

2026 SSHRC Explore Application

Deadline: Monday, February 23, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) EST

Name of Principal Applicant:

Department/School:

Faculty:

Email Address:

Emerging Researcher/Scholar*:

Yes No

Title of Proposal:

Total Amount Requested (up to \$10,000):

\$

This proposal is for: a stand-alone project a pilot towards a future SSHRC application

Applicants may choose to indicate that their project has an Indigenous focus. Such projects will be reviewed within the context of the [Guidelines for the merit review of Indigenous research](#).

The research has an Indigenous focus: Yes No

Will your project involve humans, the use of animals, controlled goods or hazardous materials?

Yes No

If **yes**, the project will require ethics review and approval. For further information, see the [research ethics website](#).

I confirm that the project proposed is new and has not received SRC funding from any sources (internal or external).

Yes, I confirm.

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and verifiable.

Yes, I confirm.

Date

* For the definition of Emerging Researcher/Scholar, refer to the [2026 SSHRC Explore Competition Guidelines](#).

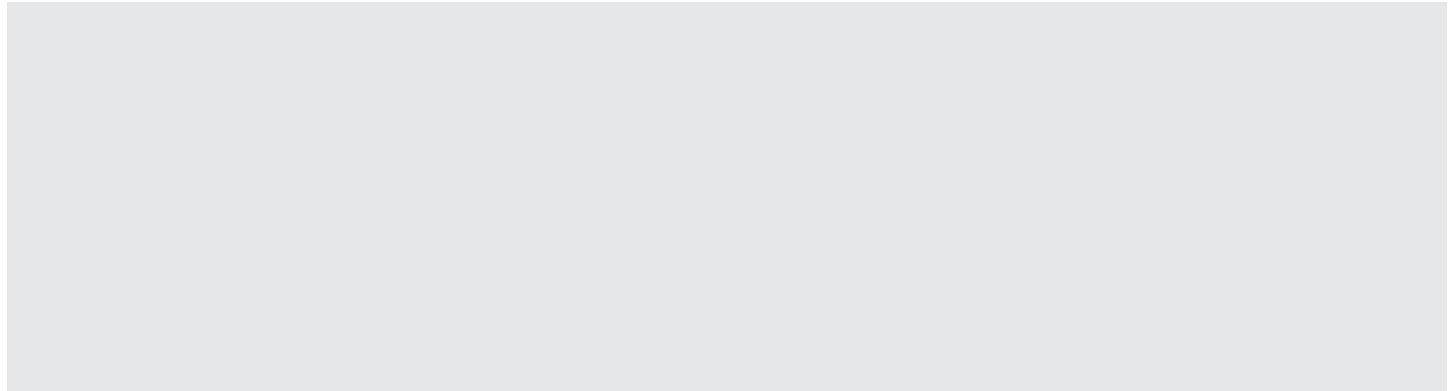
Formatting your application

Applications will only be accepted if submitted using this fillable PDF form. Please note you will have to carefully copy and paste your text onto the form – the text will not automatically flow between pages.

Abstract

The abstract should be free of technical jargon and clearly describe the proposal and its potential impact.

(Max. 100 words)



Project Description

Proposals should describe the project in enough detail to allow for an informed assessment by the 2026 SSHRC Explore Review Committee members. As some committee members may not possess an intimate knowledge of the subject matter of your proposal, please avoid jargon and highly technical content.

(Max. 1500 words)

The project description must include the following sections:

