



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP): RESEARCH LEAD - SKETCH Institute

SKETCH WORKING ARTS invites applications from qualified Researchers to develop and lead the SKETCH Institute Research Pillar, for its first year from January 9 to December 31, 2023.

ABOUT SKETCH WORKING ARTS

SKETCH Working Arts is a community-arts enterprise based in Toronto engaging young people homeless, on the margins, ages 16-29, coming from across Canada. SKETCH creates equitable opportunities for diverse young people to experience the transformative power of the arts; develop their leadership and self-sufficiency in the arts, and cultivate social and environmental change through the arts.

SKETCH Institute is a developing initiative that works on strategic collaborations to advance and amplify the systems change leadership of QTBIPOC young people, particularly those on the margins, through research, education, social innovation and enterprise.

DESCRIPTION

**SKETCH Working Arts / SKETCH Institute
Request for Proposal (“RFP”) – Research Lead
Issue date: November 14, 2022**

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

OUR VISION: We see a movement where young people are celebrated and engaged as culture makers, perception changers and collaborators in building creative communities.

OUR MISSION: SKETCH is a community arts enterprise engaging diverse young people, ages 16-29, from across Canada, who live homeless or on the margins and navigate poverty to:

- experience the transformative power of the arts
- build leadership and self-sufficiency in the arts
- cultivate social and environmental change through the arts

For more information on SKETCH WORKING ARTS, please visit: <https://www.sketch.ca/>

PROJECT SCOPE

SKETCH INSTITUTE Research aims to support participatory, community-based action research (including arts-based and research-creation) involving SKETCH and its artists, alumni, and partners to position the SKETCH INSTITUTE itself, as a relevant and active resource contributing to policy, service, social and systems change through an equity and transformative justice lens.

The Institute is seeking a qualified candidate as Research Lead to develop a three-year research strategy, with clear goals and objectives as well as a plan of implementation for 2023. This strategy would consider past and current research projects and commitments, their impacts, outputs and outcomes, to align with the overall goals of the Institute and work in partnership with appropriate programs and projects of SKETCH.

The ideal candidate would have a solid understanding of formal and informal research, and community development as well as how community organizations can leverage research for broader impact and investment. The strategy would include establishing principles for the Institute of research practice, assessment and decision-making of proposals, writing and designing proposals, data collection and analysis, as well as knowledge sharing or knowledge transfer. The role involves leading in strategic partnerships across sectors and institutional research bodies or accrediting organizations (Universities, Colleges, Hospitals, etc.), to coordinate projects already in motion and to support the determination of future projects. It also involves the development of communication strategies for past or current projects to increase social impacts for young people.

The role involves clear and consistent writing, record keeping, report writing and preparation for publication. It also involves someone who can engage and mentor young people to become leaders in social innovation research to make social change. Critical to research with SKETCH, the lead would embrace multiple and diverse forms of knowledge production and seek to amplify those pieces of knowledge that have been historically marginalized or dismissed. The candidate would be able to express key principles of Research with Indigenous or marginalized communities.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Invitation to submit a written proposal with detailed Scope of Work, Budget and Plan.
- Research Profile

Name, Title and Contact Information

Description of relevant background

Description of services offered



Qualifications and Experience

- Outline how the Researcher will meet the required qualifications and experience as detailed in the RFP

Service Process Overview

- Process for delivering services that are customized for, responsive to and aligned with SKETCH Institute's needs;
- Description of approach to planning, design and execution of deliverables;
- Provide two references.

Fees

- Please indicate a cost projection for the entire project

Please submit your application to:

ATTN: **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL** at opportunities@sketch.ca by **11:59 pm, January 13, 2023**.

