

Introductory Webinar: Canada-Inuit Nunangat-United Kingdom Arctic Research Programme

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Please read the Programme Guide, available in the Toolbox on the Programme website: <https://frq.gouv.qc.ca/en/program/canada-inuit-nunangat-united-kingdom-arctic-research-programme/>

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM THE FIRST WEBINAR

1) Will the recording of the webinar be available after the event?

Ans: Yes, the recording will be made available on the Programme website, in section 5 – Networking.

From Carvalho, Filipa to Me: (Direct Message) 11:29 AM

hello. Will the recording be available after the event? I have to leave early

From Me to Carvalho, Filipa: (Direct Message) 11:30 AM

Yes, the recording will be made available on the FRQ website

2) Will answers to the questions during the webinar be shared with everyone?

Ans: Yes, answers to all questions received during the introduction webinars will be made available on the Programme website, in section 6 - FAQ.

From Luci Marshall to Everyone: 01:08 PM

Will you share those answers with all ?

From Conor Mallory to Everyone: 01:08 PM

answers will be shared on the FAQ on the website

3) Who can be a Principal Investigator (PI) from the Canadian side? Can they only come from an Inuit research organisation?

Ans: Inuit / Inuit representatives must be a Principal Investigator or Co-investigator. Each Funding Partner has their own criteria determining who can be a Principal Investigator or Co-investigator. Please refer to the terms and conditions specific to each Funding Partner (see section 4 – Key Resources, on the Programme website).

From Muhammad Shakir to Everyone: 12:35 PM

who can be PI from Canada side. Should they be only in Inuit research organisation?

From Pierre Legagneux to Everyone: 12:36 PM

I do have the same question

- 4) The call requires Inuit organisations or community representatives to be involved in each proposal. Is there a list of Inuit organisations available?**

Ans: You are encouraged to attend the June 30th webinar, *Building networks and partnerships*. Additional information may be found on the Programme website in section 5 - *Networking*. Any eventual list will be made available in this section.

From Muhammad Shakir to Everyone: 12:43 PM

call says "Inuit organisation or community representative involved as either principal or co-investigator." it has become very difficult for us to find out Inuit organisations so is there any list that would be great

- 5) Will it be possible to involve Inuit individuals that have expertise needed that are introduced from friends and previous contacts?**

Ans: Yes, although we do encourage the building of new relationships

From Carol Brown-Leonardi to Everyone: 01:07 PM

How possible is it to involve Inuit individuals that have expertise needed that are introduced from friends and previous contacts?

- 6) What can the various in-kind contributions/ support from the various organisations include?**

Ans: See section 7 - Description and Nature of Funding, in the Programme Guide

From Emma McKinley to Everyone: 12:43 PM

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Ah - Martin is answering my question for National Parks :)

- 7) Does the budget submitted on the proposal include overheads? If so, at what percentage should they be calculated?**

Ans: Inclusion / exclusion of overheads are according to the terms and conditions specific to each Funding Partner. See section 4 – Key Resources on the Programme website, or consult the Programme Guide.

From Celena to Everyone: 12:45 PM

my question is probably for FRQNT: does this grant submission includes overheads and if so at what percentage?

8) Is there a list of research stations and their facilities in Nunangat?

Ans: There are several resources available. The Canadian Network of Northern Research Stations (<http://cnro.ca>) lists the research stations in Canada. Also <https://eu-interact.org/field-sites/>

From Ben Murray to Everyone: 12:46 PM

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From Rowena Stern to Everyone: 12:46 PM

also second Ben Murray's question

From Maribeth Murray to Everyone: 12:48 PM

You can find research stations in Canada through the Canadian Network of Northern Research Stations: <http://cnro.ca>

From Pierre Legagneux to Everyone: 12:48 PM

Another source: <https://eu-interact.org/field-sites/>

9) Is there an indication of how many projects might eventually be funded?

Ans: It will depend on a number of factors, including number of eligible applicants, interest between the themes, amount requested by each team, etc. The available funding for this Call is approximately CAD 6,900,000 from the Canadian partners and £7,630,000 from the UKRI. For Canadian applicants, the total request for funding for each project cannot exceed CAD 600,000 for the 3 year period. For UK applicants, total request for funding for each project cannot exceed £545,000 (at 80% Full Economic Cost), for the 3 year period.

From Mike Heath to Everyone: 12:47 PM

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10) Can someone be a partner on more than one proposal?

Ans: It depends - full details about how many proposals one can be a part of can be found in the Programme Guide (See section 3.3 - Composition of Research Team).

From Gareth Phoenix to Everyone: 12:50 PM

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From Anne Barker to Everyone: 01:00 PM

Hi Gareth Phoenix. Short answer: it depends. Full details about how many proposals one can be a part of can be found in the programme guide.

11) Considering the pandemic and the call time-frame, how should researchers build new partnerships with Inuit organisations?

Ans: We encourage everyone to attend the June 30th webinar, *Building networks and partnerships*. Also, please sign-up to the Collaboration platform set-up by UKRI (<https://cinuarc.meeting-mojo.com>). More details about these are provided on the Programme website, in section 5 – Networking.

From Isabelle Laurion to Everyone: 12:53 PM

How to encourage NEW partnerships with Inuit organizations? (within the short term time frame of this call and considering pandemic difficulties)

12) Are you expecting partners with complementary skills or can they have similar expertise?

