

Rating scale

EX

Significantly exceeds the criterion

SA

Satisfies the criterion

SW

Satisfies the criterion with only a few minor weaknesses

PS

Partially satisfies the criterion with some significant weaknesses

NS

Does not satisfy the criterion due to major weaknesses

Assessment criteria

Research or technology development

The research or technology development activities are innovative, feasible and meet international standards.

- Describe the proposed research or technology development activities conducted in an area of institutional priority.
- Demonstrate the innovativeness and feasibility of the proposed activities by positioning them within the national and international context, describing the proposed approach and including references.

Researchers

The researchers demonstrate excellence and leadership at a level appropriate for the stage of their career. The researchers have the expertise or relevant collaborations to conduct the research or technology development activities.

- Describe the researchers' track record, including scientific and technical expertise relevant to conduct the proposed activities.
- Describe the collaborators' and partners' contributions essential to the success of the proposed activities.

Infrastructure

The infrastructure is necessary and appropriate to conduct the research or technology development activities.

- Describe each item and justify its need to conduct the proposed activities. For construction or renovation, provide a description of the space including its location, size and nature. Use the item number, quantity, cost and location found in the "Cost of individual items" table. Provide a cost breakdown for any grouping of items.
- Explain why existing infrastructure within the institution and the region cannot be used to conduct the proposed activities.

Note: For construction or renovation, a detailed cost breakdown, timeline and floor plans must be provided in a separate document as part of the finance module.

Sustainability

The infrastructure is optimally used and sustainable through tangible and appropriate commitments over its useful life.

- Present a management plan that addresses the optimal use (e.g. user access and level of use), and the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the infrastructure over its useful life.
- Provide detailed information on O&M costs and revenue sources, including institutional commitment. Refer to the "Financial resources for operation and maintenance" tables.

Benefit to Canadians

The research or technology development results will be transferred through appropriate pathways to potential end users and are likely to generate social, health, environmental and/or economic benefits to Canadians, including better training and improved skills for highly qualified personnel.¹

- Briefly describe potential socioeconomic benefits, including better training and improved skills for highly qualified personnel.
- Delineate the knowledge mobilization plan and/or technology transfer pathways, including partnerships with end users.

¹ Highly qualified personnel include technicians, research associates, undergraduate students, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.