

Call for Research Proposals 2022/23

The L. Jacques Ménard - BMO Centre for Capital Markets welcomes applications for research funding. In total, five (**5**) research projects will be funded, with a maximum funding envelope of **\$10,000** each. The purpose of the research awards is to facilitate both practical and theoretical research on the capital markets, preferably with a focus on current developments (e.g., fintech) affecting them.

Background

The L. Jacques Ménard - BMO Centre for Capital Markets was founded in 2021 and is housed at Concordia University's John Molson School of Business. The Centre endeavours to provide the next generation of capital market professionals with an education grounded in theory and practice, and advance scholarly research and practical approaches that respond to current challenges faced by the banking industry. The Centre is dedicated to knowledge creation and applied practice while providing an environment for students and faculty to cultivate ties with the capital markets community.

Value and duration of the awards

- Value: Up to five grants, each valued up to \$10,000 will be awarded
- Duration: One year from the date of approval

Research projects must comply with the University's policies governing research. All expense reports and purchases must be approved by the Associate Dean, Research and Research Programs. Researchers who plan to involve human participants (including interviews and online surveys), must submit a *Summary Protocol Form* request to the Ethics Unit, Office of Research (via ConRAD) before any funds can be released.

Eligibility and requirements

Full-time tenured and tenure track faculty members as well as research-active faculty members holding ETA appointments may apply. The grants are not intended for faculty on leave without pay; grant recipients must be on the University payroll during the entire grant period. Proposals must not already be funded by any other source, including OVRPGS Seed or ARRE Funding.

Note:

- A brief report on progress is required at the end of the grant
- Grant recipients must acknowledge the L. Jacques Ménard - BMO Centre for Capital Markets for their research or research-related activities

Evaluation criteria

Applications will be reviewed by the Faculty Research Committee (FRC). Applicants are reminded that the FRC is multi-disciplinary and will adjudicate applications based on the information that is presented. Please ensure that you clearly address all points listed in the following guidelines.

Application guidelines

Applications must contain the following information to be considered complete. Incomplete applications will not be adjudicated. The items below must be submitted in one (1) PDF file, in the following order.

1) Detailed description of the project

(5-page limit, using 12 pt. Times New Roman font, 1.5 line spacing, and 1-inch margins)

- Executive summary (half page maximum)
- Objectives and scope of the project, description of the data and methodology, expected research outcomes
- Training and involvement of students
- Timeline and feasibility of the project and outcomes
- References

In evaluating the proposals, the committee will consider the fit of the project with the mission and objectives of the L. Jacques Ménard - BMO Centre for Capital Markets, the originality of the research, the methodological rigor, and the potential contribution of the project to research on capital markets.

2) Detailed budget & budget justification (1 page limit) – see eligible expenses below

Eligible expenses - costs directly related to conducting the research, including:

- Research assistant salaries
- Database costs (as long as the data is accessible to all JMSB researchers via a site license)
- Costs related to collecting data (e.g., survey costs)
- Professional/technical services (only if mentioned in the grant proposal)
- Books and journal subscriptions are allowable, provided they are not available in the library
- Supplies directly related to the research and not obtainable through other sources such as a professional development allowance

Non-eligible expenses:

- Costs incurred before a grant is awarded
- Research by the principal applicant or co-investigator leading to a degree
- Purchase or rental of standard office equipment
- Professional training or development
- Preparation of teaching materials/curriculum development
- Memberships
- Conference travel

3) Applicant's current CV (Canadian Common CV, SSHRC, or NSERC):

A free-form CV **of up to 10 pages maximum** will be accepted. However, we strongly recommend using one of the standard formats above.

Submission instructions

- Submission deadline: **Monday, November 14, 2022, by noon**
- Kindly submit your PDF (in one file) by e-mail to: research.jmsb@concordia.ca
- Use the subject line “BMO Centre research funding application 2022” when submitting your application and name your PDF file as follows: “[YOUR LASTNAME] - BMO Centre research funding application 2022”. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.