



The First Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership (CCSIP) Call for Proposals (CFP) for Collaborative Initiatives between California and Canada

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The Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership (CCSIP), a catalyst for collaborative Research, Development and Delivery (RD&D) between two innovation-intensive jurisdictions, together with the University of California and participating Canadian universities is pleased to announce its first university-led *Call for Proposals for Collaborative Research Initiatives between Canada and California*.

These organizations are allocating US\$2 million to this CFP **to stimulate novel ideas, and catalyze the development of innovative multi-campus and multi-disciplinary research and educational collaborations** between the two jurisdictions.

Eligibility:

Each proposal must include a Principal Investigator (PI) from a *participating* Canadian university¹, and a PI from the University of California system.

The PIs must provide letters of support from their co-applicants' Vice President, Research or a similar authority, that confirms the availability of funds required to support their share of the proposed budget (either directly from the collaborating university, company or other organization, or an alternate sponsor).

In Canada: The Vice President, Research of the participating Canadian university of the PI in question must approve a proposal before it is submitted to this CFP. Proposals may include co-applicants from *non-participating* Canadian universities, however, they must have explicit support from their Vice President, Research to contribute to the proposal, and secure appropriate funding from their university or an alternate sponsor to cover their associated expenses.

In California: Researchers, faculty members and technical staff with Principal Investigator (PI) status with the University of California (any campus) are eligible to apply to this CFP. For additional information on PI guidelines at the University of California, please visit: <http://www.ucop.edu/raohome/cgmanual/chap01.html#1-500>

¹ A current list of participating Canadian universities may be found in Appendix A of the CFP document

Co-applicants: Proposals may include co-applicants from government institutes and laboratories, crown corporations, affiliated research hospitals, research centers, associations and companies. Please note: these co-applicants are not eligible to be a PI under this CFP and they must provide a letter of support that confirms the availability of funds required to support their share of the proposed budget (either directly from the collaborating university, company or other organization, or an alternate sponsor).

Type of Proposals Requested:

Under this CCSIP CFP, financial support is available for two types of bilateral initiatives, including:

- **The conduct of focused round tables, workshops and/or symposia** that lead to novel methods or approaches of research collaboration. These proposals should request \$15,000 to \$50,000 in total funding².
- **Development and delivery of a detailed R&D business plans** for early-stage bilateral initiatives that help to propel the concept to the next stage of development (following the conduct of workshops and associated research). These proposals should request about \$100,000 in total funding.

Focus of Proposals:

Bilateral university research teams are encouraged to put forward short proposals for collaborative initiatives that aim to address key priorities shared by California and Canada, capitalize on the complementary strengths of both jurisdictions and emphasize delivery to the market place. This may include the establishment of bilateral R&D consortia, the structuring of Canada-California Centres of Excellence and the creation of new working relations between university systems, in addition to other collaborations.

When CCSIP was first established, the Steering Committee identified broad, initial priorities such as Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine; Information and Communications Technologies; Advanced Transportation and Energy; Nanotechnology; Infectious Diseases; Venture Capital and Intellectual Property; and the Development of Highly Qualified Personnel. Drawing on the more focused themes of the 2008 CCSIP Summit on October 27, 2008, teams may propose bilateral initiatives in areas that include, but are not limited to: Carbon Capture and Sequestration, Green IT, Infectious Diseases, Next-Generation Digital Media and Sustainable Biofuels. Please note: these themes represent potential topics for consideration; CFP applicants are welcome to propose novel bilateral initiatives outside of these areas.

Selection Criteria:

Proposals will be assessed and selected on the basis of highest quality, and the degree to which the following criteria are clearly and definitively addressed. All proposals should:

- Demonstrate the value of bilateral collaboration over a unilateral approach, including the anticipated benefits to both Canada and California
- Describe the novelty and quality of the proposed initiative
- Articulate the downstream potential for technology transfer or delivery to market, for example: yield concrete outcomes such as the development of highly qualified people or other commercially-oriented outputs
- Demonstrate the capacity of the project team to manage and conduct the proposed initiative
- Present a high-level plan that outlines key milestones, financial and human resources

² Includes funds from both Canadian and Californian sponsors

Specifications for Letters of Intent and Complete Proposals:

- **Letters of Intent (LOI)** should not exceed one page in length
- **Complete proposals** should not exceed seven pages in length, with a maximum of 20 pages of supporting information in appendices

Evaluation Process:

The Call will be jointly managed by the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) and International Science and Technology Partnerships Canada (ISTPCanada), each with responsibility for management of the CFP process in their respective jurisdiction. UCOP and ISTPCanada will create a bilateral Canada-California Adjudication Panel that will review and evaluate applications. This panel will provide a list of recommended bilateral initiatives to the CCSIP Steering Committee for final review and approval of recommended funding allocations.

Deadlines:

- **Letters of Intent: February 27, 2009; 2PM PST**, UCOP and ISTPCanada will announce all selected Letters on **March 16, 2009**
- **Requested Proposals: May 1, 2009, 2PM PST**
- **Funding Decisions:** The CCSIP Steering Committee, together with UCOP and ISTPCanada, expect to announce funding for all successful bilateral initiatives by **July 1, 2009**

How to Apply:

Initial information on the CFP application process may be found online at: <http://www.ccsip.org/>; <http://www.istpcanada.ca/>; http://www.ucop.edu/research/ccsip_cfp.html

Detailed instructions on the submission of Letters of Intent and complete proposals will be posted on **January 21, 2009**. Applicants will be required to submit their LOI and proposal electronically and *simultaneously* to both UCOP and ISTPCanada.

Additional Information:

Additional information about this CCSIP CFP is available online at:

<http://www.ccsip.org/>; <http://www.istpcanada.ca/>; http://www.ucop.edu/research/ccsip_cfp.html

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