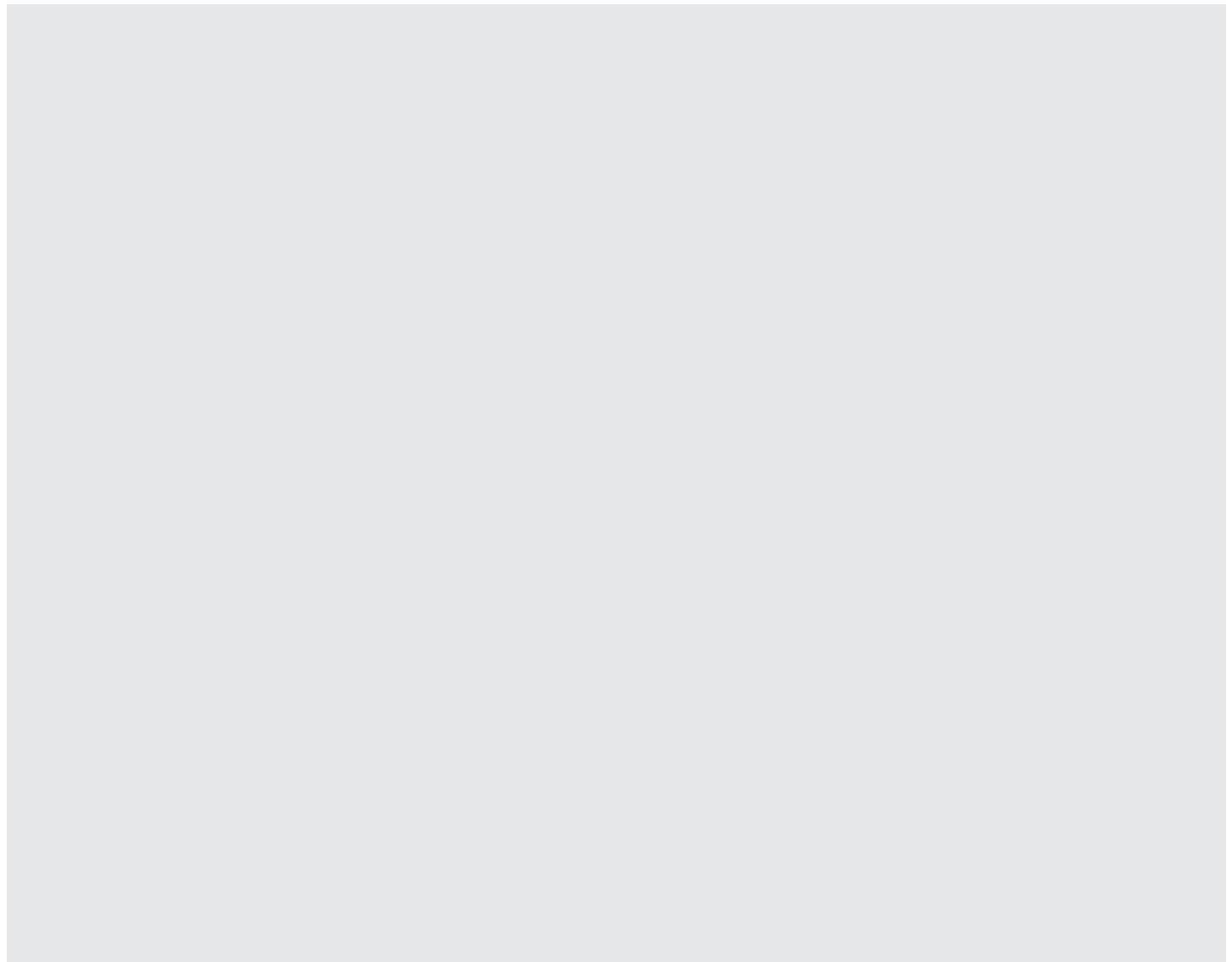
Objectives - The specific nature and objectives of the proposed SRC project.

