Community Climate Adaptation Fund
Application Form



The Community Climate Adaptation Fund (CCAF) supports researcher-community collaborations to develop impactful, community-based solutions at the intersection of ocean, climate change, and adaptation. Projects should focus on understanding, mitigating, and adapting to climate challenges while integrating traditional knowledge, lived experiences, and Indigenous perspectives. OFI's Community Climate Adaptation Fund is supported in part by Suncor Energy Foundation.

The Ocean Frontier Institute (OFI) is committed to fostering diversity and inclusivity. CCAF encourages applications from, or that create opportunities with, Indigenous peoples and all candidates who contribute to a diverse research community.

Click here for additional information about the CCAF.

Selection Criteria

CCAF applications will be assessed on the following selection criteria:

- Alignment and fit of research objectives (20%)
- Excellence and creativity of the proposed research and community collaboration (20%)
- Potential for the project to continue to deliver value to the community partner after the end of the CCAF funding (20%)
- Leadership and professional development opportunities for the student lead (20%)
- The project's plan to foster and support respectful engagement, the removal of systemic barriers, and equitable access considerations (20%)

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For questions and form submissions, please email: ccaf@dal.ca

Primary Applicant Information

Full name:* _____

Academic title:* _____

Email address:* _____

Phone number: _____

Office/lab address: _____

Institution/faculty:* _____

Role in CCAF project:* _____

If a student or postdoc, indicate contact information for a current faculty member who would act as the project supervisor and grant-holder*

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Project Information

Title of proposed research: _____

Summary of proposed research. *(Maximum 350 characters)**

What is your field of study? *

- [ ] *Social Sciences & Humanities*
- [ ] *Engineering and Applied Sciences*
- [ ] *Natural Sciences*

Provide five keywords for your project: *(Maximum 80 characters)**

Describe the anticipated outcomes of the project, their significance, and the approach that will be used to achieve them. *(Maximum 1300 characters)**

A brief description of the project's aims, rationale, and methodology. *(Maximum 1300 characters)**

How does the project align with CCAF research objectives? *(Maximum 1300 characters)**

How could the proposed project lead to sustainable funding beyond CCAF? *(Maximum 1300 characters)**

What leadership and project management experience will the Student Lead gain, and how will they be supported? *(Maximum 1300 characters)**

Community Partner Support

How will this project engage with the community, and what value is it expected to bring?
*(Maximum 1300 characters)**

Respectful Engagement, Systemic Barriers, and Equitable Access Considerations

For inquiries regarding Respectful Engagement, Systemic Barriers, and Equitable Access Considerations, please contact Aria Russell, Project Manager at OFI: aria.russell@dal.ca.

Please address the following in your response to the question:

- How will the project address systemic barriers faced by underrepresented groups, including Indigenous communities, women, racialized individuals, people with disabilities, and 2SLGTQIA+ communities?
- How will respectful engagement with underrepresented groups and/or equitable access be addressed within the advancement of your research?
- How will respectful engagement and inclusion of diverse communities be addressed in staff or highly qualified personnel (HQP) recruitment?

Brief description of how the project would mitigate systemic barriers faced by underrepresented groups.
*(Maximum 1300 characters)**

Project Timeline

What is the start date for this project? *

What is the end date for this project? *

Propose Project Timeline, including key milestones, deliverables and a Gantt Chart if applicable. *(Maximum 500 characters)**

CCAF Project Team Members

List all additional project team members in this section. If there are more than two team members, (Please include their information on a separate page.)

Team Member 1

Full name:* _____

Academic title:* _____

Email address:* _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Institution/faculty/organization:* _____

Role in CCAF project:* _____

Team Member 2

Full name:* _____

Academic title:* _____

Email address:* _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Institution/faculty/organization:* _____

Role in CCAF project:* _____

Collaborators or Partners Outside the CCAF Project Team

This section must list all other collaborators or partners outside of the CCAF project team.

Collaborator or Partner

Full name:* _____

Title:* _____

Email address:* _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Institution/faculty/organization:* _____

Role in CCAF project:* _____

Checklist and Submission Details

Before submitting your full application package, please ensure you have completed the required online forms:

- **Checklist Confirmation Form (Link)**
- **Suggested and Excluded Reviewers Form (Link)**

Completion of these forms is mandatory and must be done prior to submitting your application materials.

Disclaimer

- All funding awarded under CCAF is subject to and must adhere to the policies, procedures, and guidelines of the host institution. Applicants are responsible for ensuring compliance with these regulations, including but not limited to financial administration, ethical conduct, and reporting requirements.
- Start date must be set on or after the award notification date.
- Start date can be aligned with the scheduled award date or scheduled for a later time.
- The end date must be within 12 months or earlier.