



Fisheries and Oceans Canada Science Funding Opportunities Letter of Intent 2025-26

This Letter of Intent (LOI) is to be used by applicants seeking funding for research projects that will increase the pool of scientific knowledge aligned with DFO research priorities listed on the [website](#) of the current Open Call.

LOIs are meant to be brief and are generally used by applicants to express interest in submitting a full application for funding under a priority area. They serve to reduce the level of effort required by both applicants and reviewers, compared to a process where all participants are required to apply to a program using fully detailed project proposals.

While all applicants will be advised as to the selection of their LOI, a full project proposal and budget will be requested only from those LOIs that are best aligned with the objectives and program priorities. Notification of selected LOIs will be provided to applicants on or before **February 10, 2025**.

All sections of this LOI form must be completed. Please do not include images, maps or tables.

Please refer to the [FAQ](#), [program application webpage](#), as well as the [application guidance document](#) should you require more information on how to complete the form, as well as on any other requirement. Questions specific to this form may be addressed to DFO.EOSGCSecretariat-SecretariatSCSEO.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. **Note:** JavaScript must be enabled.

1. Organization Name and Contact information: Detail the applicant's organisation email address and phone number.

Click to enter text

2. Project Title:

Click to enter text

3. Type of Applicant: Review the list of eligible recipient types in Section 5 of our [Application Guide](#) and select the most appropriate category.

*Note: Indigenous Organization or group includes the following: First Nations/Inuit/Métis; Bands/Settlements (land, reserves, trusts); Indigenous governments referred to in a self-government or modern treaties; Indigenous communities or groups; District Councils/Chiefs' Councils/ Tribal Councils; Organizations/Societies/Associations/Institutions that are Indigenous led and/or serve an Indigenous population; and Corporations where the major shareholder is Indigenous

Please select from the drop-down menu
Choose an item.



4. DFO Contribution Funding Priority Area: Identify the Fisheries and Oceans Science contribution priority area to which this application is directed. Please select no more than a single priority area for each LOI submission.

Please select from the drop-down menu
Choose an item.

5. Project Team Members: Identify the project lead and team members. For each member include their names (first and last), title, affiliation, complete address, phone number and email address. (if more than three members, provide the same information for each additional member on a separate page)

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6. Project Team Members-Current or Former DFO Employees: Indicate whether the project team includes current or former DFO employees. If applicable, please provide their names (first and last) and the approximate year of their most recent employment with DFO.

Yes No

Click to enter text



7. Location of Project: Include the province/territory, city or municipality, and if applicable name of water body.

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8. Species and Life Stages: Please detail the species and life stages to be studied (if applicable) and indicate if permits are required.

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9. Project Description: (word limits have been suggested for each section – responses that exceed the word limit may not be fully considered)

Since it will take some time for DFO to both complete its review of a proposed project and negotiate the terms of a contribution agreement with your organization, the starting date of the proposed project (section 9.c. of the LOI) must take into account the timing of activities that would be undertaken if the proposed project was approved for funding. This also means that the budget of the proposed project must only include costs that would be incurred no less than at least 12 weeks from the date the **full application** is submitted to DFO for consideration. **Given this timing, it is strongly recommended that activities should commence on or after June 1, 2025.**

a) Project overview (plain language) including main project goal(s) and objective(s) (250 words)

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b) Project description including main activities, methodologies, and a highlight of project aspects requiring DFO funding (500 words)

c) Timeline estimates including project start and end date (250 words)

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<p>d) Anticipated results and associated benefits. Please ensure linkages to program's research priority(ies) are included (500 words)</p>	<p>Click to enter text</p>
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10. Budget Estimate: Include the total funding requested per year and the anticipated DFO in-kind contribution. To review the maximum amount of yearly funding for each Priority Area, click [here](#). **Note:** ERS and MCT Programs are only eligible for funding in fiscal year 2025-26.

Fiscal Year	Amount of DFO Funding Requested	Amount of DFO in-kind contribution
FY 2025-26	\$	\$
FY 2026-27	\$	\$
FY 2027-28	\$	\$
Total DFO support	\$	\$

11. Other Contributions: Detail the funding amount (cash and in-kind) provided by other sources than DFO for the overall project duration. Funding should include applicant's own contribution toward the project (if applicable).

Name of the organisation/group/individual	Amount
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Total Other Contributions	\$
12. Confirmation:	
Completed by:	Enter name
Date:	Click to enter text
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that this letter of intent has been completed to the best of my knowledge.	