Request for Proposals
Collaborative Team Grant
2026 – 2028

Background and Description of Opportunity

The Canadian Glycomics Network (GlycoNet) is a pan-Canadian research, development and innovation network that focuses on the role of glycans (carbohydrates) in health. GlycoNet brings together 193 funded and affiliated research groups from 37 universities and institutions across Canada. The Network collaborates with industry, government, and non-profit partners on developing innovative, made-in-Canada solutions to global challenges in health and sustainable agri-food systems. GlycoNet's 4 priority research areas are **1) infectious diseases, 2) immunology, 3) precision medicine, 4) animal health and sustainable agri-food systems.** Additional information about Network research can be found at glyconet.ca.

This Request for Proposals seeks to fund projects that **involve two or more research groups**, preferably in different institutions. Proposals must demonstrate translational potential, which will be an important evaluation criterion.

Requirements

Projects should:

- Be aligned with ***GlycoNet's research mandate*** (see glyconet.ca)
- Be of an ***applied nature with well-defined translational strategy***
- Involve the ***training of Highly Qualified Personnel***.
- Projects must involve two or more research groups, ***preferably at different institutions***.

Projects should not:

- Concern basic biochemistry or biology with no tangible translational outcome.

Matching contributions are required at a minimum of 1:1, with at least 50% in cash contributions *(e.g., for a $150,000 request from GlycoNet, matching should be $150,000 with at least $75,000 in cash; the rest can be in-kind – for eligible in-kind contributions please see Appendix A). Partner funding must be SSF eligible; in particular, other Canadian Federal funding is ineligible for matching.*

Funding Available

Proposals may request up to $150,000/year over two years. All projects should be planned to be completed within 24 months. The second year's funding is contingent upon meeting and reporting on milestones. **Failure to report on the milestones will lead to loss of funding.**

Eligibility

This opportunity is open only to individuals who are eligible to hold research funds at a Canadian University. Network investigators can only participate in three concurrent projects (but can only lead up two projects).

Previous service within the Network and a willingness to provide service will be taken into consideration for funding decisions.

Questions about project suitability can be directed to the GlycoNet Administrative Centre (info@glyconet.ca cc: vsharko@glyconet.ca).

Application Form and Submission

Potential applicants must register by sending their Letter of Intent (LOI) to info@glyconet.ca and vsharko@glyconet.ca. Please note that matching cannot come from federal sources. This information is not binding and can change when the application is submitted. Upon registration, applicants will receive access and instructions for completing the full application in the Forum.

Deadline

Full applications must be submitted through the Forum (following registration through LOI submission) no later than midnight PT on March 31, 2026. Funding is expected to begin in June/July 2026.

Additional Information

Questions about this opportunity can be sent to info@glyconet.ca (cc vsharko@glyconet.ca).

Appendix A – Matched funds *(as per the requirement of SSF)*

Matched funds are new, incremental contributions (of cash or in-kind), which would not exist in the absence of an SSF award.

In-kind Contributions Calculation

Category	**Acceptable valuation method**	**Not acceptable**
Access to unique databases	Incremental cost of access	Cost of developing or maintaining database
Analytical and other services	Internal cost of services	Commercial cost of access
Equipment	**Donated (used)** - Fair market value - Company book value **Donated (new)** - Selling price to most favored customer (if stock item) - Cost of manufacture (if one of a kind) **Loaned** - Rental equivalent based on depreciation - Rental equivalent to highest-volume rate	List price or discounted list price Rental equivalents exceeding accepted values had the equipment been donated or sold Development costs
Hospitality	Cost	Alcoholic refreshments
Materials	- Unit cost of production for commercial products - Selling price to most favoured customer - Price for internal transfers - Cost of production of prototypes and samples	Development costs
Intellectual property	Fair market value of licencing and royalties	- Cost of maintenance and litigation - Licensing fees paid to partners
Professional and technical service contracts	Cost	
Salaries (General)	Actual salary cost (including benefits).	Salary overheads, external charge-out or consultant rates, cost of benefits outside the average market range.

Salaries (Academic researcher)	Actual costs to the institution for release time from teaching duties (e.g., the cost of hiring a sessional instructor for course release may be counted).	Academic faculty salaries
Salaries (Clinicians)	Portion of their salary for time devoted to working on SSF projects that are additional to their routine (including teaching or service work) activities	Remuneration already received for teaching or service work
Student stipends	Cost of the stipend equivalent to the portion of their time working on SSF work	The portion of time dedicated to non-SSF work
Software	- Most-favoured-customer cost for 1 licence per software package - Cost of equivalent commercial product (where donated software is not commercially available) - Cost of training and support (at the university/college site) for software by industrial partner personnel	Development costs
Travel costs	Travel and accommodation costs (generally aligned with the National Joint Council's Travel Directive or similar institutional directive)	
Use of facilities	- Cost of access to the facility - Internal rates for use of specialized equipment - Internal rates for value of lost production, resulting from downtime	