



RPLC Network Proposal 2017- 2018

General

- Please read the guidelines before making an application.
- The closing date for submitting applications is **August 31, 2017**. Outcomes will be notified by email by September 30, 2017.
- The main description of the research project should be inserted in the relevant section of the form. Please do not change the font size, margins or line spacing of the document.

Eligibility /Criteria

To be eligible for funding proposals must meet the following criteria:

- The network topic must be relevant to RPLC member interests and ensure policy /practitioner relevance.
- Demonstrate involvement of stakeholders in three of the four regions: Canada, Europe, Mexico, and United States. This must involve a minimum of four active RPLC members drawn from the RPLC partners including cross theme collaboration where relevant.
- Create opportunities for student engagement/early career professionals in all aspects of their activities.
- Ensure that the proposed activities have clear and tangible outputs that will enhance mutual understanding of their specific topic by mobilizing research and knowledge drawing on academic, practitioner and policy perspectives, expertise and connections.
- Facilitate comparative (intra- national and international) approaches where appropriate cross –theme engagement in the RPLC context.
- Commit to promoting RPLC through dissemination activities, maximizing participation and engaging with new individuals and organizations from outside RPLC including practitioners and those working in policy.
- At a minimum, each network must generate: a policy brief targeted to policy makers and/or practitioners a webinar; and a brief year-end report on how the funding has been used and the outputs and outcomes achieved.
- Commitment to promote the RPLC through dissemination, reporting of findings and recruiting new members;

Finance

- The maximum award that can be applied for is CAD \$20,000.
- Eligible costs are detailed in Appendix to this form. In providing details of estimated costs, please note that:
 - Costs should be as accurate and detailed as possible.
 - Amounts should be entered in Canadian Dollars
 - A justification for resources must be given for each of the requested cost items.
- Funding arrangements will need to be established with Brandon University upon approval; funding options depending on the network lead institution's relationship with Brandon University: options (a) include direct transfer of approved amount, (b) invoicing Brandon University once costs are incurred or (c) drawing down on funds directly at Brandon University

Institutional approval

- Before submission, the application form must be signed off by your institutional representative
- It is the Lead proposer's responsibility to ensure that all the approvals have been granted in advance of the submission deadline.
- Applications submitted to RPLC without institutional approval **will not be considered**.

Submission

1.RPLC Research Network Title:

2.Applicant/Proposer(s) Details

Lead and Co-Leads should be active members of RPLC. **Leads** (if based in Canada) will have to belong to a SSHRC eligible institution. Leads not based in Canada will have to belong to an active partner institution. It is essential that a Lead is identified with whom RPLC will communicate regarding financial details, outputs, and progress. *Please include Bios of not more than 300 words for those listed in Annex A to the proposal*

	Lead	Co-Lead	Co-lead
Full name/title			
Institution and Department			
Corresponding Address (Inc. post code)			
Email address			
Tel. No.			

3. Network Members

List all those who will actively contribute to the delivery of this proposal and its outputs and outcomes. Collaborators may be based at organisations which are not current members of RPLC.

Full name and title	Institution /Organisation	Current Member in RPLC? Y/N	Post Grad/Early Career Researcher ¹ Y/N	Email

¹ Post Grad/Early Career Researchers are defined as individuals who have completed their PhD in the last five years

4. Proposed Network Summary

Give a summary of the aims, objectives and anticipated outputs of the proposed network in clear and simple terms (up to 250 words)

5. Description of the Network

- Topic the proposal seeks to address
- Background or rationale for a network
- Aims and objectives of the proposed network
- Process of engagement
- Relevance for the RPLC

Maximum word limit: 500 words

6. Strategic fit of the Network with RPLC

- Contributes to and an impact on **the strategic objectives** and outputs and outcomes of the RPLC:
 - **Build a cohort of highly qualified researchers, policy analysts, and community leaders** through experiential, international, comparative, and collaborative learning
 - **Increase opportunities to exchange insights** for organizations, students, researchers, practitioners, and policy decision-makers regarding the nature and processes of rural-related policy innovations
 - **Add to existing research knowledge** regarding rural, regional, and northern conditions, rural-urban interdependence, and the policies and programs relating to them
 - **Increase the mobilization of this knowledge** to the wider population of researchers, practitioners, policy decision-makers, and citizens who are stakeholders in policy development and evaluation
 - **Strengthen networks, relationships, and institutional/community capacities** to evaluate and develop appropriate policy for increasing prosperity under changing conditions in rural, regional, and northern areas
 - **Ensure the integration of Canadians² into international research and policy networks** through exchanges, presentations, knowledge transfers, and media activities.

² As these strategic priorities were defined during the initial application to SSHRC, Priority 6 is Canadian-focused

Please identify how the proposed network aligns with RPLC's strategic objectives in 200 words or less per objective.

RPLC STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PROPOSED NETWORK'S CONTRIBUTIONS
Build a cohort of highly qualified researchers, policy analysts, and community leaders	
Increase opportunities to exchange insights	
Add to existing research knowledge	
Increase the mobilization of this knowledge	
Strengthen networks, relationships, and institutional/community capacities	
Ensure the integration of Canadians into international research and policy networks	

7. Outcomes and Outputs

Include a description of each planned output, outcome, publications and other forms of dissemination planned for the network along with any details already known (timeline, target # of participants, member inclusions etc). *Insert additional rows in the table as needed.*

RPLC NETWORK OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	Description, Audience & Details (150 words max)
Webinar (required)	
Policy Brief (required)	
Annual Report (required)	
Other output	
Other output	
Other output	

8. Project Timetable and Activities (insert rows as necessary)

Networks may propose either a six month (October 2017 – March 2018) or a eighteen month (October 2017 – March 2019) timeline frame.

Date Period	Description of Network Activity

Start date		Anticipated end date	
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9. Finance

How much are you applying for: \$ CAD:

SSHRC Categories for Budgets	Requested	Other Sources	Total
Personnel Expenses <i>(Total A)</i>			
Student salaries and benefits/Stipends			
Undergraduate			
Masters			
Doctorate			
Non-student salaries and benefits/Stipends			
Postdoctoral			
Other			
Travel and subsistence costs <i>(Total B)</i>			
Applicant/Team member(s)			
Canadian travel			
Foreign travel			
Students			
Canadian travel			
Foreign travel			
Other expenses <i>(Total C)</i>			
Professional/Technical services			
Supplies			
Non-disposable equipment			
Computer hardware			
Other			
Other expenses (specify)			
Total - All expenses <i>(Totals A+B+C)</i>			

10. Declaration and undertaking

Name of Lead	Signature of Lead	Date

11. Institutional Approval

Signature	Date
Name in Full	
Position	
Name of University	

Annex A Biography of Leads and Co-Leads

(300 words maximum for each person listed)



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