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# New CFI program architecture

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# Overview

New Program Architecture includes:

- College-Industry Innovation Fund (\$25M)
- Leaders Opportunity Fund (\$140M)
- Leading Edge and New Initiatives Funds (\$155M)
- Infrastructure Operating Fund (\$95M)
- Major Science Initiatives (\$185M)



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## College-Industry Innovation Fund

- \$25 million
- December 2010 : Call for proposals on CFI website
- Participation from private sector required
- Collaboration with other partners is also encouraged (e.g. universities)



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## Leaders Opportunity Fund

- \$140 million for the periods 2012-13 and 2013-14
- Institutional envelopes (institutions receiving more than 0.2% of sponsored research funding)
- Small Institution Fund (smaller institutions receiving less than 0.2% of sponsored research funding)



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## Leaders Opportunity Fund

LOF and the Canada Excellence Research Chairs  
(CERC):

- Flexibility to apply when convenient
- One time application per CERC
- Up to \$ 2M (\$800K CFI) per application
- Expert committee
- Form available mid-January 2011



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## 2011 Leading Edge and New Initiatives Funds (LEF/NIF)

- \$155 million
- To be launched by December 2011
- Funding beginning in fiscal year 2012-13

### **Challenges:**

- Significantly reduced funding envelope
- Focus on sustaining previous CFI investments



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## LEF/NIF 2011

### Consultation Objectives:

1. To launch a LEF/NIF competition by December 2011
2. To ensure that the next LEF/NIF competition has a “primary focus on keeping previous investments of the Foundation leading edge”



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## LEF/NIF 2011

### Consultation Objectives (continued):

3. To ensure that the success rate of applications is commensurate with the amount of effort that is required to prepare a CFI application



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## Major Science Initiatives (MSI)

- \$185 million for up to five years (from 2012/13 to 2016/17) of predictable operating support to qualifying facilities
- Only a few select MSIs to be eligible under this program
- Defined eligibility criteria
- The CFI will provide up to 40% of the total operating costs of an MSI



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# Questions?

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