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MEMORANDUM TO: Workforce Development Partners

FROM: Erin McGinn
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SUBJECT: Ontario Human Capital Research and Innovation Fund
2019-20 Call for Proposals

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development is pleased to announce the launch of the next iteration of the Ontario Human Capital Research and Innovation Fund (OHCRIF) – a program that supports research and innovation activities, via Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) to identify better ways to help people prepare for, return to or keep employment and become productive participants in the labour force.

OHCRIF will fund research to enhance the evidence base for workforce development strategies, ideas and approaches to support the positive participation of Ontarians in the labour market to help them better plan for and respond to the needs of employers.

You will find full details about the program on the [Employment Ontario Partners Gateway website \(EOPG\)](#).

The total available funding is \$1.5 million and MLTSD will fund up to \$100,000 to \$250,000 per project.

The ministry is interested in proposals that respond to one of the following research themes:

1. Overcoming barriers to support successful participation in the labour market for Ontario's current and future workforce
2. Supporting employer participation in workforce development strategies/programs and their role in building the workforce they need to grow their businesses

More details on these themes and eligible projects are provided in the Program Guidelines on the [EOPG website](#).

How to apply and get more information

Proposals may be submitted by the following types of organizations:

- Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology
- Employers, industry associations, unions, and workforce development partners
- First Nations governments
- Indigenous Institutes
- Not-for-profit organizations
- Ontario publicly assisted universities
- Ontario school boards
- Private career colleges

Applicants are invited to download the Application Form on the [EOPG website](#) and submit completed proposals to OHCRIF@ontario.ca by **11:59 p.m. on February 17, 2020**. Successful applicants will be notified in March 2020.

If you have further questions, please contact OHCRIF@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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