Ans: Projects are meant to be interdisciplinary, but having researchers with similar expertise is not a barrier to entry.

From Erkan Oterkus to Everyone: 01:02 PM

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From Conor Mallory to Everyone: 01:04 PM

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13) Is there a plan of action in case travel restrictions resulting from the pandemic are maintained or reinstated?

Ans: Successful applicants are expected to abide by travel restrictions set by governments. Should field work plans need to be amended, the Partners will work with the Research Team to evaluate options. In the event that travel is not possible for the annual Programme meeting, that meeting will be held virtually. The Programme duration is fixed.

From Normand Bergeron to Everyone: 12:55 PM

Hi, Normand Bergeron from INRS in Québec city. Is there a plan of action in case travel restrictions are maintained or reinstated?

14) If the Canadian and UK proposals are evaluated independently, what happens if only one side is successful?

Ans: Can/UK proposals are not evaluated independently, because it is one project proposal from both Principal Investigators, and Co-investigators.

From Greg Singer to Everyone: 12:49 PM

QUESTION: If the Canadian and UK proposals are evaluated independently, what happens if only one side is successful?

From Anne Barker to Everyone: 12:54 PM

Hi Greg Singer. Can/UK proposals are not evaluated independently, because it is one project proposal from the co-Principal Investigators.

15) Please could you explain which groups/groupings of people will evaluate the proposals?

Ans: Full Proposals will be evaluated by independent peer-reviewers, which will include Inuit reviewers as well. The process includes an individual review and a group review. The final selection will be made by the Funding Partners following recommendations and a balanced portfolio approach.

From Nick Rutter to Everyone: 01:01 PM

Hi Henry - could you provide any more information on the groups or groupings of people who will evaluate the proposals? Thanks, Nick

16) For the FRQNT funding, I realize there has to be a Quebec based researchers, but does the proposed field have to be in Quebec? Or anywhere in the Inuit Nunangat.

Ans: It is expected that the majority of research conducted by projects will take place within Inuit Nunangat. If any research is conducted outside of this area, it must demonstrate direct relevance to Inuit Nunangat.

From Philip Marsh to Everyone: 01:07 PM

Hi Henry - for the FRQNT funding, I realize there has to be a Quebec based researchers, but does the proposed field have to be in Quebec? Or anywhere in the Inuit Nunangat. Thanks Phil

From Janice Bailey - FRQNT to Everyone: 01:08 PM

Phil - just needs to have Québec researchers. Project can be anywhere in Inuit Nunangat

From Pauline Roy Université de Moncton to Everyone: 01:09 PM

you mean canadian researchers right?

17) Under Theme 2 on the Programme website (<https://frq.gouv.qc.ca/en/program/canada-inuit-nunangat-united-kingdom-arctic-research-programme>), there are suggestions of research. One being "house-scale renewable energy systems and storage". Does this exclude community-scale renewable energy systems and storage?

Ans: No, community scale energy supply is not eligible, however housing-scale level solutions are acceptable, as long as they relate to the impacts of climate change. Current NRC priority areas include housing, health, food and water. For additional information on these four topics please consult the complementary documentation provided by NRC and available on the Programme website, in section 5 - Networking ("What We Heard Reports").

From Nick Mercer, NG to Everyone: 12:50 PM

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18) Are research topics such as ocean acidification/anything from research vessels, which span the whole Canadian Arctic and are relevant to the Inuit but not to specific communities, being considered for funding?

Ans: Ocean topics must relate to research on coastal and near-shore marine environments in Inuit Nunangat, as well as impacts on Inuit and community health and well-being.

From Richard Sims to Everyone: 12:54 PM

For research topics which span the whole Canadian Arctic that are relevant to Inuit but not to specific communities e.g. ocean acidification/anything from research vessels being considered for funding?

From Conor Mallory to Everyone: 01:07 PM

Richard Sims - If I understand your question correctly, yes those projects are eligible and they will still require Inuit involvement.

19) Must proposals clearly sit under just one of the two core themes? If there is an overlap, how will the proposal be assessed?

Ans: For the Letter of intent (LOI), project relevance is independently assessed by theme. Please identify the theme to which the project is best suited. If it is judged that the theme was incorrectly identified, the LOI may be transferred to the other theme for further assessment, if the error on theme is evident.

From Sara Mynott to Everyone: 01:09 PM

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20) How is networking going to happen? We only have 6 weeks – how will you field enquiries as there will be many of us competing for your time?

Ans: That's where the importance of the networking/collaboration platform comes in (<https://cinuarc.meeting-mojo.com>). Also, please bear in mind that we will be publishing FAQs to assist with your queries (Programme website, section 6 – FAQ).

(Martin Soland)

21) Can the two sources of Canadian and UK funding be combined on the same project?

Ans: Yes, this is absolutely the point of these projects. Proposals are jointly evaluated, but then the Canadian researchers receive money from the Canadian funders and the UK researchers receive money from the UK funders, towards the same project.

22) Is the UK planning on bringing any of its assets to the Nunangat area? (for example, ships / planes / etc).

Ans: Not expecting any NERC ship use but people can apply for funding for large pieces of equipment and can request use of the plane.

(Donald McLennan)

23) This question was missed

(Luci Marshall)