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## Q&A Session for CBRF-BRIF Stage 2 Full Application Webinar

Date: June 22, 2023

### *Questions related to Convergence*

Q: How do we get access to start an application in Convergence? Are we waiting on an invite from our hub?

A: You will only be able to access the full application if an NOI has been submitted. The full applications will be automatically created by Convergence based on the NOI data. RGOs, directors, and co-directors have access to and can edit the full application. Team members can view the applications.

Q: Can partners access CBRF funds through contract agreements (e.g., access to equipment)?

A: CBRF funds will be transferred from SSHRC to successful eligible institutions. Institutions may then transfer funds to organizations within Canada, except for for-profit companies or federal, provincial or municipal governments. To assist you in developing a Transfer Agreement document, see the Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration (TAGFA), Part 3, the section on Transfer of funds. A template outlining specific requirements for the transfer of funds to eligible and non-eligible institutions can be found in Appendix 2.

In addition, invoices, contracts or accountable advances are not considered to be grant transfers.

Q: Is the PDF download option available now in Convergence Portal?

A: Yes, this feature is now available.

Q: Can we upload figures into the Convergence portal (e.g., research proposal)?

A: Yes, figures can be included in the proposal as long as page limits are respected. There are no specific requirements for figures. However, the PDF upload must be less than 5MB in size.

### *Templates, letters of support, biosketch, CV, etc.*

Q: When will the supporting document templates be available and where can they be found?

A: The templates for supporting documents are available in the full applications [instructions](#) to applicants.

Q: Some of the template links are just headers with blank components. Please confirm if these will be updated with detailed sections or are blank templates final and open to Directors/hubs to formulate the structure of the information on our own?

A: They are open to the directors/hub to formulate the structure of the information based on the instructions provided in the full application instructions.

Q: Where can I find the Partner Organization Form (POF)?

A: The Partner Organization Form (POF) can be found at this link : [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/cbrf-frbc/stage2-etape2/forms/partner\\_organization\\_form-eng.docx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/cbrf-frbc/stage2-etape2/forms/partner_organization_form-eng.docx)

Q: Do we need one risk assessment form plus one partner form per partner?

A: One risk assessment form per application but a completed Partner Organization Form for each partner.

Q: For private partners, where do we document confirmed support (letters of support, etc.)

A: Partners confirm their participation via invitation in Convergence. No support letters are required. Details are described in the partner contribution document.

Q: Is it possible to submit letters of support from organizations that do not qualify as partner organization (e.g., operate outside of Canada) that could attest to the value of proposed work in the application?

A: Letters of support are not accepted in the full application.

Q: Does the biosketch only summarize the 15 team members or also the extended team members that will be included (e.g., most of these large grants have more than 15 people involved)?

A: This section should describe, exclusively, the expertise and anticipated contributions of the Director, Co-Director and Team Members. You can, as relevant, speak to the involvement of additional participants in other sections of the proposal.

Q: For the Team biosketch section, can names and affiliations be included? And what about lived experience that's relevant to the project, with consent of the individual?

A: Yes, these details can be included. Do not provide information about the composition of the research team in a way that can reveal any member's personal information (i.e., race, colour, place of origin, religion, immigrant or newcomer status, ethnic origin, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or age). If a team member's self-identification (gender, Indigenous identity, disability or racial background) is relevant to the project, that self-identifying information may be included here, but only with their consent. Our program literature is being updated to reflect this.

Q: The Team Biosketch said maximum of five pages. Is that five pages per team member (which can be up to 15 people) or a TOTAL of five pages for all members?

A: Total of 5 pages, it should be a high-level overview that is tailored to the application proposal under review.

Q: What specific CV format will be required?

A: There is no CV to attach to the application. Directors, co-directors, and team members must complete the CV section in the Convergence portal. Reviewers will assess the relevance and expertise of the team via the 5-page biosketch.

Q: Do all participants, including private partners, need to complete a CV?

A: No, partners do not complete the CV sections in the Convergence portal. Partners will have to complete the enrolment workflow which contains questions regarding primary affiliation, etc. but will not have access to the CV section of Convergence.

