## Format for submitting research proposals to SHSRC-K

To facilitate a systematic process for proposal review, the research proposals should contain the following sections:

- Background- Introduction and rationale/need for the study (justification for conducting the study based on paucity of knowledge/information)
- Aim(s) of the study
- Research question/hypothesis
- Primary and secondary objectives
- Expected outcomes (both primary and secondary expected outcomes should be mentioned)
- Methodology:
  - Study design
  - Study setting
  - o Study population (inclusion and exclusion criteria)
  - Study duration
  - Sample size (detailed justification of sample size)
  - Method of sampling
  - Study tools and instruments
  - o Method of data collection
- Data analysis plan
- Ethical considerations
- Timelines- Include Gantt chart
- Budget (expected expenditure under different heads)