GLOBAL CALL LETTER OF INTENT FORM

This document is provided for reference only. All applications must be submitted through the online application portal. Applications received by other means will not be considered.

To complete the LOI Form, please begin by entering information about you and answering a few questions about your LOI. Please provide responses related the LOI Selection Criteria in the corresponding fields. Note that this application form does not support rich text in the textboxes. Please remember to save your progress regularly.

SECTION 1: PRINCIPAL APPLICANT DETAILS

*First Name: ____________________________  Middle Name (optional): ____________________________

*Last Name: ____________________________

*Phone Number: ______________________  *E-mail Address: ____________________________

Assistant’s Name (optional): ____________________________

Assistant’s E-mail Address (optional): ____________________________

*Affiliation / University where you normally work: ____________________________

*Title/Position: ____________________________

*Area of Research Expertise: ____________________________

*Select the country in which your primary institution is located: [Select country from dropdown list.]

TITLE OF LOI: ____________________________

Please select all keywords that apply to your LOI across Natural Sciences, Technology and Health, and Social Sciences and Humanities.

☐ Agriculture  ☐ Criminology  ☐ Literature
☐ Anthropology  ☐ Data Science  ☐ Materials Science
☐ Archeology  ☐ Demography  ☐ Mathematics
☐ Astronomy & Cosmology  ☐ Development Studies  ☐ Neuroscience
☐ Atmospheric Science  ☐ Earth and Planetary Sciences  ☐ Philosophy
☐ Biochemistry  ☐ Economics  ☐ Physics
☐ Bioinformatics  ☐ Education  ☐ Political Science
☐ Biology  ☐ Engineering  ☐ Psychiatry
☐ Biomedical Sciences  ☐ Environmental Science  ☐ Psychology
☐ Biophysics  ☐ Gender Studies  ☐ Public Health
☐ Chemistry  ☐ Geography  ☐ Public Policy
☐ Classics  ☐ Geology  ☐ Religious Studies
☐ Climate Science  ☐ History  ☐ Sociology
☐ Communication and Media Studies  ☐ Law  ☐ Urban Studies
☐ Computer Science  ☐ Linguistics
Do you have a researcher based at a Canadian institution on your core team?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

☐ YES, I have read and understand CIFAR’s Privacy Policy and Notice of Disclosure.

CIFAR may include a general description of applications on our website, in press releases, and in other marketing materials. CIFAR may share information you provide to us with third parties, external reviewers, potential partners, and donors. Disclosure of information is subject to CIFAR’s Privacy Policy.
☐ I agree

SECTION 2: APPLICATION DETAILS

LAY SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RESEARCH (250 WORDS):
Describe your proposed research in a way that is accessible to a lay audience. Indicate the significance of the proposed research and how this work will impact our understanding of the world.

RESEARCH SIGNIFICANCE (1500 WORDS):
Describe the research question or challenge to be addressed in the proposed research program and how this challenge requires sustained collaboration through an international, interdisciplinary research network. Provide a brief overview of the current state of knowledge in this topic area. Describe how this research program will add value to the work happening globally, including how this interdisciplinary effort is distinct from existing research efforts addressing similar questions. Describe how the proposed research program has the potential to impact our understanding of the world.
KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION (500 WORDS):

A key component of a CIFAR research program is a program-driven Knowledge Mobilization plan to create broader societal impact throughout the duration of the program. Describe potential areas or issues, in health and well-being, industry and technology, and/or policy and society, that the proposed research program may impact through cross-sectoral conversations and two-way exchanges that are long-term and iterative. Identify nonacademic perspectives (from industry, public sector, civil society or clinical practice) that can inform the development of the proposed program's research agenda and Knowledge Mobilization plan. Please include any specific stakeholders (individuals or organizations), within or outside of your existing networks, who may be invited to participate in such engagements.

EXCELLENCE OF RESEARCH TEAM (500 WORDS):

Identify your team of researchers and clearly outline how each proposed member will contribute their own unique expertise necessary for addressing the research challenge. Describe how your interdisciplinary team is ideal to address the research question being proposed. Include a plan for inclusivity within the program’s membership.