Q: There are sections in the Convergence CV for funding and interruptions. Can you confirm if these need to be completed by team members/will be included in the final proposal, or only the mandatory information (e.g., affiliation) completed when accepting invitations?

A: Only the affiliation and education sections need to be completed by the participants and finalized by the RGO for the full application to be submitted. The funding and interruptions sections can be left blank if there are no funds or interruptions to list. The CV information is only mandatory for directors/co-directors. It is optional for team members. This CV information will *not* be provided to reviewers.

### *Changes to the application*

Q: Can the type of a proposal indicated at the NOI stage be changed at the full application stage? e.g., a Research and Talent to be switched to Research only, for example

A: Yes, but please let us know via email as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly for recruitment and review purposes.

Q: Can we change the list of partners from the NOI? For example, if not all partners confirmed by the NOI deadline, can we add them at the application stage?

A: It is possible to change/add partners at the full application stage.

Q: Can the Director named on an application be changed for the full application stage? And if so, how would this be done?

A: Yes, all can be modified at the full application stage via Convergence. Please advise us as early as possible of any significant changes to the proposal so that the recruitment can be adjusted accordingly.

### *Submission process*

Q: Can you confirm which sections should be uploaded as a PDF, and which sections are to be entered into the convergence portal?

A: All sections in the supporting documents section must be in PDF (or Excel in the case of an infrastructure budget). The certification, licences and permits documents will be supplied if certain answers are provided.

### *Eligibility*

Q: Can an individual be a Director on a BRIF application endorsed by one hub, and Director on a CBRF application endorsed by a different hub? (i.e., the BRIF and CBRF applications are linked by the PI, rather than being connected through a single hub?)

A: No, an individual may serve as director or co-director on only one CBRF-BRIF proposal. This does not preclude their involvement as a team member on other proposals.

Q: Can a person be a (co-)director on a CBRF only and also on a BRIF only?

A: No, a person cannot be director or co-director on more than one proposal in the CBRF-BRIF competition. This does not preclude their involvement as a team member on other proposals.

### *Link between components and eligibility of stand-alone components*

Q: For the proposal links, do you just want the application numbers or titles, or research directors?

A: Only the application numbers, separated by semicolons.

Q: Are standalone Talent Development proposals allowed?

A: Standalone Talent Development proposals are eligible but need to directly support and be linked to one or more proposals containing a research component.

Q: If the links are to show dependencies, is it ok to have a scenario to for standalone research, infrastructure and/or training proposals which have no dependencies on other proposals to succeed? If so, then how will those be evaluated?

A: Stand alone research infrastructure or talent development proposals must directly support and be linked to one or more proposals containing a research component.

Q: To clarify, Research only proposals are allowed, correct?

A: Yes, this is correct.

Q: At the NOI stage, it was indicated that there would be opportunity to expand research teams. Can teams identify other non-partner participants (beyond the 15-member core team list), such as collaborators? If so, where in the application does this information go?

A: Participation of individuals outside of the proposal participants can be described in the proposal. You can speak to the involvement of these individuals where appropriate in the detailed description.

Q: Two talent initiatives integrated in separate but complementary research initiative (2 applications with research and talent parts) can they be linked even though they are both standalone

A: Complementarity between the two proposals can be addressed in the strategic overview and hub endorsement report, as appropriate.

Q: For Research Infrastructure applications, do we need to select | I when we add partners?

A: Yes, any partner on an infrastructure *only* grant should be identified as an infrastructure (|I) partner. As a reminder, infrastructure partners must be eligible at the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). While research and talent development components must have at least one partner, it is not mandatory for infrastructure applications. Please contact [CBRF-FRBC@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:CBRF-FRBC@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) or [BRIF-FIRSB@innovation.ca](mailto:BRIF-FIRSB@innovation.ca) if a stand-alone research infrastructure application needs to be submitted with no partners, as it is not possible to do so on the Convergence portal.

Q: Since there could be significant overlap between components (e.g., EDI or Management plan for Research and Talent Development components) will it be acceptable to cross-reference between sections and avoid duplication?

A: While sections can be cross-referenced, each section should have the appropriate information to be evaluated on its own merit.

### *Detailed description supporting document*

Q: For infrastructure proposals, will the detailed description be sent to CFI? Or will there be a separate template?

