

Catalyst Fund

DEADLINES

Notice of Intent: March 31, 2021

Full Applications: June 1, 2021

The goal of the Catalyst Fund is to enhance areas of research excellence that are of strategic importance to the University by giving scholars an opportunity to accelerate their research programs.

Ten awards will be allocated, in the amount of \$25,000 with a funding period of two years. A minimum of six of the awards will be allocated to Early Career Researchers, defined as those who are within 10 years of their first academic appointment.

Who is eligible to apply?

Any Queen's tenured or tenure-track faculty member or clinical faculty member (with protected research time) can apply. Each project may be led by either a principal investigator or two co-investigators. Faculty members are limited to applying as a principal investigator or co-investigator on one project. Faculty members may be a co-applicant on a maximum of two projects. Principal investigators and co-investigators must hold Tri-Council funding or have applied for Tri-Council funding within the last two years of the application deadline.

Research Centre and Institutes, research teams, and applicants interested in developing international partnerships and/or collaborations are eligible to apply.

How will applications be adjudicated?

Full applications will be ranked based on the following criteria:

- Merit of the proposal and research excellence
- Training and Development of Highly Qualified Personnel
- Knowledge Mobilization Activity (if applicable)
- Excellence of the researcher

Review panels will be established to undertake the reviews and ranking, and make recommendations to the Vice-Principal (Research) for funding.



How to apply?

Notice of Intent

Interested applicants will need to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) by March 31, 2021. The NOI will not be adjudicated but will assist in the establishment of review panels for the full applications. The NOI is available [here](#).

Those who submit an NOI will receive an invitation to complete the University Equity Survey to assist with integration of equity, diversity and inclusion considerations into our internal funding programs.

Full Applications

Full applications are due June 1, 2021. The application template is available [here](#).

Using the application template, applicants are to propose a series of activities intended to accelerate their research program. The following will apply:

- Applicants will be asked to illustrate how their research focus supports one or more of the six Research Themes articulated in [Queen's Strategic Research Plan](#)
- Applicants will be asked to articulate the goals of their overall research program
- Applicants will need to demonstrate convincingly how the proposed research/scholarly activity will enhance their research program, support the training of HQP and have a knowledge mobilization impact (impact defined by applicants)
- Applicants will be asked to describe contributions towards the promotion of equity, diversity and inclusion in the research enterprise
- Include a proposed budget; there is no particular restriction on the nature of the activities except that they must conform to University policies on research eligible expenses

Successful projects

Successful projects will commence in June/July. At the end of the two-year funding period, researchers will need to submit a one to three-page report describing how they have met the criteria of the Catalyst Fund. If an application is unsuccessful, researchers may resubmit a revised project proposal in the next call for proposals for the Catalyst Fund.