

## New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) – [Exploration 2025 Timeline](#)

The NFRF Exploration Stream includes a two-stage application process: a mandatory unadjudicated Notice of Intent (NOI) and application.

Phase	Activity	Responsibility	Deadline
<b>Optional information webinar, Test Your Concept (TYC) and EDI sessions</b>	NFRF Webinar re: competition and NOI process for researchers; join using link on <a href="#">NFRFE-2024 webpage</a>	NFRF, PI	May 22, 2025 FR: 8:00 – 10:00 am EN: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
	<b>Optional</b> Building EDI Plans for NFRF online lunch ‘n learn; <a href="#">registration</a> required	PI	May 20: 12:00 – 1:30pm
	<b>Optional</b> <a href="#">Test Your Concept</a> (with <a href="#">SUPPORT</a> ); limited availability Register by email to <a href="mailto:ipd@ucalgary.ca">ipd@ucalgary.ca</a>	PI	By 9am May 16 (TBD)
	<b>Optional</b> Test Your Concept sessions (exact dates/times to be confirmed by Research Services following registration)	SUPPORT, RSO	May 27 – June 12 (TBD)
<b>Notice of Intent (NOI)</b>	Submit NOI to RSO via <a href="#">Convergence Portal</a> (No RMS approval required at NOI)	PI	<b>By 9:00 am August 12, 2025</b>
	Submit NOI via Convergence Portal	RSO	August 19, 2025
<b>Full application development and submission</b>	Convergence Portal opens for full application	NFRF	August 26, 2025
	<b>Optional</b> detailed administrative review: submit draft to RSO via Convergence Portal	PI	<b>By 9:00 am October 7, 2025</b>
	Submit application to RSO for final review via <a href="#">Convergence Portal</a> ; approvals complete within <a href="#">RMS</a>	PI	<b>By 9:00 am October 14, 2025</b>
	Conduct administrative review and obtain institutional signoff	RSO	October 14 – 21
	Submit full application via Convergence Portal	RSO	By October 21, 2025
<b>Results</b>	Results announced and grant start date	NFRF	By March 31, 2026

\*Applicants may participate in an **optional** “Test Your Concept” comprising UCalgary researchers who have experience with NFRF, to receive friendly feedback on developing Exploration proposals. Time slots are first-come, first-served.