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Service to Assist Research in French

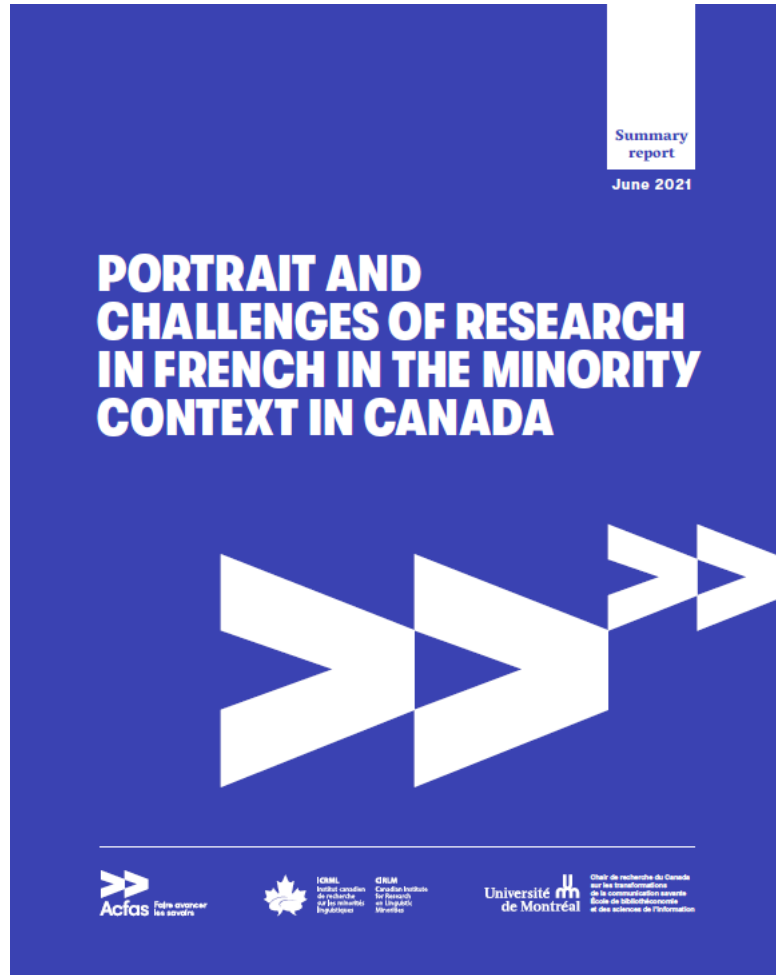
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L'Association francophone pour le savoir - Acfas

- Not-for-profit organisation of French-speaking researchers and research users created in 1923
- Our mission is to promote research and scientific innovation and culture in Quebec, in Canada, and internationally, pursuing three objectives:
 1. Promote and support the next generation of scientists
 2. Defend the relevance of research and scientific data in society
 3. Foster the dialogue between science and society
- We make representations before government and collaborate with dozens of organisations and stakeholders from the research sector and from civil society
- Our main event is our annual Congress. The biggest and most important scientific meeting of the French-speaking world.
- 6 regional chapters: Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Sudbury, Toronto, Maritimes
- Nearly 5,000 members (individual subscribers) and over 25 000 research users and followers across Canada

The Challenges of Research in French in Minority Settings



CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT

- There are barriers that prevent French-speaking researchers working in minority settings from being able to submit research grant applications in French
- Given that the three federal granting agencies accept applications in either of the two official languages, this situation puts French-speaking researchers at a disadvantage vis-a-vis their anglophone colleagues
- The vitality of research in French and, by extension, of francophone minority communities is therefore weakened

