

Proposal Review Criteria

1.1 Proposal Requirements

Disclaimer: CNL may reject any or all submissions and all copies of material and information prepared by or for the applicant in connection with or in relation to the proposal and delivered to CNL and all other material and information delivered to CNL by the applicant in connection with or in relation to the Proposal including, without limitation, the Proposal shall be the sole and absolute property of CNL.

1. The CNRI program is intended to support joint research projects. The applicant must contribute financially to the project.
 - a. Proposals with at least matching funds will be considered.
 - b. Proposals that have 51%-70% of value provided by CNL will only be considered if the proposal clearly demonstrates significant value to CNL.
 - c. Proposals that require CNL to contribute more than 70% of the value of the project will not be considered.
2. For the 2019 CNRI call for proposals, projects must be complete by 2021 March 31. Projects that extend beyond 2021 March 31, will not be considered.
3. Work is to be performed at the Chalk River site by, or in cooperation with, CNL staff. Applicants may receive access to CNL facilities and/or laboratories when deemed necessary for the project.
4. Proposal must include at least one industry partner¹.

1.2 Proposal Benefits

1. Proposals must align with at least one of the focus areas listed in the call for proposals.
 - a. Applications that include several focus areas in support of multiple objectives are welcome.
2. Proposals must create lasting value for CNL. This could be in the form of knowledge and/or technology development that CNL can leverage for future work.
3. Proposals must advance SMR development/deployment.
4. Proposals must provide a benefit to Canada. This benefit does not need to be fully realized at the end of the project (i.e. SMR deployed in Canada). However, the project must clearly explain how it supports a longer term goal to develop/deploy SMRs in Canada.

1.3 Project Scope

1. Research goals of the applicant should be clearly defined with specific deliverables and a target timeline.
2. The proposal must outline the roles and responsibilities for CNL and each entity that is included in the application.
3. The project scope must be achievable within the project budget and available resources².
4. In-kind contributions will not be considered as part of the cost share calculation, however they will be considered during final project selection.

¹ An industry partner is defined a private sector entity directly involved with the commercialization of SMRs. This could include a reactor designer/vendor, a future SMR operator and/or a member of the SMR supply chain.

² The initial project plan, including cost and resource requirements, will be set by CNL for proposals that have passed the technical review. The applicant will be given the opportunity to review the initial project plan prior to final selection.