The New Frontiers in Research Fund recently launched its inaugural Exploration competition. Notices of Intent (NOIs) for this competition are due by **8pm ET on January 11, 2019** using the new Convergence Portal.

*The Convergence Portal is now open and available for researchers to create NOIs.*

An MRA is not required at the NOI stage.

**Accessing the Convergence Portal:**

If you already have an active login for the NSERC or SSHRC Research Portal you should be able to access the Convergence Portal using those same credentials. If you do not have a SSHRC or NSERC portal login, you will need to create a Convergence account. (Note some users with SSHRC or NSERC logins have had to reset their password on the Convergence system.)

**A Tips document is available for UofT applicants:**

Research Services has prepared a "Tips & Checklist" guide available in our funding opportunities database, which you can access under the "ADDITIONAL RESOURCES" section towards the bottom of the program description at:  [http://www.research.utoronto.ca/research-funding-opportunities/new-frontiers-in-research-fund-exploration/](http://www.research.utoronto.ca/research-funding-opportunities/new-frontiers-in-research-fund-exploration/)
Let us know that you are applying:

The Convergence portal has not provided Research Services' Offices with the ability to view NOI applicants from their respective institutions. We kindly request that you let us know that you are applying by sending an email to Drew Gyorke at: drew.gyorke@utoronto.ca

Thinking ahead to your Full Proposal Budget:

There is no budget required at the NOI Stage, but one will be required at the Full Proposal stage. The maximum budget for the direct costs of research is $100,000 per year for up to two years, plus 25 percent in indirect costs per year.

- All proposals from UofT must include the maximum indirect cost rate of 25 percent.

If you have any questions:

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