POTENTIAL LEADERSHIP (500 WORDS):

Identify potential Co-Directors for your research team and describe how the proposed leadership demonstrates a history of promoting openness to new ideas and disruptive thinking. Overview how the proposed Co-Directors of the program have demonstrated a clear commitment to research impact and collaboration, and if applicable, have previous experience working with or leading a diverse, interdisciplinary team of world-class researchers.
ALIGNMENT WITH CIFAR (500 WORDS):
Describe why a CIFAR effort, based around global, deep collaboration, would produce unique and important progress towards advancing the current state of research related to the identified research question. Articulate how CIFAR support will add value to the pursuit of the identified research challenge, including how CIFAR’s model of supporting international engagement over a sustained period of time will contribute to developing transformative knowledge.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) (500 WORDS):
CIFAR is committed to EDI, as evidenced by the EDI Action Plan and the endorsement of the Dimensions Charter. Please indicate how equity, diversity and inclusion considerations have factored into your proposed research program. If EDI has not been considered, please explain why.

EDI DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY
All applicants are required to complete a brief anonymous demographic survey; however, you may opt-out of answering any question by selecting the “Prefer not to say” option.

The survey is administered by third party provider Diversio. Individual responses will not be shared directly with CIFAR. Your responses to this survey will be used only to produce aggregate statistical data to enable CIFAR to understand the diversity of the population participating in its programs and activities. This will enable CIFAR to monitor its progress on advancing EDI, to recognize and remove barriers, and to design new measures to achieve greater EDI in research environments.

☐ As Principal Applicant, I confirm my team has completed the separate EDI self-identification questionnaire.
SECTION 3: CORE TEAM MEMBERS

Please provide information about your team members. A minimum of 4 additional team members is required. The Principal Investigator of the LOI is not to be included in this section.

CORE TEAM MEMBER 1

*First Name: ____________________________  *Last Name: ____________________________  

*Affiliation: ____________________________  *Title/Position: ____________________________  

*Select the country in which your primary institution is located: Select country from dropdown list.  

*Area of Research Expertise: ____________________________  

*E-mail Address: ____________________________  

CORE TEAM MEMBER 2

*First Name: ____________________________  *Last Name: ____________________________  

*Affiliation: ____________________________  *Title/Position: ____________________________  

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CORE TEAM MEMBER 3

*First Name: ____________________________  *Last Name: ____________________________  

*Affiliation: ____________________________  *Title/Position: ____________________________  

*Select the country in which your primary institution is located: Select country from dropdown list.  

*Area of Research Expertise: ____________________________  

*E-mail Address: ____________________________  

CORE TEAM MEMBER 4

*First Name: ____________________________  *Last Name: ____________________________  

*Affiliation: ____________________________  *Title/Position: ____________________________  

*Select the country in which your primary institution is located: Select country from dropdown list.  

*Area of Research Expertise: ____________________________  

*E-mail Address: ____________________________
CORE TEAM MEMBER 5
*First Name: ___________________________  *Last Name: ___________________________

*Affiliation: ___________________________  *Title/Position: ___________________________

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*Area of Research Expertise: ___________________________

*E-mail Address: ___________________________

CORE TEAM MEMBER 6
*First Name: ___________________________  *Last Name: ___________________________

*Affiliation: ___________________________  *Title/Position: ___________________________

*Select the country in which your primary institution is located:  Select country from dropdown list.

*Area of Research Expertise: ___________________________

*E-mail Address: ___________________________

CORE TEAM MEMBER 7
*First Name: ___________________________  *Last Name: ___________________________

*Affiliation: ___________________________  *Title/Position: ___________________________

*Select the country in which your primary institution is located:  Select country from dropdown list.

*Area of Research Expertise: ___________________________

*E-mail Address: ___________________________

CORE TEAM MEMBER 8
*First Name: ___________________________  *Last Name: ___________________________

*Affiliation: ___________________________  *Title/Position: ___________________________

*Select the country in which your primary institution is located:  Select country from dropdown list.

*Area of Research Expertise: ___________________________

*E-mail Address: ___________________________
SECTION 4: SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL
Please upload the following information as a PDF or Word document:
- Literature cited in the LOI
- Short CVs for all team members (Max. 2 pages per individual. CIFAR will not consider CV content beyond the first 2 pages.)

SECTION 5: SUGGESTED REVIEWERS
Provide three suggested arm's-length reviewers fit to review your LOI, including their name, affiliation, E-mail address, and research expertise. These can be the same or different from the reviewers suggested at the registration stage.
Please remember to save your progress regularly.

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