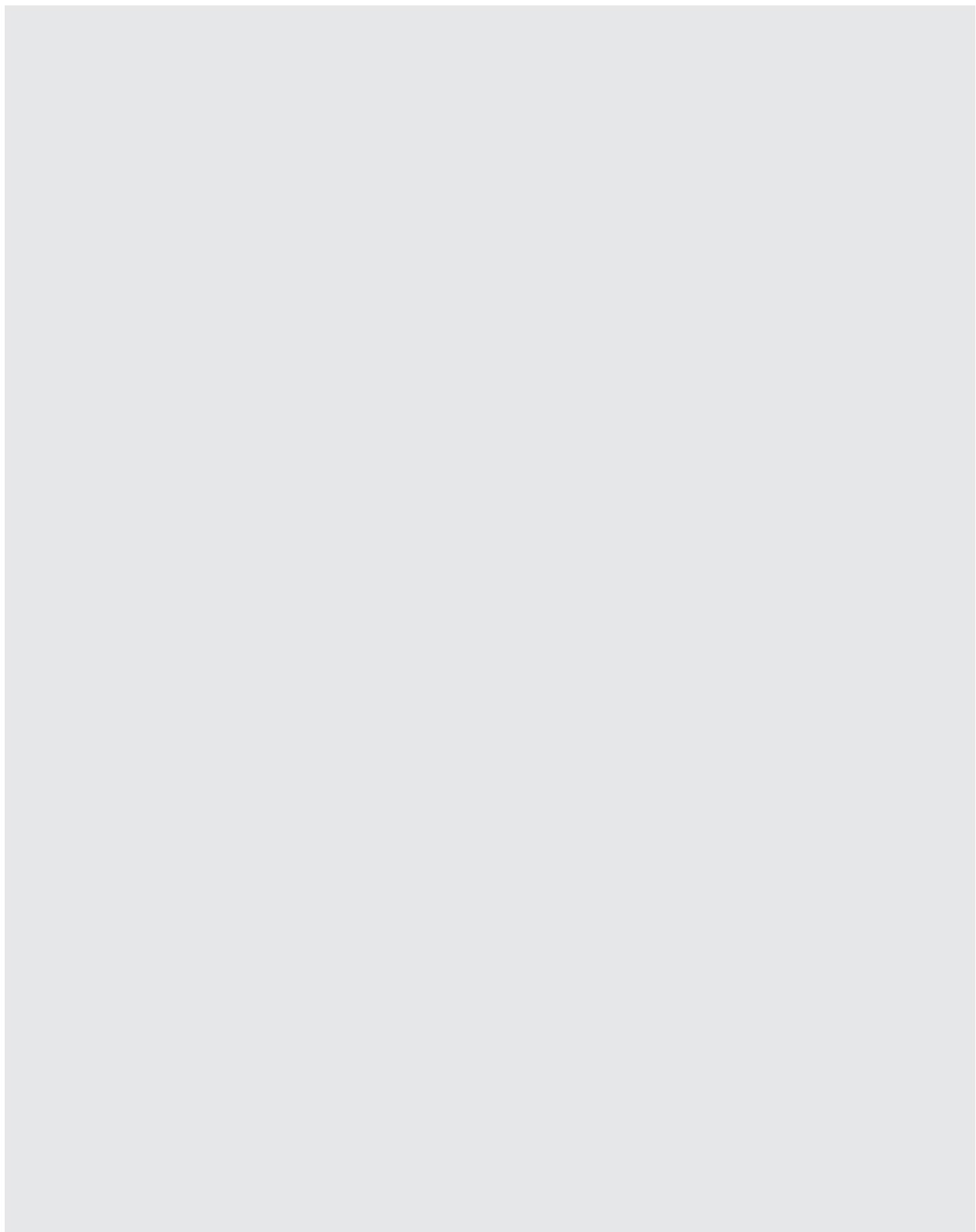
Context - A brief literature review to situate the proposed project and, as appropriate, its theoretical approach. The context should also include the project's relevance, potential impacts and/or contributions to the respective field of study.

Methods - The methods to be employed, as well as analysis strategies and data sovereignty considerations, as appropriate.

Timeline - The time period within which the work will be undertaken.

Optional - Visual items such as timelines, graphs, and imagery may be uploaded to your Grant Authorization Form (GAF) separately as an appendix (maximum of two pages of appendix items).

