

DRI EDIA Champions Pilot Program.

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Welcome.

Land Acknowledgement.

Code of Conduct.

- The Alliance seeks to provide a welcoming, engaging and safe community for everyone.
- Discriminatory language is not appropriate in any venue or platform.
- The Alliance does not tolerate harassment in any form. Harassment is understood as any behaviour that threatens another person or group or produces an unsafe environment.



Agenda.

01. Introduction

02. Program overview

03. Application process

04. Evaluation process

05. Application enhancement tips

06. Q&A

About us.

The Digital Research Alliance of Canada (the Alliance)

serves Canadian researchers, with the objective of advancing Canada's position as a leader in the knowledge economy on the international stage. By integrating, championing and funding DRI areas, we provide the research community with faster access to essential tools and services.



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Digital Research Infrastructure (DRI)

- advanced research computing (ARC)
- research data management (RDM)
- research software (RS)

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA)



The DRI EDIA Champions Pilot Program

funds and trains successful applicants to deliver projects of their own design that connect researchers in equity-seeking groups to DRI services, enhancing access to DRI services for equity-seeking groups.

Objectives

- To increase awareness and uptake of the Alliance's DRI by researchers in equity-seeking groups.
- To support equity-seeking groups in the research community.



What is a DRI EDIA Champion?

- Works with the Alliance to promote and facilitate access to national Alliance DRI services within the research community to members of equity-seeking groups.
- Spends approximately 3 hours a week on average on all activities over the duration of the project term.



An applicant must...

be member of an equity-seeking group *OR*
an individual with a well-thought-out strategy to reach out to an equity-seeking group.

be a graduate or post-graduate researcher enrolled at a Canadian university *OR*
a student enrolled at a Canadian college, CÉGEP, institute or polytechnic engaged in applied research with industry or community partners.

identify a mentor from their institution or audience community, who agrees to provide support with the EDIA aspect of the project.

be affiliated with an eligible Canadian institution and must maintain such an affiliation for the duration of the award period.

Eligible Canadian institutions.

- Post-secondary institutions (universities, colleges, CEGEP, institute or polytechnic)
- Research hospitals
- Non-profit organizations that are positioned within the DRI ecosystem



Eligible activities.

- Training/mentoring
- Promoting/advancing DRI
- Addressing disciplinary challenges
- Driving culture change
- Informing future initiatives
- Other: will be considered



Award details.

Up to \$35,000
(\$27,000 stipend +
\$5,000 project
implementation
costs + \$3,000 for
travel costs)

**Onboarding
and training**
provided by
the Alliance

OLS Training
a virtual 16-week
Open Science
training

In-person meeting
in Toronto, tentatively
scheduled for January
2025

First Disbursement (70%)

October 2024

Second Disbursement (30%)

May/June 2025

Key dates.

Activity	Date
Submit questions	2024-07-10
Application deadline	2024-07-17
Notice of award	Aug 2024
Project start date	Aug 2024
Progress report	2024-12-15
In-person meeting	Jan 2025
Project end date	2025-03-31
Final report	2025-04-30



Application process.

01.

Read the Call for Proposals and sign up on our platform

02.

Complete Eligibility Form

03.

The application – Your information, project and budget, CV































04.

Recommenders to upload 3 Letters of Support

05.

Submission

Your tasks

	 Eligibility Form Completed on: 6 Jun 2024 10:33 (EDT)	
	 Applicant Information	
	 Application and Proposed Activities	
	 Budget GTA	
	 Upload CV	
	 Optional: Additional Documentation Upload (optional)	
	 Letters of Support (Academic Supervisor / Advisor)	
	 Letters of Support (EDIA Mentor/Resource)	
	 Letters of Support (Institutional Awareness)	
	 Submission	

Evaluation process.

- A competitive merit-review process.
- A national approach with broad representation of institution sizes, equity-seeking groups, and coverage of all regions and official languages in Canada.
- Importance of clear and feasible proposed activities and impactful engagement with equity-seeking groups.



Application enhancement tips.

- Read the Call for Proposals and send us questions
- Engage stakeholders
- Obtain your institution's approval now
- Demonstrate impact
- Review and revise





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DRI EDIA Champions Pilot Program

Call for Proposals


The Digital Research Alliance of Canada (the Alliance) is pleased to launch the DRI EDIA Champions pilot program call for proposals, a \$3.15 million funding opportunity to support a new equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility (EDIA) initiative. **This opportunity aims to increase awareness and uptake of the Alliance's digital research infrastructure (DRI) by equity-seeking groups.** Equitable access to tools like those found within the Alliance DRI can empower researchers to lead, share knowledge and drive discovery. This, in turn, strengthens the Canadian research ecosystem by expanding the pool of DRI-informed researchers. This project is part of the Alliance's 2023–25 digital research infrastructure (DRI) investments, with the goal of increasing awareness and uptake of the Alliance's DRI by equity-seeking groups.

This call for proposals is open to graduate or post-graduate researchers who:

- Are affiliated with an eligible Canadian institution, including universities or colleges, CÉGEP, institutes or polytechnics engaged in applied research with industry or community partners;
- Self-identify as a member of an equity-seeking group AND/OR have relevant expertise in EDIA with a strategy to reach an equity-seeking group; and
- Will propose a new project to promote the awareness and uptake of Alliance DRI to an equity-seeking audience.

The pilot program will award \$35,000 per successful applicant (“DRI EDIA Champion”) to support their project.

Important information

- [Call for Proposals](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- Deadline to apply: **July 17, 2024, 5:00 p.m. ET**
- [Online application](#) 

Useful links.

- Call for Proposals: https://alliancecan.ca/sites/default/files/2024-06/CFP_DRI_EDIA_Champions_EN.pdf
- Application submission: <https://alliance.smapply.ca/>
- FAQs: <https://alliancecan.ca/en/funding-opportunities/dri-edia-champions-pilot-program/faqs>
- Contact for further inquiries: programs-programmes@alliancecan.ca

Q&A.



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