

# FOREST INNOVATION CHALLENGE FUNDING

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## **PROJECT FUNDING RULESET:**

FOREST TECHNOLOGY

COMMERCIAL ACCELERATION PROGRAM (CAP)

## PURPOSE

Support projects which demonstrate first in-kind innovative technology, equipment or data techniques that can address the specified challenges and opportunities identified in Nextfor's Forest Innovation Forums and ongoing case studies; driving forest innovation investment in Ontario.

The funding is a private/public joint innovation fund, split into two funding streams, totalling \$500,000 contribution over two years by the Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bioeconomy (CRIBE).

- Small Commercial Acceleration Project (CAP) stream will be up to \$50,000 CRIBE contribution (minimum \$100,000 project value).
- Medium Commercial Acceleration Project (CAP) will be projects which require greater than \$50,000 up to \$100,000 CRIBE Contribution, projects of greater value may be considered at the discretion of CRIBE.

## PROCESS

A first round of Small CAP proposals are invited in an open call to December 31, 2021; or until program funding has been fully committed for this round. Medium CAP projects are an open call until funding has been exhausted. Proposals should be completed using the provided application form. Proposals must be submitted to [rfp@cribe.ca](mailto:rfp@cribe.ca).

## REGISTRATION

Any party who meets the eligibility requirements can apply, however any application for Nextfor funding requires all perspective project proponents register with Nextfor in order to receive funding application information. Registration is free and can be done through the Nextfor website at [www.nextfor.ca/register](http://www.nextfor.ca/register).



## LAUNCH DATE

May 3, 2021

## DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

December 31, 2021

## CONTACT AND SUBMISSION

Please direct all inquiries and responses via email to:

MIKE BARTEN

Nextfor Coordinator

Centre for Research & Innovation in the Bio-Economy (CRIBE)

Email: [RFP@CRIBE.ca](mailto:RFP@CRIBE.ca)

with "Forest Technology CAP" in the subject line.



## ELIGIBILITY

The elements for project funding eligibility are as follows:

1. The project addresses the opportunities and challenges identified by Nextfor's Forest Innovation Forums, or other technology challenges. Please refer to forum proceedings and materials, and Regional Case study documentation on the Nextfor Portal;
2. Is a registered, legal entity, operating in Ontario;
3. Project duration does not exceed a 2-year timetable;
4. Project Proponent will commit to publicly presenting project updates and a final outcomes report at Nextfor sponsored events, webinars or media postings;
5. Funding Consists of two streams, requiring a matching contribution by the proponent (50% match).
  - a. Small CAP stream will be up to \$50,000 CRIBE contribution (minimum \$100,000 project value).
  - b. Medium CAP will be projects which require greater than \$50,000 up to \$100,000 CRIBE Contribution, projects of greater value may be considered at the discretion of CRIBE.
6. Eligible project activities may include:
  - a. Reports
  - b. Field Testing
  - c. Testing/Characterization Costs,
  - d. Costs associated with production and trials,
  - e. Equipment purchase and installation costs,
  - f. Materials (chemicals, feedstock, consumables),
  - g. Consultant Fees,
  - h. Associated direct labour and benefits,