



NMIN Strategic Initiative (SI)

Funding: Research, Commercialization, Knowledge Translation/Mobilization

## **SI Rapid Response Application Guidelines**

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## A. Overview

NMIN's Strategic Initiative (SI) program focuses on supporting just-in-time research development, commercialization and knowledge mobilization/transfer opportunities that arise in-year and/or require a rapid response in order to generate, promote or accelerate the economic and social benefits of previous or new NMIN or related research investments. These funds are intended to provide support for research, post-discovery commercialization, business planning and knowledge dissemination, mobilization, or translation activities. The projects must be scaled to be achievable within a one-year/12-month timeframe and be aligned with NMIN's mission and vision. Ideally, the SI will be undertaken in partnership with NMIN partners, stakeholders, and/or end-user organizations.

NMIN will consider support for proposed projects that can be completed within a period of one year, and that include, but are not limited to, at least one of the following objectives:

1. Facilitation of projects that provide strategic added value to NMIN-funded research and development initiatives, as well as nanomedicine-related contributions to non-NMIN funded initiatives. **Preference will be given to projects that are related or add value to existing NMIN funded projects.** (Refer to NMIN's [Project Database](#).)
2. Development of a business plan towards facilitating a commercial legacy for NMIN research investments/teams.
3. Contribution to the translation, mobilization and/or application of NMIN-funded research findings to accelerate Canadian innovation, productivity and economic competitiveness and/or improve the quality of life for Canadians.
4. Development of policy frameworks, national strategies, tools, technologies, products, and/or services arising from NMIN research and/or aligned with NMIN's vision and mission.

Budgets may be requested for a **maximum of one year** to a **maximum value of \$50,000.00**. All funding commitments are subject to change based on a review of NMIN funding recipients' progress towards approved milestones and deliverables. Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate **matching partner support** with a desired **ratio of 2:1 (Partner : NMIN)**, though NMIN recognizes that not all projects will realize the targeted degree of leveraged funding. Partnerships and leveraged support secured by proposals at the time of application will be reviewed and evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**Preference will be given to projects that leverage partner support and that bring together multiple institutions as well as multi-disciplinary teams.**

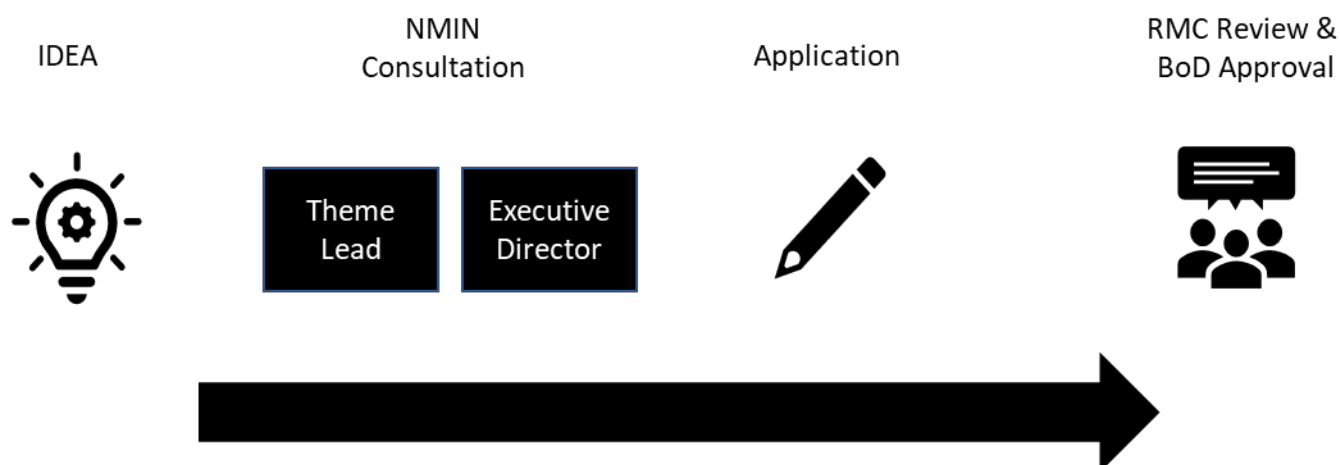
## B. NMIN Consultation and Application Review Process

NMIN SI applications will be accepted at anytime throughout the year. Applications will be reviewed and approved quarterly (approximately in March, June, September and December) by the NMIN Board of Directors (BoD).

Quarterly Intake - Application Deadline	Decision
March 31, 2020	June 2020
June 30, 2020	September 2020
September 30, 2020	December 2020
December 31, 2020	March 2021

Prior to submission of an SI application, consultation must first take place with appropriate [NMIN Theme or Core Leaders](#) regarding the relevance to NMIN's research, knowledge mobilization and/or commercialization goals and the value-added potential of a proposed project. Upon receipt of favourable feedback from Research Leaders, a consultation with the Executive Director will be arranged to ascertain that the proposed project is aligned with NMIN's strategic vision, mission and mandate.

**Following the consultation processes, successful applicants will be provided with the full SI Application package for completion and submission to NMIN's Research Management Committee for review.**



SI applications will be reviewed by NMIN's RMC, with input from its Knowledge and Technology Exchange and Exploitation (KTEE) Advisory Committee. NMIN's RMC will present its funding recommendations to the NMIN Board of Directors for a final decision. There is no appeal process in regard to NMIN project funding decisions for this application; however, applicants will be provided with formative feedback.

A Notification of Award will be sent to successful applicants following NMIN Board of Director's approval. Funding will be issued in installments, subject to satisfactory progress and/or compliance with specific conditions communicated to the applicants. Successful applicants will be required to confirm their acceptance of the terms and conditions of the award as approved, and, if requested, agree to revise the proposal. In addition, successful applicants will be required to sign the NMIN *Acknowledgement of Acceptance* form. Each university holding NMIN funding in trust for NMIN-supported projects is a signatory to NMIN's [NCE Network Agreement](#).

Progress will be assessed against approved milestones and timeframes as well as against anticipated deliverables, outcomes and impacts of each project within the context of NMIN's mission, vision, goals and objectives. If Principal Investigators do not perform to this standard or deliver on the stated goals and objectives of projects within the approved timeframes, funding may be terminated.

A Final Report will be required once the project is completed. Ten percent of the approved funding will be retained at the NMIN Administrative Centre until a Final Report has been received and approved by the RMC. It is important to note that universities may not pre-flow funds to Investigators prior to receipt of payment from NMIN.

## C. Consultation Instructions

- Step 1. Confirm your eligibility to hold NMIN NCE (Tri-Council) funds by consulting the [Grants and Awards Guide](#) of the CIHR.
- Step 2. Identify the appropriate NMIN [Theme or Core](#) with which the project is aligned.
- Step 3. Contact and provide the [Manager of Research & Partnerships](#) with a brief one-page summary of the proposed project (see [template](#)) in order to set up a consultation with the appropriate **Research Leaders** and subsequently the **NMIN Executive Director**.

**\*Following successful completion of the two-stage consultation phase, applicants will be provided with the full SI Application Package**

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