CFI has a competition to support urgent infrastructure needs for ongoing research related to COVID-19. See full details at: https://www.innovation.ca/awards/exceptional-opportunities-fund-covid-19

Researchers may submit an internal Expression of Interest for this competition.
- The University of Regina has a $200,000 envelope.
- **Deadline is June 17, 3:30 pm. Please submit to michelle.beitel@uregina.ca**
- A sub-committee will review the EOI's with a decision expected June 19th. You may be asked to attend the review meeting to answer questions related to your proposal.
- One proposal will be selected to move forward to CFI as a full proposal, due July 6, 2020.
- A success rate of 50 percent at CFI is expected.
- Open to all disciplines.

The following criteria should be addressed in two (2) pages:

1. **Research or technology development**
   a) Describe the proposed research or technology development activities related to COVID-19.
   b) How is it innovative within the international context of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic?

2. **Researchers**
   a) Describe how the researchers are recognized leaders in areas of research related to COVID-19.
   b) How are they currently engaged in research related to COVID-19?

3. **Infrastructure**
   a) Describe the infrastructure requested.
   b) Does similar and/or complementary equipment currently exists on campus?
   c) How is it an indispensable element of an ongoing research project relate to COVID-19?

4. **Budget**, up to one additional page:
   a) Itemize the components of infrastructure and their estimated cost.
   b) Indicate what the estimated cost is based on (e.g. vendor quote, previous experience purchasing similar equipment).
   c) Identify if any funding is available from other sources (e.g. university or partner sources). Matching funding is not required.

   **Budget Considerations:** Contact Michelle Beitel to discuss the budget.
   - The total value of CFI funding requested must be $200,000.
   - CFI will cover up to 100% of the eligible project costs.
   - Eligible infrastructure costs include equipment and minor renovations.
   - Up to 10% or $20,000 for operating and maintenance costs (e.g. repairs, supplies, technician) can be included.
   - Infrastructure must be obtained after April 1, 2020 and no later than March 31, 2021.

5. **CV.** Attach your most recent CV. Any format is acceptable. Highlight your COVID-19 related accomplishments, publications, and awards including those under review.