**Alliance grants**

**Proposal template**

**General instructions**

# The following template provides the proposal’s section headings, each with bullet points that specify the information that must be provided in that section. Complete the proposal by entering text that addresses the bullet points in place of “Insert your text here…” in each section.

# A suggested number of pages for each section is provided in the [Instructions for completing an application](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/101/alliance_eng.asp#proposal). The total length of your proposal must not exceed the maximum page limit specified in the [Instructions for completing an application](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/101/alliance_eng.asp#proposal).

# When addressing consideration of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in the research, the team composition and the training plan, refer to the [Equity, diversity and inclusion in your training plan](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/EDI_training-EDI_formation_eng.asp) web page and the [NSERC guide on integrating equity, diversity and inclusion considerations in research](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Policies-Politiques/EDI_guidance-Conseils_EDI_eng.asp#a1) for guidance.

# The merit of your application will be assessed using the Alliance [evaluation criteria](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/innovate-innover/alliance-alliance/apply-presentez_votre_demande_eng.asp) and the related [merit indicators](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/Merit_Indicators-Alliance_Grants2_e.pdf). If the assessment process includes external reviewers, they will be guided by the [Instructions for external reviewers](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/instructions_external_reviewers-instructions_evaluatrices_evaluateurs_externes_eng.asp).

# For Alliance Society proposals only, complete the Public impact value proposition section (on the last page) using a maximum of three pages, including the template text. (For required characteristics of Alliance Society grants see [Alliance Society Research Topics](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance_society-alliance_societe/research_topics-sujets_de_recherche_eng.asp)). This section will be shared only with the Public Impact Value Proposition Selection Committee. If your application is selected for the subsequent assessment step, external reviewers will not have access to this section. Make sure the rest of your application contains all the information that is relevant to the Alliance evaluation criteria.

* For all other applications, delete the Public impact value proposition section.
* Do not alter or remove template text (headings and bullet points) or modify the presentation format (font type and size, margins and line spacing).
* Figures and tables are welcome; use a font type and size that are clearly legible.
* Do not submit this cover page.
* Consult the [Alliance grant application checklist](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/ApplicationChecklist_e.pdf) to ensure your application is complete.

# Background

Explain the challenge to be addressed, the importance of the topic and the need for new concepts or directions.

Outline the objectives of the project and briefly explain its anticipated outcomes and impact.

Position the proposed research relative to other efforts and to the state-of-the-art.

Insert your text here, responding to each of the above points

# Partnership

List all partner organizations participating in the project. For each, describe their core activities and how they align with the project, their need for the proposed project, and their experience related to it, such as efforts to date to address the challenge.

Describe each partner organization’s active role in the project, including defining the research questions, designing the research plan, collaborating or contributing to the research activities, co-supervising trainees and monitoring progress.

Describe how the partner organizations will translate, mobilize and/or apply the research results to achieve the intended outcomes.

Explain the value and importance of each partner organization’s involvement and other in-kind contributions to achieving the project’s intended outcomes. If applicable, discuss how the combination of partner organizations is beneficial to the project.

Insert your text here, responding to each of the above points

# Research plan

Specify the research objectives and expected results. Describe the planned research activities, methodology and experimental design.

Provide approximate timelines for the activities, milestones and deliverables. You may use a Gantt chart, table or diagram.

Describe how equity, diversity and inclusion are considered in the research process (e.g., research questions, design, methodology, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of results) and how these considerations are integrated where relevant.

Insert your text here, responding to each of the above points

# Team

List the applicant, any co-applicants, key participating staff of the partner organizations and any other key academic team members. For each, explain how their knowledge, expertise, experience and contributions align with the proposed project and describe their role in the project, as well as their roles and capabilities in training and mentoring trainees.

Briefly describe the plan for managing the project, along with the qualifications, roles and responsibilities of the team members involved in this respect.

Insert your text here, responding to each of the above points

# Training plan

Describe the learning experiences the project will provide, including the nature of interactions between trainees (undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows) and partner organizations.

Describe the research and professional skills that trainees will develop through these experiences and through their roles in the project.

Explain how the research and professional skills gained by the trainees will prepare them for their future careers.

Describe challenges to equity, diversity and inclusion in the context of your project’s training environment and specify concrete practices you will implement to address them. You are encouraged to cite evidence supporting the proposed practices and to describe how you will monitor and adapt your actions based on non-demographic indicators of success.

Insert your text here, responding to each of the above points

# Impact and benefits to Canada

Explain how and the extent to which the proposed research will generate new knowledge in the natural sciences or engineering disciplines and/or develop or advance new technologies.

Considering the partner organizations’ plans to use the research results, discuss how the project will lead to new or improved technologies, products, processes, services, policies, standards or regulations in Canada.

Describe how and the extent to which the project’s intended outcomes will lead to economic, environmental, and/or other societal benefits to Canada and Canadians.

Insert your text here, responding to each of the above points

# References

Use this section to provide a list of relevant literature references. Do not refer readers to websites for additional information on your proposal. Do not introduce hyperlinks.

These pages are not included in the page count.

Insert your text here, responding to the first point above

# Alliance Society: Public impact value proposition

Describe the issue the project aims to address and explain the societal impact the project results will have. Describe the new technical knowledge that will be generated.

Insert your text here, responding to the above point

Describe the current barriers impeding a solution and the proposed novel strategy for addressing the issue. Explain why and how the research team and partner organizations are positioned to address the challenge.

Insert your text here, responding to the above point

Describe how the project is designed to take into account the needs of end-users and implementers. Outline the project’s plan to involve groups in your partner organizations’ network to achieve optimal results and impact.

Insert your text here, responding to the above point

Explain how the project outcomes will reach beyond the partner organizations to impact society. Describe the ways in which interested individuals or groups will be able to learn about and use the products, services or policies that stem from this research.

Insert your text here, responding to the above point