**Alliance grants**

**Proposal template**

**General instructions**

# Provide responses in place of INSERT YOUR TEXT HERE … ensuring that you address each of the bullet points. You may use the suggested number of pages per section as indicated in the [Instructions for completing an application](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/101/alliance_eng.asp#proposal). You must not exceed the applicable maximum number of pages.

# Complete the Public impact value proposition section only if you are requesting cost-sharing Option 2, using a maximum of three pages including the template text (for Option 2’s required characteristics see [Projects supported through a higher NSERC contribution](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/alliance-alliance/research_topics-sujets_de_recherche_eng.asp#higher)). 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.

1. Delete the Public impact value proposition sectionfor all other applications.

# Do not alter the template text and presentation format (font type and size, margins or line spacing).

# Figures and tables are welcome.

# Do not submit this cover page.

# Consult the [Alliance grant application checklist](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/ApplicationChecklist_e.pdf) for additional guidelines.

# Background and expected outcomes

* Outline the goals of the partnership and explain the potential outcomes and impacts.
* Describe the importance of the topic to Canada and how the expected outcomes will benefit Canada.
* Explain the new concepts or directions needed to address the topic and how this research will fill knowledge gaps related to developing new and innovative policies, standards, products, services, processes or technologies in Canada. Position the proposed project relative to other efforts by the researchers and partner organizations and to any related research.
* Outline efforts the partner organizations will invest following the project’s completion to advance the results in Canada.

INSERT YOUR TEXT HERE, RESPONDING TO EACH OF THE ABOVE POINTS

# Partnership

* List all partner organizations expected to play a key role in the activities or to make cash and/or in-kind contributions.
* Describe the core activity of the partner organizations and their experience related to the research project, such as any efforts to date that the partner organizations have invested toward addressing this problem, the need for this research project and how the topic is relevant and aligned with the partner organizations’ activities.
* Explain how each partner organization will be actively involved (through cash and/or in-kind contributions) in co-designing and implementing the research program. Describe the value added through in-kind contributions and how these are important to realizing the project’s intended outcomes.
* Outline each partner organization’s strategy and capacity to translate the research results into practical application to achieve the desired outcomes and impacts, including any planned knowledge translation activities and integration of the research results into its operations.

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# Proposal

* Outline the research objectives. Detail the resources and activities needed to achieve the anticipated results.
* Indicate approximate timelines for the activities to lead to milestones and deliverables using a Gantt chart, table or diagram.
* Explain how sex, gender and diversity have been considered in the research design, if applicable.
* Identify the indicators and methods for monitoring progress during the project and for assessing the outcomes. You may include a chart or table.

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# Team

* List the applicant, any co-applicants and key staff of the partner organizations.
* Explain how the knowledge, experience and achievements of these individuals provide the expertise needed to accomplish the project objectives. Discuss the role of each individual and how their contributions, including those of staff from the partner organizations, will be integrated into the project.
* Explain how equity, diversity and inclusion have been considered in the academic team composition.
* For large (average of more than $300,000 per year requested from NSERC) multi-party projects (multiple universities and/or partner organizations), it may be appropriate to provide a description of up to three additional pages detailing university support, governance structure and project management. If applicable, please detail the project manager’s qualifications, involvement, role and responsibilities.

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# Training plan

* Indicate how the knowledge and experience gained by research trainees and the partners’ staff members are relevant to the advancement of the field, to applying knowledge or to strengthening the partners’ sectors.
* Describe how the project and the partnership offer opportunities for enriched training experiences that will allow research trainees (undergraduates, graduates and postdoctoral fellows) to develop relevant technical skills as well as professional skills, such as leadership, communication, collaboration and entrepreneurship. Include the nature of the planned interactions with the partners and other relevant activities.
* Explain how equity, diversity and inclusion are considered in the training plan (see [here](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/alliance/EDI-TrainingPlan_e.pdf) for guidance).

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# References

* Use this section to provide a list of the most relevant literature references. Do not refer readers to websites for additional information on your proposal. Do not introduce hyperlinks in your list of references.
* These pages are not included in the page count.

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# Option 2: 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.

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* 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.

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* 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.

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* 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.

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