A: This will be an integrated review process between CFI & the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS) housed at SSHRC. Applicants need to provide information through the Convergence portal. Information from successful applications will be transferred to CAMS (CFI) and if successful, the CFI will follow up with the respective liaison at your institution to finalize the award.

Q: If we have infrastructure and research components in a single proposal, does that mean 15 pages per 'component' (i.e., 15 for research, and 15 for infrastructure, [total of 30])?? What are your thoughts on duplicating information, since they are highly integrated?

A: Yes, 15 pages for each component (18 in French).

Applicants should tailor their supporting documents to specifically address the criterion for each component. There may be some duplication, but each component has its own set of review criteria that should be specifically addressed. Please refer to the [ratings matrices](#) and [selection criteria descriptions](#).

Q: On Tuesday, the panellists stated that we don't have to stick to the stated page limits. Does that mean we have a "bit" of leeway to be over/under the suggested page count? Or can we ignore the page limits altogether?

A: You can change the number of pages assigned per sections of the detailed descriptions as these are just suggestions, but you cannot go over the page limit of 15. It is not mandatory to use the full allocations of pages for each component.

Q: Just to clarify, the literature references are part of the 15 pages Research or Infrastructure section.

A: Yes, that is correct.

### *Selection process and review committees*

Q: Will there be different review committees for each hub?

A: Applications will be grouped into committees by hub, with multiple committees per hub based on expertise required for review. For research security purposes, proposals requesting construction, renovations and upgrades to high-containment facilities (CL3 and CL4) will be grouped together regardless of the endorsing hub.

Q: Will talent development, research and infrastructure components be evaluated together within one application or separately? If separate, how can we show the link between each part?

A: All components within a single proposal will be reviewed by the same committee and group of committee members whenever possible. We will do our best to ensure that all linked proposals are reviewed by the same committee and committee members. Due to workload and conflict of interest considerations, it is possible that not all linked proposals will be able to be reviewed by the same group of reviewers. This is why we would like applicants to only indicate the links (dependencies) that are essential to provide the necessary context for the proposals to be reviewed.

Q: If my understanding from what is said, if research and talent development components are both meritorious, they would move forward without infrastructure

A: Correct. In a proposal with all three components, if the talent and research components are deemed meritorious but the infrastructure is not, the talent and research components would move forward to the next level of review without the infrastructure component. Note that meritorious infrastructure components supporting **more than one research component** will be forwarded to the Strategic Review Committee (SRC) regardless of the meritorious nature of the research components it supports. This will allow the SRC to consider the longer-term strategic impact and capacity-building nature of large-scale research infrastructure.

Q: If my understanding from what is said, if Research and Talent are meritorious, they would move forward

A: Yes, correct. Only components that receive a rating of “good” or above for all scientific and technical assessment criteria applicable to the component will be deemed meritorious and move forward to the next level of review. Talent development proposals must contain or support one or more meritorious research components to be forwarded to the SRC for assessment.

Q: So the Strategic Review Committee will NOT have access to all of the Supporting Documents?

A: The SRC members will not receive all supporting documents. They will have access to the scientific and technical summary (as an optional context piece), strategic overview, hub endorsement report, and a report from the scientific and technical review.

Q: Will the reviewers also be given this colour-coded grid, so they are directed to content?

A: Yes, this will be included in a reviewer guide which will be made public later this summer.

Q: Is there a way that Talent development section goes on if Research is not considered good?

A: No, at least one supported research component must be meritorious for a talent development component to move on to the SRC.

Q: Applications including Research, Talent and Infrastructure, could one part be funded while others not?

A: Yes, it's a possibility. Only meritorious components will be forwarded to the SRC. The research component must be meritorious for the other two to be forwarded to the SRC, with the exception of stand-alone infrastructure components supporting multiple research proposals.

### *Budget and contributions*

Q: Can you clarify how the annual allocation of CBRF funds will impact successful CBRF grants?

