

**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY,
NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH AND
IWK HEALTH CENTRE**

**Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Plan
including use of Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF)
for Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)-funded research projects**

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Introduction

The following is the Operations and Maintenance (O&M)

Awards, International funds, and Exceptional Opportunities Fund COVID-19.

Each institution is responsible for deciding how their funds are divided among projects eligible to receive support through the Infrastructure Operating Fund. Institutions can distribute their IOF allocation based on actual operating and maintenance needs, as opposed to allocating the exact amount to the project that generated it. This allows flexibility to support projects with different needs and scope.

More information on the IOF can be found in the CFI Policy and Program Guide:
<https://www.innovation.ca/apply-manage-awards/resources-apply-manage-award>

The IOF generated by CFI projects at Dalhousie is shared as follows:

2/3 portion is accessible to ensure adequate operation and maintenance of the equipment.
This portion is administered by the Faculties (see below).

1/3 is managed centrally to support the following:

- Operations and Maintenance Response Fund, to cover unexpected costs of O&M for CFI-funded infrastructure. This is administered by the Office of the Vice

Vice President Research and Innovation. The Office of the Vice President Research and Innovation will form a small committee to review and approve applications.

Dalhousie reserves the right to allocate IOF according to the highest strategic priority. Priority will be given to Faculties that have exhausted their IOF allocation.

Sustainability and O&M Planning

For all CFI projects, and in particular for large-scale projects (f0 1 1usted their IOF alloca