



CANADA FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION

# College Fund Information Session

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# Agenda

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Fund objectives

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Application process

Review process



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# About the CFI

The Canada Foundation for Innovation makes financial contributions to Canada's universities, colleges, research hospitals and non-profit research organizations to increase their capability to carry out high-quality research.

The CFI invests in infrastructure that researchers need to think big, innovate and push the boundaries of knowledge. It helps institutions to attract and retain the world's top talent, to train the next generation of researchers and to support world-class research that strengthens the economy and improves the quality of life for all Canadians.

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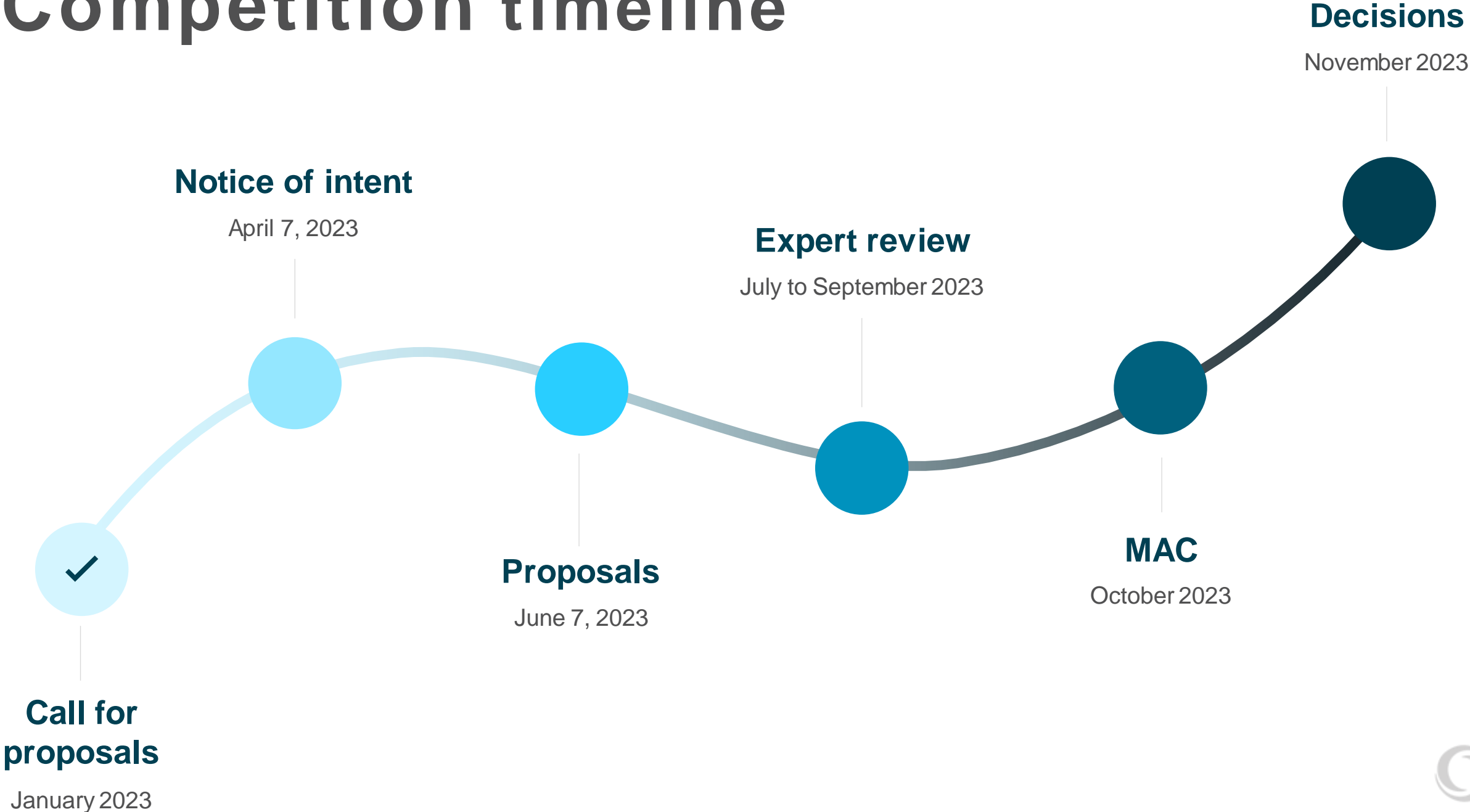
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## Objectives of the College Fund

- Create and enhance partnerships with the **public, private or not-for-profit** sectors that lead to innovation. These innovations must address **social, business, health or environmental** needs of a Canadian industry or **community**
- Enhance and optimize the proven applied research capacity of the college that is related to the proposed applied research or technology development activities
- Generate social, economic, health or environmental benefits locally or nationally including the development of highly qualified personnel.



