Outline

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Pre-Concept

• Get to know SSHRC
➢ History – Development of Canadian scholars & scholarship – emphasis on student training as researchers
➢ Current priorities
➢ Current programs
➢ Deadlines - annual timing
• Nothing succeeds like success – think small! Be prepared to build your credibility with SSHRC
Partners

• Assess (honestly) your own knowledge, research skills/methods and networks. Are there areas that could be strengthened?
• Who could add value to your project? How?
• Are there academics, community members and/or policy makers who can add value?
• Other funders?
Concept Development

- Begin with very general concept – e.g. engaging youth in Northern, rural & Indigenous communities
- Literature Review – focus on untested ideas, where more research is required & new language/concepts in the field
- Talk to lots of people in different fields about your concept
- Be open to revising/amending/discarding concept!
Writing Tips

- Begin months, preferably a year in advance!
- Keep problem description brief (1 paragraph)
- Focus on how this research will shed light/provide new/increased insight & understanding
- Research methodology – Is it consistent with research questions? Innovation?
- Establish clear links between research and SSHRC’s priorities
- Identify 3 – 4 key objectives of research – all positive
Budget Tips

• Emphasize development of scholars
• Leveraging dollars –
  ➢ NOHFC & FedNor internships,
  ➢ Algoma U share,
  ➢ ‘in-kind’ donations - office space, meeting space, staff time, volunteer time, computers, equipment, etc etc
Conclusions

• Establish your credibility with the funder
• Focus on positive outcomes of the research
• Identify and invite partners who can add value
• Writing should be succinct, clearly linking all aspects of proposal (concept, methodology, partners, budget & outcomes)
• SSHRC’s technology is poorly constructed – so leave much more time than should be required!