

## TIPS & TEMPLATES FOR NSERC DG PROPOSAL

### MAIN PROPOSAL

You have five pages (eight pages for team applications with at least one eligible co-applicant; five pages with two additional pages per co-applicant for SAP projects) to convince the readers the **Merit of your Proposal**. Images and graphics are included in the above-mentioned page limitations.

### TIPS

- Use the headings provided.
- Goal = “Proposed research program is clearly presented, is extremely original and innovative and is likely to have impact by leading to ground-breaking advances in the area/ or leading to a technology or policy that addresses socio-economic or environmental needs”
- If results are appropriate for dissemination, what is your knowledge mobilization plan? Who is your target audience? Note: tri-councils are promoting “open access”.
- Must be clear, comprehensive and convincing.
- If your research is interdisciplinary, you may wish to consult the NSERC [Guidelines for the Preparation and Review of Applications in Interdisciplinary Research](#).

### TEMPLATE

- Recent Progress
  - Place this proposal within the context of work to date and long term goals. For renewals, identify progress attributable to your previous DG. Link to the newly proposed work.
- Objectives
  - Define the short- and long-term objectives of your research program.
  - Are the relationships between long and short objectives clear?
  - Are the objectives well-focused and realistic? In scope, breadth and depth.
  - Be clear how objective be reached within the proposed time frame.
  - Match short-term objectives with travel, conference milestones.
  - Relate objectives to student training.
  - Long term objectives put the proposal into context of overall research program.
- Literature Review
  - Discuss the literature pertinent to the proposal.
  - Be critical; don’t just “review it”. Identify research gaps, justification for your work.
- Methodology
  - Describe the methods and proposed approach, providing sufficient details to allow the reviewers to assess the feasibility and appropriateness of the research activities.
  - It’s a strategic balance between details and rationale of your approach.
  - Explain the feasibility of access to necessary equipment and resources (i.e. number of trainees in relation to available equipment).
- Impact
  - Explain the anticipated significance of the work. How will your research outcomes impact knowledge, local national and international industry, the economy, and society in general?