# Competition timeline



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# Two-stage application process

Step 1  
(mandatory)

Notice of intent

CAMS  
KEY



Step 2

Proposal

CAMS  
KEY





# Notice of Intent

## Sections

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- Project information
- Team
- Project description (PDF attachment)
- At least six suggested reviewers

Note for Advanced research computing infrastructure: Consult with the Digital Research Alliance of Canada





# Proposal

## Modules

- Project →
- Finance
- Suggested reviewers

- Project information
- Plain language summary
- Project summary (PDF)
- Team
- Collaborating institutions
- Financial resources for O&M
- Assessment criteria (PDF)





# Proposal

## Modules

- Project
- Finance →
- Suggested reviewers

- Cost of individual items
- Construction/renovation plans (PDF), if applicable
- Contributions from eligible partners
- Infrastructure utilization
- Overview of infrastructure utilization



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## **Applied research or technology development**

The proposed applied research or technology development activities respond to clearly identified needs of an industry or community and have been developed in collaboration with partners to ensure the research achieves the intended outcomes.

### **Partnerships**

The institution has demonstrated its ability to build and maintain productive partnerships with an industry or community. The institution has identified partners for the planned applied research activities. The institution has a plan to stimulate new partnerships with the industry or community.

# 2

Enhance and optimize the capacity of institutions and research communities to conduct the proposed research or technology development program(s) over the useful life of the infrastructure

## **Infrastructure**

The requested infrastructure is necessary and appropriate to conduct the proposed applied research activities. It enhances and integrates with the college's existing applied research capacity. The infrastructure will be optimally used and maintained to ensure continued collaborations with, and relevance to, the industry or the community.

## **Team**

The team comprises the breadth of expertise and experience needed to conduct the proposed applied research activities and operate the requested infrastructure.

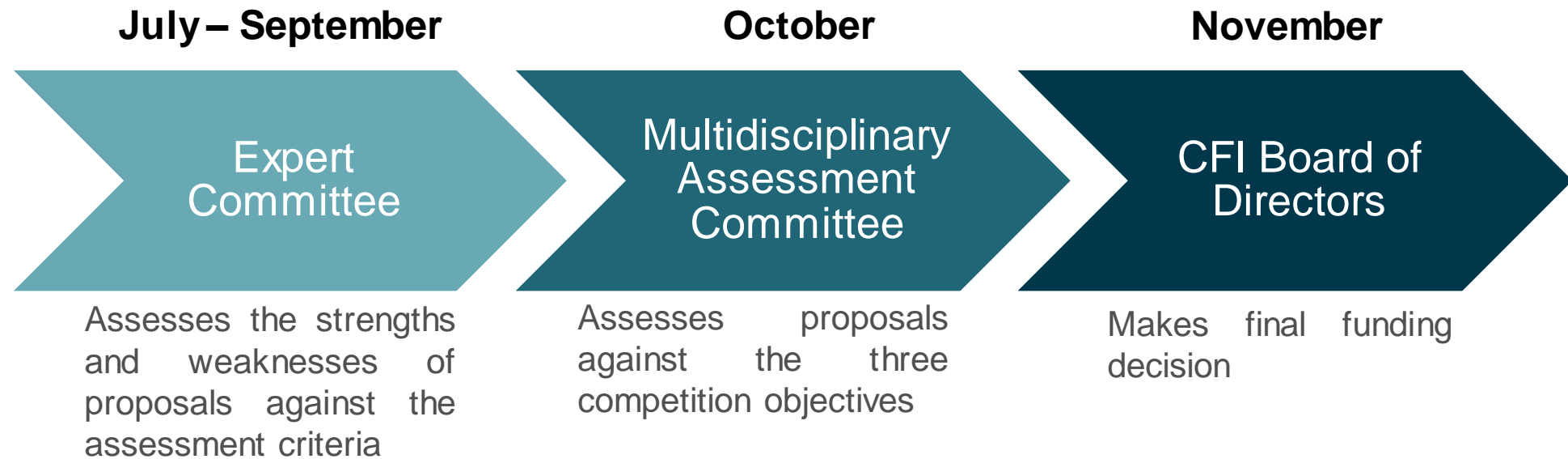
# 3

Generate social, economic, health or environmental benefits locally or nationally including the development of highly qualified personnel

## **Benefits**

The proposed activities are likely to lead to social, economic, health or environmental benefits at the local or national level. The proposed activities will enable the development of highly qualified personnel

# Merit review process





# Questions

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