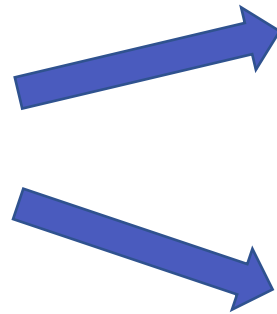
RECOMMENDATION #1

Improve the on-campus support offered to French-speaking researchers

A Canada-Wide Interuniversity French-Language Research Assistance Service



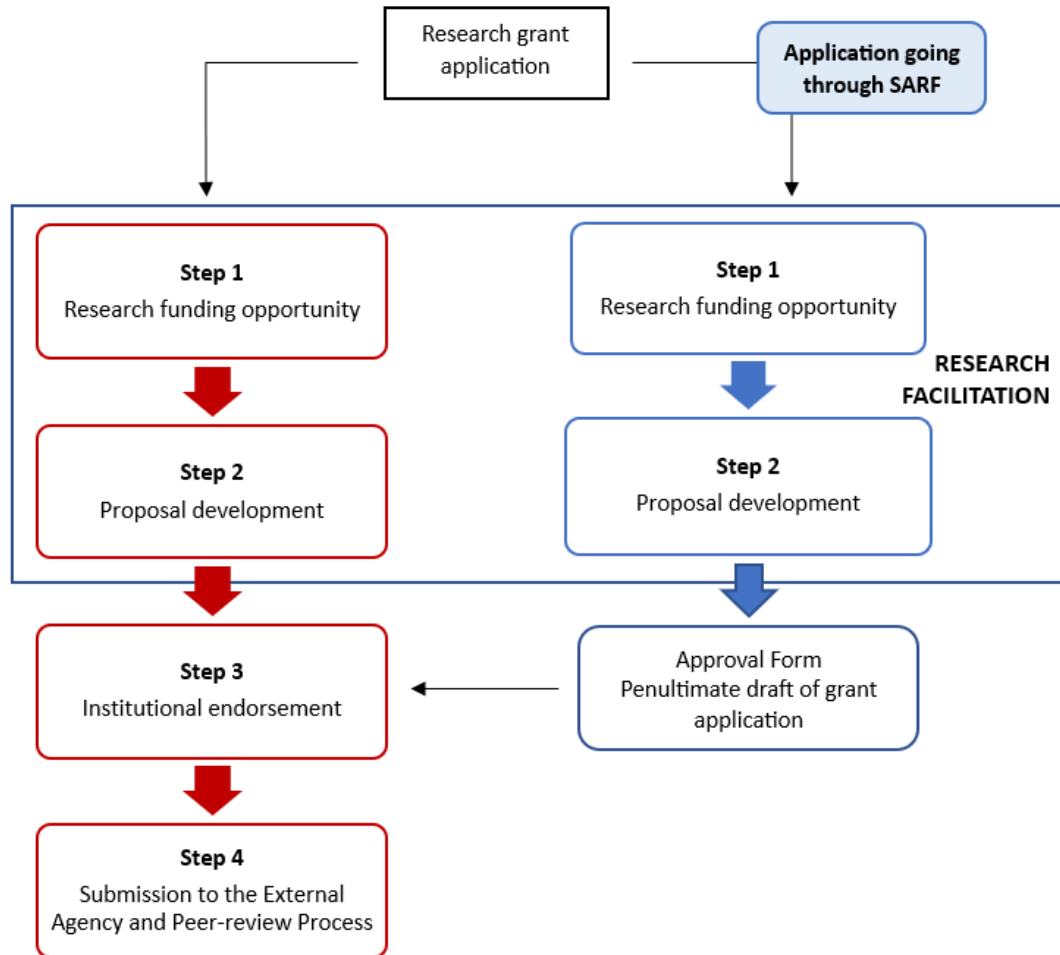
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Pre-Award Support to Scholars

Scholarship Support to Graduate Students

Life Cycle of a Research Grant with SARF



- **Advisory services**

- One-on-one meetings to discuss research goals
- Contribution to information sessions and workshops
- Identification of funding and collaboration opportunities

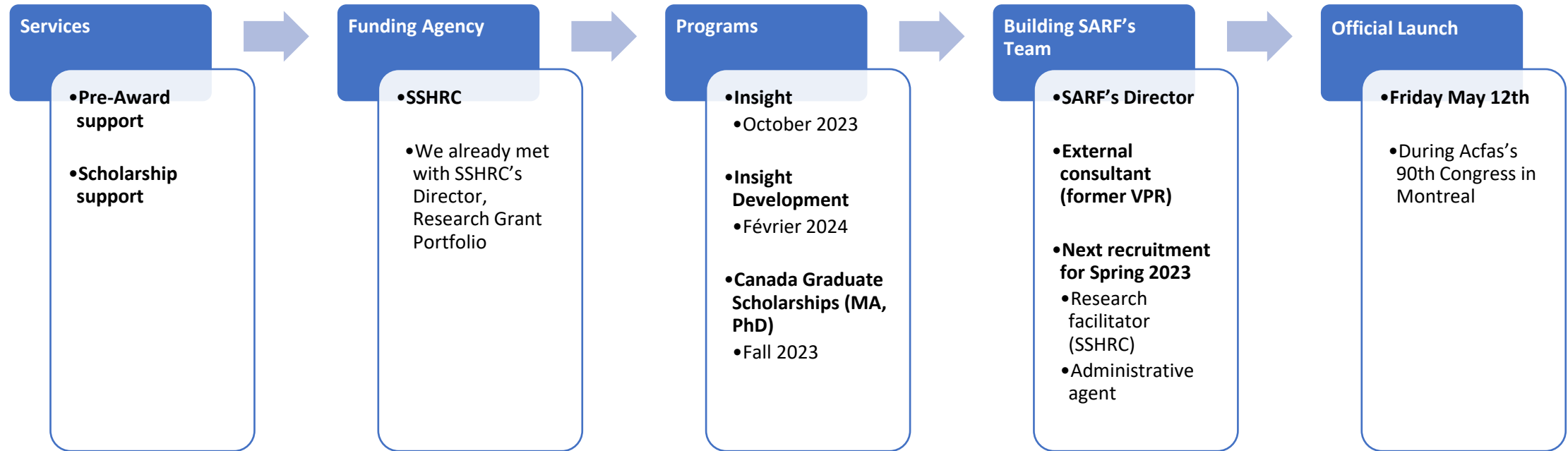
- **Funding application development**

- Liaison with external agencies, partners, research assistants
- Project development and scoping
- Budget planning and development

- **Review and detailed assessment**

- External peer review, if required

SARF Implementation Plan, 2023-24





The Advantages of Collaborating with SARF

STABILITY

SARF ensures a stable and durable access to research support in French

BENEFITS

SARF provides an opportunity to increase research revenue by adding to the annual number of grant applications

INNOVATION

SARF allows universities to contribute to the building a unique research assistance service in Canada

OUTREACH

SARF reinforces the engagement of partner universities to support the growth and development of francophonie on its campus and in its community



Thank you for your attention !

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