.

Program Contact

If you have questions about the ORF-SIF, please contact :

ORFInfrastructure.Mailbox@ontario.ca

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The Ministry is subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. F.31, as amended ("FIPPA"). Any information provided to the Ministry in connection with an application to the Ontario Research Fund Program may be subject to disclosure in accordance with the requirements of that Act or other laws.

When submitting an application, applicants may wish to consider clearly labelling or otherwise identifying any information being provided to the Ministry under this application that in their view may be considered confidential, commercially sensitive or proprietary information with reference to section 17 of FIPPA.

Applicants are asked not to provide any unsolicited personal information when completing the application form. If personal information is included in the application form, the applicant shall ensure that the individual to whom the information relates has been notified and provided with a copy of the Ministry's notice of collection of personal information, set out in Appendix B of these ORF-Small Infrastructure Fund Program Guidelines.

If you have any questions about the collection and use of your personal information, please contact:

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Appendix A: Canadian Research and Development Classification Codes

The Ministry has implemented the Canadian Research and Development Classification (CRDC), a system that provides a common approach to classifying research across institutions and governments. It was published by Statistics Canada on October 5, 2020.

The CRDC was developed through a collaborative effort by the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and Statistics Canada.

The CRDC includes all current sectors of research in Canada and supports a wide range of needs within the research and development ecosystem. It is modelled after the Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification and Frascati Model 2015 (from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) and aligns with international standards.

The three classifications in the Canadian Research and Development Classification (CRDC) are:

1. Type of Activity (TOA);
2. Fields of Research (FOR); and
3. Socio-economic Objective (SEO).

When completing your application, please refer to the CRDC guidelines and classification codes, available for download in HTML, CSV, and PDF formats (**CRDC 2020 Version 1.0 is now replaced by CRDC 2020 Version 2.0**):

- English: Canadian Research and Development Classification (CRDC) 2020 Version 2.0 (www.statcan.gc.ca)
- French: Classification canadienne de la recherche et développement (CCRD) 2020 version 2.0 (www.statcan.gc.ca)

Guidelines for classifying with the CRDC

This section must be completed fully prior to submitting the application to the Ministry.

Note: The applicant should use same CRDC codes as those listed in their CFI proposal.

1. Classifying by type of activity (TOA)

This way of classifying research refers to whether it is basic research, applied research or experimental development.

- The research project should be allocated to a single TOR (basic research, applied research or experimental development). TOA Codes can be found online using the links noted above. You must provide the alphanumeric code as well as the title/name of the TOA in the fields provide on the application form.
   Example:
   Code: RDT2   Division: Applied research

2. Classifying by field of research (FOR)

This way of classifying research includes major classes and related subclasses of research based on disciplines, knowledge sources, objects of interest, methods, processes, and techniques used in research and development activity. This is different from socioeconomic objectives, which refer to the purpose or outcome of the research and development activity.

- The research project should be allocated to a single FOR (major class and related subclass). FOR Codes can be found online using the links noted above.
- You must provide the alphanumeric code as well as the title/name of the FOR in the fields provide on the application form.
   Example:
   Level 1 Code: RDF10   Division: Natural Sciences
   Level 2 Code: RDF104   Group: Chemical sciences
   Level 3 Code: RDF10404   Class: Macromolecular and materials chemistry
   Level 4 Code (optional): RDF1040401   Subclass (Field): Characterization of materials

3. Classifying by socioeconomic objective (SEO)

This way of classifying research refers to the intended purpose or outcome of the research and development activity. This is different from fields of research, which refer to the disciplines, knowledge sources, objects of interest, methods, processes, and techniques used in the research and development activity in order to achieve objectives.

- The research project should be allocated to a single SEO (major class and related subclass). SEO Codes can be found online using the links noted above.
- You must provide the alphanumeric code as well as the title/name of the SEO in the fields provide on the application form.

    Example:
    Level 1 Code: RDS109   Division: Education

Appendix B: Notice of Direct and Indirect Collection of Personal Information

When an institution applies to a Ministry of Colleges and Universities, Operations Division, Science and Research Branch (Ministry), research funding program (Program), the application and documentation relating to the application may include the personal information of the principal investigator, any other researchers on a proposed project (co-investigators), and any other individuals that may be involved in the proposed project.

The Ministry directly and indirectly collects personal information contained in a Ministry Program application and in documentation relating to the application, such as the Application Attestation Form, the Mitigating Economic and Geopolitical Risk Checklist, and if an applicant undergoes a risk mitigation process, the Risk Mitigation Form and any additional information requested to assess research security. This personal information is collected pursuant to s. 6 of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade Act and s. 2 and s. 15 of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act.

This personal information is collected for the purposes of administering a Ministry Program. Administering the Program includes conducting research security assessments, conducting risk mitigation and attestations for high-risk projects, facilitating Ontario Research Fund Advisory Board (ORFAB) reviews, making funding determinations, and conducting performance assessments.

Information and documentation provided to the Ministry in, or in relation to, an application to a Ministry Program, including personal information, may be shared with Ministry staff and members of ORFAB for the purposes of administering the program. The information and documentation, including personal information, may also be disclosed to other ministries within the Government of Ontario, such as the Ministry of the Solicitor General, for the purpose of administering the program, including undertaking research security assessments.

For the following additional Ministry program forms:

- **Application Attestation Form**
- **Mitigating Economic and Geopolitical Risk Checklist**
- **Risk Mitigation Form**

In respect of the above-noted additional Ministry Program forms, information and documentation provided to the Ministry in these forms and any supplementary research security information requested in relation to an application to a Ministry Program, including personal information, may be shared with Ministry staff and members of ORFAB for the purposes of administering the program. The information and documentation, including personal information, may also be disclosed to other ministries within the Government of Ontario, such as the Ministry of the Solicitor General, for the purpose of administering the Program including undertaking research security assessments.

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