A: As stated in the [competition overview](#), the maximum amount for CBRF grants is \$5 million per year. However, successful proposals may see their grant amounts adjusted to reflect the proportions represented in the [CBRF budget allocation](#) depending on the total number of grants that are funded in the competition. As such, to align with the yearly allocation of CBRF funds, proposals requesting greater than \$15.15 million in total may see budget reductions to their award amounts accordingly. We remind institutions to consider the annual distributions of the program's budget, as well as the maximum yearly grant amount when drafting their proposals and establishing their budgets.

Q: Can only the 15 core members receive funding? If we are adding participants in addition to the 15 core team members to the proposal, can those individuals receive funding?

A: The 15 core team members can access grant funds as per the Tri-agency Guide on Financial Administration (TAGFA), the CFI's Policy and program guide, and any relevant institutional policies. CBRF funds will be transferred from SSHRC to eligible institutions. Institutions may then transfer funds to organizations within Canada, except for-profit companies or federal, provincial or municipal governments. BRIF funds can only be transferred to CFI-eligible institutions.

Q: For equipment budget, should we provide two more vendor quotes? and wondering if they should be in CFI format (20% In-Kind, 20% Provincial)?

A: For infrastructure proposals, the CFI does not require quotes to be submitted as part of the application. The budget should be prepared as per any other CFI proposals and institutional procurement policies and procedures should be followed.

Q: What are the expectations for Academic partner contributions? Univ partners cannot see applications or know what applications they have commitments for (based on what some researchers have committed to despite not having authority to do so depending on what the commitment is).

A: Academic partners, like any other partner organization, are expected to play an active role in the proposal and support it through financial and/or in-kind contributions. Only those who have the authority to accept the terms and conditions of their participation should be doing so.

Q: Did I understand correctly that Partners need to provide financial support even if it is an infrastructure only proposal?

A: Each partner organization must play an active role in the development and execution of the proposed activities and support it through financial and/or in-kind contributions.. Partners are not required for infrastructure only proposals. However, they are required for the research component(s) that an infrastructure proposal supports. Please contact [CBRF-FRBC@sshrc.ca](mailto:CBRF-FRBC@sshrc.ca)

[crsh.gc.ca](mailto:crsh.gc.ca) or [BRIF-FIRSB@innovation.ca](mailto:BRIF-FIRSB@innovation.ca) if a stand-alone research infrastructure application needs to be submitted with no partners, as it is not possible to do so on the Convergence portal.

Q: How will partner contributions be verified if letters of support are not needed?

A: Partner organizations must accept the terms and conditions prior to confirming their participation in the application. By accepting these terms and conditions, the organization agrees to participate in the application and will provide the committed resources, as applicable.

### *Hub related questions*

Q: Will there be an endorsement report template that will be sent to the Hubs? What is the deadline for the endorsement report?

A: A template is provided in the [endorsement report instructions](#). The deadline for submission is 8 p.m. EST on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Q: How are research proposals transferred to the hubs - does this occur within Convergence? If yes, can the hubs return submitted proposals to the administering institution for revision prior to September 7 final app deadline?

A: When a research administrator submits an application, the status of a submission will change to "received by administrator". In this case, that administrator is the endorsing hub selected in Convergence portal. The research hub can return the application to the applicant institution prior to September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, but the applicant must submit the application again to the hub. Hubs must submit applications to the agencies by September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. It is strongly recommended that applicants submit the application to the hubs prior to the September 7<sup>th</sup> deadline. Hubs may also have internal deadlines for receiving applications.

Q: Will hubs be able to download PDF copies of the proposals from Convergence Portal prior to submitting?

A: Yes, there will be an option to download PDFs in the Convergence portal. Once the endorsing hub has been selected and saved in Convergence, the endorsing hub will have real-time read access. Note that the PDF download function is currently being updated and will be implemented soon.

Q: Is there a central COI/transparency commitment/process that Hubs need to follow to ensure unbiased review and selection of projects they choose to endorse? Are they required to honour/consider reviewer exclusions?

A: The responsibilities of the hubs include coordination within and across hubs to encourage collaboration and inclusivity, and to use a sound, inclusive process when endorsing their portfolios. This process is independent of the CBRF-BRIF review processes.

The equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) approaches of all hubs were evaluated as a scientific and technical merit criterion in Stage 1 of the competition. Reviewers evaluated:

- how EDI principles were applied to the composition of governance committees;

- the project selection process for endorsement of applications at Stage 2, including how hub leaders would address potential barriers in accessing the project selection and endorsement practices and the active measures implemented to remove these barriers;
- how EDI principles and supports to early career researchers (ECRs) were embedded in the selection of personnel and distribution of training and mentoring opportunities; and
- the anti-racism best practices and active measures implemented by the hub leaders.

### *Infrastructure*

Q: We are actually not sure if we need to submit the BRIF infrastructure application alone or the BRIF application PLUS a regular CFI application for the same project.

A: All CBRF-BRIF proposals are to be submitted through Convergence portal. No additional applications are required.

Q: Can you define "independent research infrastructure proposals"?

A: An independent research infrastructure proposal is a proposal with only the infrastructure component. This proposal must identify the research proposal that the infrastructure will support.

Q: Would the supplier of a particular piece of equipment (to be purchased as part of infrastructure component to research) have to be listed as a "partner"?

A: No, not necessarily. Partner organizations are those that put their capabilities and strengths at the service of the administering organization and provide a significant contribution to growing Canada's domestic biomanufacturing and life sciences sectors and ensuring the country's readiness for future pandemics or other health emergencies. They actively participate in the planning and delivery of the outcomes described in the proposal. If contributors (e.g., vendor providing discount) do not meet this definition of contributing to the development and execution of the proposed activities, they do not need to be identified as "partners". Only CFI-eligible institutions can be partners to the infrastructure component. The Excel budget will provide you with the opportunity to specify the in-kind contributions, as well as partner contributions. If the supplier is integral to the inception and development of the project, they can be listed as a partner on the research or talent components, provided they contribute to those components.

### *Other questions*

Q: Will we be provided with a list of all projects across various hubs?

A: The list of the submitted NOIs is posted here: <https://www.innovation.ca/apply-manage-awards/funding-opportunities/biosciences-research-infrastructure-fund>  
<https://www.innovation.ca/apply-manage-awards/funding-opportunities/biosciences-research-infrastructure-fund>

Q: Do partners that accepted the NOI need to reconfirm for the Full Application?

A: Terms and Conditions only need to be accepted once.

Q: Shall every section start on a new page?

A: No, you do not need to start on a new page.

Q: Can you please clarify what types of research are eligible for CBRF specifically relating to evaluation of therapeutics. It's clear that clinical trials are not allowed.

A: Research projects that align with CIHR's definition of a clinical trial should be directed to CIHR's Clinical Trials Fund.

"A clinical trial is a research study involving human participants that evaluates the safety and/or effects of one or more interventions on health outcomes.

Interventions include, but are not limited to, drugs, vaccines, radiopharmaceuticals, cells and other biological products, surgical procedures, radiologic procedures, devices, genetic therapies, natural health products (NHPs), process-of-care changes, preventive care, manual therapies, and psychotherapies."

Q: For talent development the impact criteria on the call discusses trainees and HQP - but the assessment criteria you are sharing discusses ECRs - is this reflecting an assessment of the role of ECRs in the team rather than an expectation of 'training' ECRs?

A: To summarize, the EDI & ECR criterion is focusing on the commitment to remove systemic barriers to underrepresented groups (including ECRs) going forward whereas the impact criterion is about bolstering the HQP workforce within [Canada's Biomanufacturing and Life Sciences Strategy](#). Additional information can be found in the [selection criteria](#) descriptions and [ratings matrices](#).

Q: We received confirmation from you prior to the NOI that hubs can be added as a "partner" and your guidance was to use "other Research Organization". From the earlier slides presented, hubs are not considered partners? Has this changed?

A: Hubs are not considered partners. We initially thought that identifying the hubs as "other Research Organization" would provide hubs with the ability to read proposals at the NOI, but this was not possible in Convergence. At the full application though, hubs will be able to read proposals, as soon as applicants select the endorsing hub.

Q: In the Research and/or Talent Development budget template, there appears to be a formula error in the totals columns.

A: The spreadsheet has been updated. The most recent update occurred on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Updates included a correction to the columns to allow formulas to display totals and the removal of redundant budget lines (materials and supplies and services expenditures). The [revised spreadsheet](#) is available on our website. You may need to clear your browser history to access it.

