

**\*\* Please note that your Faculty may set additional internal deadlines.  
Please check with your home faculty. \*\***

NOI and APPLICATION DEADLINES – 2020 Summer/Fall NFRF EXPLORATION Competition	
A) NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) - Required	<p>August 12, 2020 by/before <b>5:00PM</b> -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to <a href="mailto:researchoffice@uwo.ca">researchoffice@uwo.ca</a> a complete PDF copy of your NOI downloaded from the Convergence Portal (complete PDF drafts accepted) for administrative review.</li> <li>A ROLA proposal is <u>not</u> required at this stage.</li> </ul> <p>August 18, 2020 by/before <b>2:00PM</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit your final NOI in the Convergence Portal. <i>(Western Research must forward the NOI to NFRF on your behalf.)</i></li> </ul>
B) APPLICATION	<p>October 9, 2020 by/before <b>2:00PM</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to <a href="mailto:researchoffice@uwo.ca">researchoffice@uwo.ca</a> a copy of the complete PDF copy of your Application downloaded from Convergence Portal (complete drafts accepted) for administrative review/approvals.</li> <li>Submit corresponding <u>ROLA</u> proposal for e-approvals</li> </ul> <p>October 20, 2020 by/before <b>2:00PM</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit your final, completed Application in the <u>Convergence Portal</u> <i>(Western Research must forward the Application to NFRF on your behalf.)</i></li> </ul>

*\* Note: As detailed above, at each stage of this Exploration competition, your proposal is routed to Western Research when you click "submit" in the Convergence Portal. We must forward the NOI and Application to the sponsor on your behalf.*

## Special Notes

a) **Participation limitations:** Individuals may participate in **ONLY ONE** Exploration stream application or grant at one time. That is -

1) individuals can participate in only one application as either an **Nominated Principal Investigator (NPI)**, a **Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)** or a **Co-Applicant**, AND

2) individuals **cannot participate** in any of these roles if they are a grantee or co-grantee on an *active* Exploration grant.

The above restrictions do not apply to **Collaborators**. These restrictions also do not apply to the NFRF Transformation and International streams. An individual may simultaneously apply as, or be an award holder as, an NPI, Co-PI or Co-Applicant for grants under separate streams (*Exploration, Transformation and International*).

b) **Minimum two eligible participants:** In order to submit your NOI, you must identify at least one other eligible participant, in addition to yourself. You may add more participants at the Application stage of the competition.

**Note:** Upon submission of the NOI, **eligible participants cannot be modified**.

c) Both **established** researchers and **early career** researchers may apply.

d) For a proposal to be considered to be **led by early career researchers (ECRs)** both the NPI and Co-PI (if applicable) must qualify as ECRs. The definition of an ECR, along with instructions for verifying ECR status, are included in the Exploration Competition information page (see NFRF link in next section). If you require assistance in assessing, please contact [researchoffice@uwo.ca](mailto:researchoffice@uwo.ca), or your faculty research office.

### More Links to Information

Information and useful links about the Summer/Fall 2020 Exploration Competition are now available on the [Research Western Website](#).

NOIs and Applications are submitted through the [Convergence Portal](#).

NFRF's detailed instructions about applying (both stages) and other resources are available [here](#).

Please direct questions to: [researchoffice@uwo.ca](mailto:researchoffice@uwo.ca)

Best Regards,

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