



Desjardins Centre for Innovation
in Business Finance

Call for Research Proposals

The Desjardins Centre for Innovation in Business Finance (the Centre) aims to provide funding for research initiatives that focus on innovation in business finance and on advances in the financial services sector, with specific reference to the effects on small to medium-sized business customers. The Centre encourages both fundamental and applied research that ultimately leads to articles in academic journals, and strengthens the ties between JMSB and Montreal's financial sector, especially the Mouvement Desjardins. Funding of up to \$10,000 can be provided for a project. All funding is subject to JMSB and university rules and regulations in terms of allowable expenses.

Faculty members are invited to submit research project proposals. Projects have to be relevant and of quality, with clear objectives that are consistent with the Centre's mission. The project's potential usefulness to both academics and practitioners (managers, bankers and/or investors) must be highlighted. The Centre's Scientific Committee will evaluate the proposals. Proposals will be evaluated on an ongoing basis as received. Funding will be conditional upon the Scientific Committee's review and availability of funds.

The three-page (maximum) proposal must cover the project's: 1) research objectives, 2) methodology, 3) intended deliverables and, 4) budget. A one-page summary of each applicant's research realizations within the past 3 years must be attached to the proposal. Recipients of prior funding from the Centre must provide information as to the amount received and the outcome achieved. Please send your proposal by email to:

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Researchers funded by the Centre must submit a final report once the project is completed, are also expected to disseminate their results within the community, and must acknowledge the Centre's financial contributions in their oral or written communications. Recipients may also be asked to make a brief oral presentation to the Centre's Advisory Board.