## Q&A Session for FRBC-FIRSB Étape 2- Demande détaillée

Date: 20 juin 2023

### *Gabarit et formulaires*

Q: A quel moment les divers gabarits (biosketchs, partenaires, etc.) seraient disponibles? Ceux-ci devaient être disponibles la semaine dernière.

A: Les gabarits [sont disponible dans les Instructions pour préparer la demande détaillée de l'étape 2.](#)

Q: Selon ce que je lis dans la description actuellement disponible pour le format de la demande complète, nous avons besoins de gabarits supplémentaires pour : « biosketch, Scientific and technical summary, et Partner contribution».

A: Ces gabarits devront être complétés et téléchargés avec la demande détaillée.

Q: Avez-vous une idée de la date à laquelle le formulaire d'attestation sera disponible?

A: Pas pour le moment. Le formulaire d'attestation est encore en cours d'élaboration.

Q: Le formulaire d'attestation lié à la sécurité nationale en recherche sera soumis par le NPI ou par l'institution?

A: Le formulaire d'attestation n'est pas encore disponible. Des instructions seront publiées lorsque le formulaire sera disponible. Le formulaire d'évaluation des risques peut être téléchargé et ajouté à la demande soit par l'administrateur de recherche ou le codirecteur ou la codirectrice.

Q: Quand les pôles auront-ils accès au gabarit du rapport d'endossement et aux autres documents que les institutions ont déjà accès? Les pôles n'ont actuellement pas accès à tous les documents sur le portail Convergence au cas où vous ne le savez pas.

A: Un lien est maintenant disponible pour le rapport d'appui: [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/cbrf-frbc/stage2-etape2/endorsement\\_report-fra.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/cbrf-frbc/stage2-etape2/endorsement_report-fra.aspx)

Les autres gabarits sont disponibles dans les [Instructions pour préparer la demande détaillée de l'étape 2.](#)

Q: Faut-il fournir des CV ainsi que les biosketchs? Si oui, dans quel format, svp?

A: Les codirecteurs ou codirectrices et les membres de l'équipe doivent compléter les sections CV dans le portail Convergence. Ces sections sont indépendantes des biographies brèves (biosketch).

Q: Pourriez-vous confirmer qu'il n'y aura pas non plus possibilité de déposer des lettres de support (lettres de soutien institutionnel ou des partenaires) à fournir?

A: Les lettres de supports ne sont pas requises ni acceptées.

## *Partenaires*

Q: Pour FOP: partenaire du secteur privé: Est-ce que privé correspond à organisme à but lucratif seulement ou but lucratif et non lucratif (OSBL)?

A: Tous partenaires du secteur privé. Dans le contexte du FRBC-FIRSB, à but lucratif seulement.

Q: Si nous avons des partenaires non admissibles à la FCI pour un projet d'infrastructure indépendant (des partenaires qui participent à la mise en place de l'infrastructure et qui l'utiliserons), on les indique comment?

A: Vous ne pouvez pas inclure des partenaires pour des projets d'infrastructure qui ne sont pas admissibles à recevoir du financement de la Fondation canadienne pour l'innovation (FCI). Si vous souhaitez inclure ces partenaires, vous pouvez les inclure en tant que partenaires dans les composantes associées.

## *Plans de contingence*

Q: Lorsque des applications sont interdépendantes; doit-on inclure un plan de contingence en cas de non-financement de l'application liée?

A: Ces informations devraient être incluses dans le rapport d'appui du pôle de recherche. Des plans spécifiques de contingence pourraient être inclus dans les plans de gestion de la description détaillée.

## *Rédaction des composantes et pages limites*

Q: Si une composante infrastructure est liée à une composante recherche, est-il nécessaire de décrire deux fois le projet, une fois dans chaque composante?

A: Compte tenu des différences entre les critères relatifs aux infrastructures et à la recherche, nous prévoyons que les descriptions des projets soient adaptées à chaque composante.

Q: Si on présente 3 composantes, il faut 45 pages FIXES ou un maximum de 45 pages? Faut-il répéter certaines informations, par ex.: le management, en entier dans chaque section? Ou peut-on référer le lecteur à une section précédente? Est-ce que les demandes seront évaluées en entier ou seront éclatées par composante qui seront évaluées séparément?

