

Graduate Scholarship Applications Outline of Proposed Research

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- Plan of Study / Statement of Research
- Outline of Proposed Research
- Research Proposal
 - Same thing – Different name

Outline of proposed research is a concise summary, introducing your research, highlighting your research question & scope, objectives & methods, significance & the timeline of your proposed project.



Outline of Proposed Research (Tri Council CGS-M instructions)

- Provide a detailed yet concise description of your proposed research project for the period during which you will hold the award.
- Be as specific as possible. Provide background information to position your proposed research within the context of current knowledge in the field.
- State the objectives and hypothesis.
- Outline the experimental or theoretical approach to be taken (citing literature pertinent to the proposal) and the methods and procedures to be used.
- State the significance of the proposed research to a field or fields in the health sciences, natural sciences and/or engineering, or social sciences and/or humanities, as appropriate.

- You are expected to write your outline of proposed research independently. Ideas and text belonging to others must be properly referenced.
- Include all relevant information in the outline. Do not refer reviewers to URLs or other publications for supplemental information.
- In the outline of proposed research, provide the requested information according to the guidelines and format standards outlined in the [presentation standards](#).

Presentation Standards – Instructions



Tri Council On-line Presentation and Attachment Standards

- All text, including references (where applicable), must conform to these standards.
- Acronyms and abbreviations must be spelled out completely on initial appearance in text;
- Pages must be 8 ½" x 11" (216mm x 279mm);
- Pages must be single-spaced, with no more than six lines of type per inch;
- All text must be in 12 pt. Times New Roman font;
- Condensed fonts will not be accepted;
- Colour imagery is acceptable* but the text should be in black;
- All margins must be set at a minimum of ¾" (1.87 cm);
- Do not introduce hyperlinks in your documents;

https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/standards_eng.asp

If you are proposing to conduct research that respectfully involves and engages Indigenous communities, the research proposal should reflect that you and your nominating institution are aware of and are referring to the relevant principles and protocols established for this type of research, regardless of which council's selection committee will be evaluating your nomination package.

Be as specific as possible while keeping in mind that selection committees are multi-disciplinary.

Wherever possible, use non-technical terms and avoid jargon. Define any technical or discipline-specific terms.

Humanities Proposal Framework

1. Main challenge or issues, timely.
2. Brief synthesis of what is known/not known about the issue/challenge (clearly illuminating the knowledge gaps that the proposed research will address.)
3. The research objective must be stated using clear and confident language.
4. The research question(s) should operationalize(ensure the objectives align with the research question, direct link to) the objectives of your outline of proposed research.

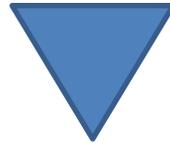
5. Proposed theoretical resources and methodological framework.
6. Proposed methods.
7. Contribution to knowledge, articulate what is currently known about your proposed research and how the knowledge you will produce contributes to the advances in your field.
8. Contribution to the public good/social impact. (knowledge transfer/knowledge mobilization)



Styles of Delivery

Inverted Triangle

Big picture, relevance/importance of problem
Theoretical Frame: Situate study in body of theory
Methodology: Underlying approach to the research
Method: How will you do it?
Data analysis
Dissemination of research



Hour Glass

Background of research, or broad overview.
Introduce important concepts, what is known and what is not known
Applicant resource question
Methodology
Data analysis
Contribution to knowledge in field and broader impact.



Outline of Proposed Research Tri Council CGS – M (attachment – two separate sections) Same length for OGS MA/MSc



1. Outline of proposed research
2. Bibliography and citations.

Each of these sections must be only one page.

Pages in excess of the number permitted will be removed before the selection process, and your application may be at a disadvantage as a result.

Always follow the instructions as to permissible length.



Outline of Proposed Research- Tips

- ✓ Read and follow instructions provided
- ✓ Start early and create a timeline to complete tasks
- ✓ Edit, review and edit again
- ✓ Be concise, show how your research is innovative and valuable, adding knowledge to your field
- ✓ Demonstrate your research is feasible and will impact your field, and broader
- ✓ Demonstrate familiarity with principles of equity, diversity and inclusivity/sex and gender based analysis /knowledge mobilization, transfer
- ✓ Submit early, to allow for technology difficulties



Ask yourself – during final edit, does your outline of proposed research?

- ✓ Grab the readers interest with brief concise overview of your topic
- ✓ Start to narrow down to your research's specific focus
- ✓ Clearly articulate your research question
- ✓ Overview of methodology?
- ✓ Is project feasible?
- ✓ Why the research is important, and to who?
- ✓ What are the benefits of your research

What about: the extras (sex and gender, EDI, knowledge mobilization)



What is knowledge mobilization?

Knowledge mobilization is an umbrella term encompassing a wide range of activities relating to the production and use of research results, including knowledge synthesis, dissemination, transfer, exchange, and co-creation or co-production by researchers and knowledge users.



Explained knowledge mobilization:

Within your outline of proposed research, include how your research benefits your field, community or can offer broader research areas.

If feasible, clarify how it will be possible to share your research outcomes with:

- your research field
- your research community
- and if possible, transfer over to other fields of research



Diversity considerations in research design



Incorporating diversity considerations, including but not limited to sex (biological), gender (socio-cultural) and other identity factors (Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities/racialized groups and members of LGBTQ2+ communities, among others), in research design makes research more ethically sound, rigorous and useful.

Applicants are asked to describe how these aspects will be addressed in their research design, methods, analysis and interpretation, and/or dissemination of findings.

Resources Available - Review School of Graduate Studies Resources

Sex- and gender-based analysis

The following questions relate to sex- and gender-based analysis that may apply:

- Are sex (biological) considerations taken into account in this proposal?
- Are gender (socio-cultural) considerations taken into account in this study?

Describe how sex and/or gender considerations will be considered in your research study. (**Note:** This question will appear only if you have selected Yes to either of the above two questions).



For a guide to sex- and gender-based analysis, consult: <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50836.html>

Questions?

Please direct any additional questions to:
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