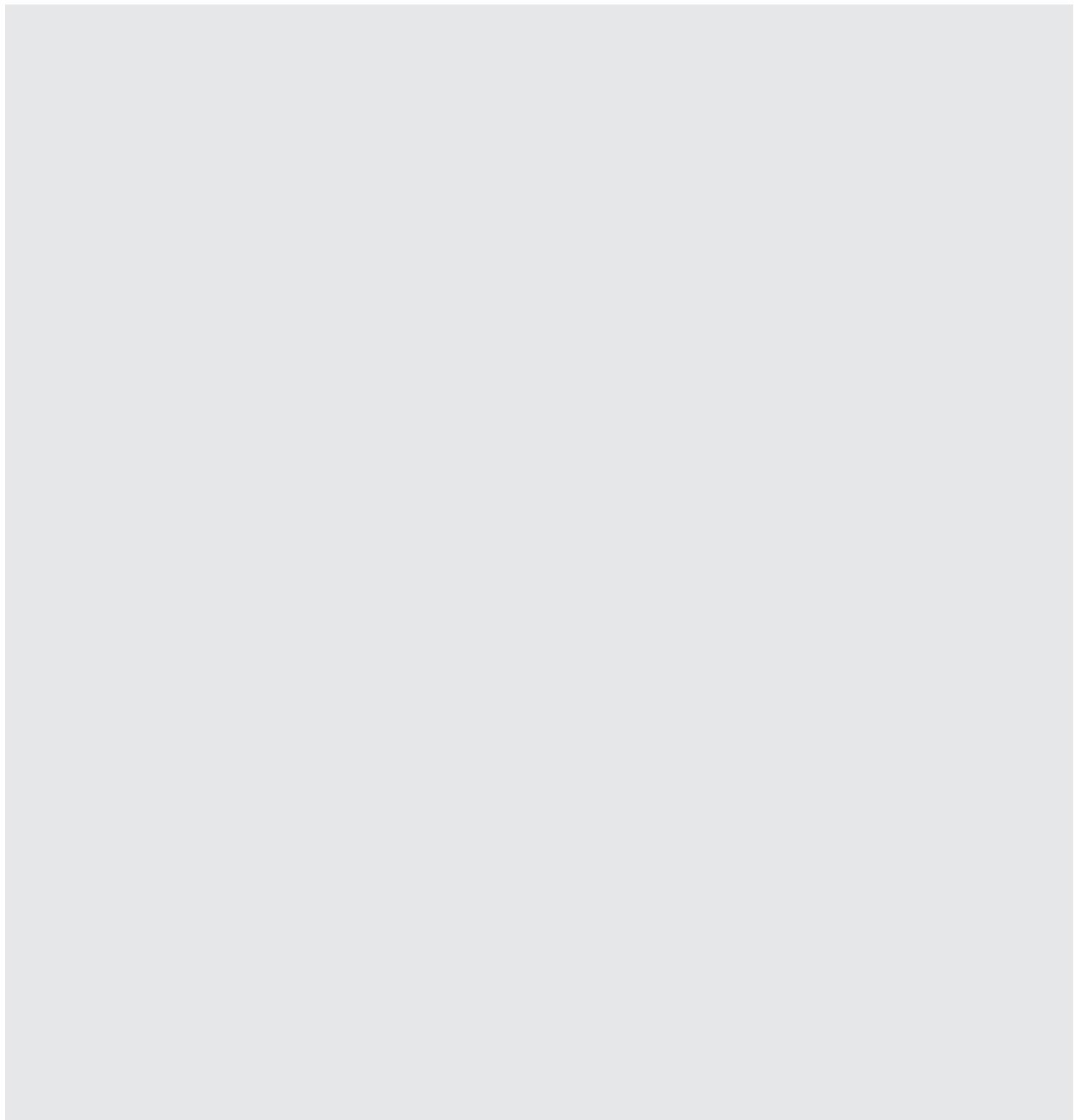




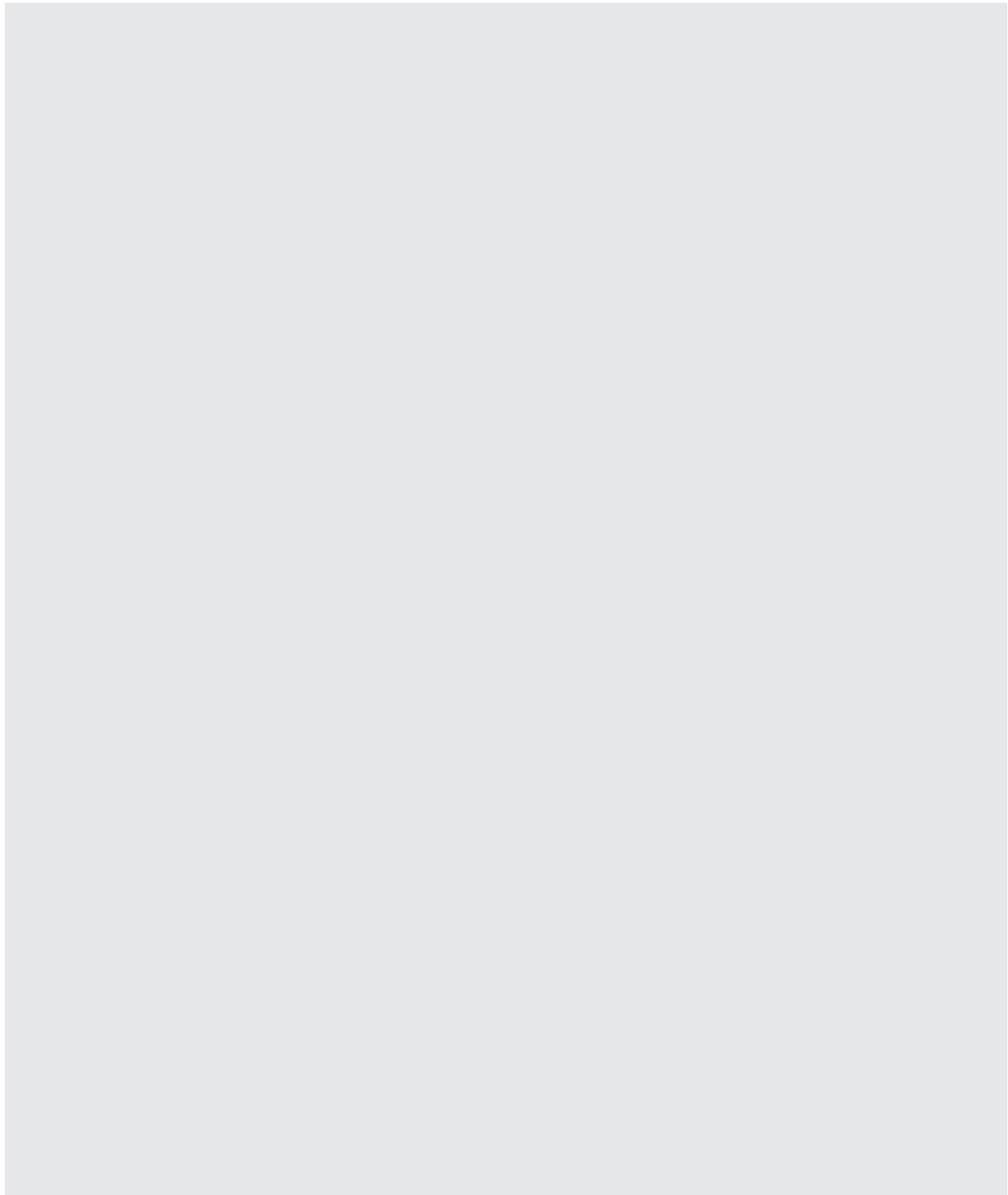
Knowledge Mobilization and Anticipated Outcomes

There should be a clear indication of the expected outcome(s) of the proposed SRC project (e.g., publications, presentations, preliminary stage of a large project, community engagement initiatives/outreach, etc.), including any relevant student/HQP training. As appropriate, proposals should indicate how the SRC project will prepare the applicant for future externally funded opportunities.

(Max. 500 words)



List of References



Budget

An itemized budget explaining the relationship of the funds requested to the proposed SRC project.

Note on eligible expenses: Funds can be used only for research-related costs that are acceptable under SSHRC and institutional guidelines. Expenses must conform to the [university's guidelines regarding pay and benefit rates and allowable expenses](#).

Note on RA/GA salaries: Please see the [details on Research Assistant and Graduate Assistant remuneration](#) on the Human Resources website.

| Item Description / Purpose | Cost (CAD) |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| | Total |

Budget Justification