A: Vous aurez un maximum de 15 pages par composante (ou de 18 si la demande est rédigée en français). Les descriptions détaillées sont des documents séparés. Bien que certaines sections puissent faire référence à d'autres sections, chacune d'entre elles doit contenir les informations appropriées pour être évaluée selon ses propres mérites. Vous devez fournir les informations nécessaires pour chacune des composantes compte tenu des différences entre les critères relatifs aux trois composantes. Pour votre deuxième question, les composantes d'une même demande seront évaluées par les mêmes évaluateurs dans la mesure du possible.

Q: Pour la description détaillée : peut-on varier les pages pour les différentes sections en autant que ça ne dépasse pas 15 pages?

A: Pour la description détaillée, vous pouvez utiliser le nombre de page que vous voulez pour chacune des sections aussi longtemps que vous ne dépassez le nombre maximal de page (15 en anglais et 18 en français). Vous ne pouvez pas utiliser des pages d'une composante pour une autre composante.

### *Langue*

Q: Est-ce que toutes les sections doivent être rédigées dans la même langue?

A: Les sections n'ont pas à être rédigées dans la même langue. Cependant, si une partie est rédigée en français, sélectionnez le français comme langue de la demande afin que nous puissions désigner les évaluateurs appropriés.

### *Budget et contributions*

Q: Les frais indirects. On parle d'un maximum de 25%. Y- a-t-il un minimum?

A: Il n'y a pas de minimum.

Q: Avez-vous des attentes en ce qui concerne la contribution des universités?

A: Les établissements qui se verront attribuer une subvention du FRBC devront mettre à profit leurs propres ressources et obtenir d'autres sources de financement auprès des partenaires afin d'appuyer le projet. Il n'y a pas d'exigences spécifiques ou de minimum.

Q: Est-ce que notre institution a le droit d'exiger 25% de frais indirects?

A: Il est conseillé de consulter votre établissement sur la question des coûts indirects exigés.

Q: Est ce que les frais de consultations, certification sont admissibles?

A: Les frais admissibles sont détaillés dans le [Guide d'administration financière des trois organismes](#). Vous pouvez aussi communiquer avec [useofgrantfunds@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:useofgrantfunds@nserc-crsng.gc.ca) pour toutes questions liées à l'admissibilité des dépenses.

### *Processus d'évaluation*

Q: Est-ce que ce seront les mêmes évaluateurs qui reverront la partie recherche, infrastructure et formation d'une même demande?

A: Les différentes composantes seront évaluées par les mêmes individus dans la mesure du possible et en tenant compte des conflits d'intérêts et de la charge de travail.

Q: Surprenant de constater que le rapport d'endossement du pôle compte pour si peu?

A: Le rapport fournira les données contextuelles nécessaires aux Comités d'examen scientifique et technique et au Comité d'examen stratégique pour procéder aux évaluations conformément aux descriptions des critères de sélection et aux matrices de cotation de l'occasion de financement.

## *Autres*

Q: Dans le cas d'une application avec des membres d'équipe de plusieurs institutions et chacun recevant de l'infrastructure. Doit-on inviter toutes les institutions via la personne liaison FCI en tant qu'organisme partenaire?

A: Vous devez inviter les membres d'équipe et leurs établissements respectifs à participer à la demande détaillée. Si le financement est octroyé, nous contacterons les agents de liaison de la FCI pour coordonner la finalisation de la subvention.

Q: Pourquoi ne pas publier les priorités des différents pôles ?

A: Un résumé de chaque pôle est disponible: [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/cbrf-frbc/stage1-etape1/award\\_recipients-titulaires\\_subvention-fra.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/cbrf-frbc/stage1-etape1/award_recipients-titulaires_subvention-fra.aspx)

Q: Une fois les demandes soumises au pôle, est-ce que les pôles pourront "retourner" les demandes aux institutions qui font la demande si nécessaire ?

A: Oui, le pôle de recherche peut renvoyer la demande détaillée à l'établissement avant le 7 septembre 2023, mais celui-ci devra resoumettre sa demande au pôle. Les pôles doivent soumettre les demandes avant le 7 septembre.

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