

**REGULATORY EXPERIMENTATION EXPENSE FUND**

**HIGH-LEVEL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

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|  **Applicant Information** |
| Department or Agency: |  |
| Project Title:  |  |
| Contact Name and Title: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| Is this a collaborative project with other departments or agencies? * If yes, please list all departments and agencies.
* Specify each department’s role (lead, co-lead, or support).

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| ☐ Yes ☐ No  |
| **Section 1 – The problem**  |
| **Describe the problem you are aiming to address.**The objective of the REEF is to support the Canadian economy. To be eligible, your problem **must meet** **one of the three** **criteria** below. Provide sufficient context and information to allow the CRI to confirm that you meet the selected criterion.1. **Industry Need:** The problem is the impact of regulations on industry that affect business sustainability or competitiveness, and that industry has identified as a priority to address.
2. **Regulatory uncertainty:** The problem is that businesses are expecting an innovation to become subject to new regulations and a lack of certainty around the new requirements acts as a market barrier.
3. **Regulatory barrier to innovation:** The problem is that an innovation is facing challenges accessing the Canadian market because of regulatory barriers.

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| **Section 2 – The experiment / project** |
| The REEF may be used to support regulatory experiments or work to prepare for a regulatory experiment. Based on your project's current stage of development, please complete either Option 1 or Option 2 below.* **Choose Option 1** if you are seeking support to run a regulatory experiment or sandbox. This option is suitable for proponents that are ready, or nearly ready, to run an experiment.
* **Choose Option 2** if you are seeking support to determine whether and how to experiment. This option is appropriate if you are not ready to experiment and need help to get there.
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| **Option 1: Experiment****Describe your proposed experiment.** To be eligible, your description must meet **both** **criteria** below. Provide sufficient context and information to allow the CRI to confirm you meet each criterion.1. You must be proposing to either:
	1. **Test** **a proposed regulatory solution** (e.g., regulation, regulatory policy, guidance, process or technology) with industry or Canadians.
	2. **Test a proposed non-regulatory solution** (e.g., voluntary approach or standard) with industry or Canadians to determine if it is more appropriate than regulating.
2. The objective of the experiment must be to **determine the** **impact** of the solution on your problem. Include what impact you propose to measure and how you plan to measure it.

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| **Option 2: Pre-Experiment****Describe the work you propose to prepare for an experiment (i.e., prepare for Option 1).**To be eligible, your project **must meet one of the two criteria** below and provide enough context for the CRI to confirm your eligibility.You are seeking CRI support and REEF funds to help you:* 1. Determine whether regulatory experimentation would be an appropriate tool to address the problem you outlined in Section 1; or
	2. Develop a regulatory experiment. Describe how your proposed experiment meets the experimentation criteria from Option 1 and explain the work you plan to do to develop the experiment.

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| **Section 3 – Innovation** |
| **Explain how this project is intended to foster innovation.** To be eligible, your description **must** **meet one of the two criteria** below and provide sufficient context for the CRI to confirm your eligibility:1. The project will help you decide whether to remove or avoid adding regulatory barriers to innovative products, services, or business models entering the Canadian marketplace.
2. The project will help you decide whether to adopt an innovative regulatory approach.

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| **Section 4 - Priority assessment** |
| Due to high demand, not all eligible projects will be invited to submit full proposals. The criteria below, listed by order of importance, will be used to determine the priority of projects. Provide information explaining why your project should be considered a priority. 1. The project supports an idea intended to:
	1. Advance a specific initiative from the [Red Tape Review Progress Reports](https://www.canada.ca/en/government/system/laws/developing-improving-federal-regulations/red-tape-reduction-office/red-tape-review/red-tape-review-progress-reports.html), or
	2. Support an innovation get to market.
2. The degree to which an experiment is an appropriate tool (See [Regulators' Experimentation Toolkit,](https://wiki.gccollab.ca/images/6/6b/CRI_Regulators%27_Experimentation_Toolkit.pdf) section 2b or 3b for guidance).
3. The transferability of the idea or sought learning across the government.
4. The project supports another government priority - state the priority and its source.

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| **Section 5 – Funding Request**The REEF is intended to offset the additional costs associated with running an experiment. However, departments are expected to share the expenses of the project using financial or in-kind resources. |
| Experiment Duration | ☐1 Year ☐ 2 Years ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Breakdown of REEF funding request by fiscal year.  | 2026-2027 | 2027-2028  | 2028-2029 and beyond  |
| $ | $ | $ |
| How do you plan to use the REEF funds? Include cost description and $ amount. | *Example text** *$: X FTE for…*
* *$: contract for…*
* *$: to acquire …*
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| Departmental contribution for this project and description of costs.  | $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *Example text**The department will provide funding to develop a standard, and for 1 FTE to sit on the technical committee and coordinate the department input into the standard* |