CFI John R Evans Leaders Fund

Assessment Criteria – Training of HQP
The infrastructure requested will create or enrich an environment promoting the attraction of high-quality trainees. This environment will help impart new high-level skills to HQP and adequately prepare them for research and other careers.

1. Describe how the infrastructure will enhance the current training environment for HQP in this area.

2. Describe how the infrastructure will better prepare HQP for research and other careers.

* Ref: John R. Evans Leaders Fund Guidelines – March 2017 version
Feedback from Reviewer Comments
(for UofA JELF Applications submitted Oct 2013 to June 2016)

- A common concern raised by reviewers is that the plan for training HQP had insufficient detail
  - At least one reviewer raised concerns about the plans for training HQP for 22% of the proposals submitted
  - Among rejected/partially funded proposals, multiple reviewers raised concerns about the plans for training HQP for 33% of the proposals submitted
CFI Reviewer Comments
(JELF submissions Oct. 2013 to June 2016)

All Submitted Proposals (n=60)

- Research plan not sufficiently detailed
- Research plan not feasible
- Research is not innovative
- Applicants lack expertise
- Equipment item justification
- HQP Training Plan
- Benefits to Canadians
- Institutional Commitments
- Operations and Maintenance Plan

Note:
14/60 proposals assessed by third expert reviewer (23.3%)
4/60 assessed by multidisciplinary JELF-Advisory Committee (6.7%)

*For Unaffiliated JELF Stream, CFI request $400,000 or less
CFI Reviewer Concerns
(JELF submissions Oct. 2013 to June 2016)

Rejected/Partially Funded Applications (n=12)

- Research plan not sufficiently detailed
- Research plan not feasible
- Research is not innovative
- Applicants lack expertise
- Equipment item justification
- HQP Training Plan
- Benefits to Canadians
- Institutional Commitments
- Operations and Maintenance Plan

At Least One Reviewer Comment
Majority of Reviewers Comment

Note:
6/12 proposals assessed by third expert reviewer (50%)
2/12 assessed by multidisciplinary JELF-Advisory Committee (16.7%)

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Tips for Success

• A clearly outlined plan for training HQP is important
  • Specify how trainees would be involved in enabling the research plan to be executed
  • How many trainees will benefit from access to the requested equipment?
Suggested Structure for this Section

1. How will the requested equipment benefit the training of students, postdocs and others? What new skills will be acquired by HQP?

2. Why does Canada need people who are trained to use the requested infrastructure?
   - Use industry statistics if possible
   - Where will HQP graduates be employed?

Ensure that you state how many HQP will be trained in the first 5 years after the equipment has been purchased and installed