The Canada Research Coordinating Committee released the **Transformation Stream program framework** today, and invites the community to provide feedback on the framework in advance of an anticipated program launch in October 2019.

The Transformation stream is designed to support large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize real and lasting change (**high reward**). The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental or health impact. Projects are expected to be world-leading, drawing on **global** research expertise, where relevant.

**Value and duration of support**

- The planned budget for the first competition is $144m over 6 years
- Up to 6 awards of $24m ($4m per year), including indirect costs, may be awarded

**Proposed Competition Stages and Review Process**

The anticipated program launch is October 2019. There are 3 proposed stages for the Transformation competition: Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI), Letter of Intent (LOI), and Full Application. No firm timelines for any of these stages has been announced.
Transformation stream competitions are expected to be held every 2 years.

Stakeholders are invited to provide feedback, comments, suggestions and questions on the Framework to the CRCC by August 1, 2019 for consideration in the preparation of the competition documents. The University of Toronto will be coordinating an institutional response. You are welcome to send us your comments for inclusion in the institutional response, please email NFRF.Transformation@utoronto.ca before July 29, 2019. Alternatively, you may send feedback directly to the CRCC by email at NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaires.gc.ca and kindly copy NFRF.Transformation@utoronto.ca.