

Brock Research Opportunities
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

- **ORS offers summer assistance with Tri-Council Agency (CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC) Common CV (CCV) preparation.** If you would like help with your CCV, please email orsadmin@brocku.ca with the subject line "CCV support". Requests will be processed in the order in which they are received; however, faculty members who require CCVs for fall submissions will be given priority.

- **Update on SSHRC's Research Portal and Canadian Common CV (CCV)**

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), in collaboration with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada (NSERC), has been working to modernize its technology infrastructure and improve services in the delivery of its programs. In November 2012, the Council launched the new Research Portal, along with the SSHRC template for the [Canadian Common CV \(CCV\)](#), as part of the February 2013 Insight Development Grants competition. This spring, NSERC implemented the Research Portal and CCV for its Discovery Grants and Subatomic Physics Grants competition.

The next SSHRC Insight Development Grants competition will be launched in fall 2013 and will continue to use the new Research Portal and CCV. For those who did not apply last year and plan to submit an application, SSHRC encourages filling out the SSHRC template for the CCV in advance of the February deadline (see announcement above regarding ORS CCV assistance). Apart from Insight Development Grants, all other grant competitions this year will be on the previous IT platform and will be using the former SSHRC CV. The Tri-Council Canada Graduate Scholarships-Masters, will launch on the new research portal, along with the new CCV, in September 2013.

In response to feedback from the research community, SSHRC continues to work with their Information Technology team to improve the new Research Portal and CCV experience for applicants, partners and institutions. SSHRC is assessing the on-boarding schedule for future funding opportunities with deadlines in fall 2014 and will keep the community informed of plans as they emerge.

- **Brock's Research Ethics Boards are recruiting new faculty members:** These dynamic volunteer boards provide a unique opportunity to gain insight into human research ethics. The Social Science Research Ethics Board (SREB) and Bioscience Research Ethics Board (BREB) are responsible for reviewing and assessing protocols for research involving human participants within the University, or under University auspices. The REBs ensure that the physical safety and personal integrity of human participants in research are respected and protected by interpreting and applying the Tri-Council Policy Statement (TCPS2) and relevant legislation.

We are currently looking for faculty members to serve a two-year term. If interested, please contact the Research Ethics Office at reb@brocku.ca or extension 3035. Information about the REBs can be found at: <http://brocku.ca/research/ethics-and-research-reviews/human-ethics>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES and other information from TRI-COUNCIL agencies

SSHRC

- The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) is launching the 2014-2015 [SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) competition.

The deadline to submit a proposal for the 2014-2015 competition is October 2, 2013.

New for the 2014-2015 competition:

1. Postdoctoral Fellowships awards will increase from \$38,000 per year to \$40,500 per year for up to two years, while provision for a separate research allowance will no longer be offered.
2. Applicants will be eligible to apply up to two years after completion of a PhD (instead of the previous three-year window).
3. Applicants who have previously held a postdoctoral award from SSHRC, CIHR, or NSERC, including a Banting postdoctoral fellowship, will no longer be eligible to apply.
4. Postdoctoral Fellowships evaluation criteria will align with other SSHRC grants, which assess proposals based on three main criteria: challenge, feasibility and capability.

- The Connection Grants funding opportunity is available once again: http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/connection_grants-subventions_connexion-eng.aspx.

New changes to the program:

- Individuals may only apply as applicant / project director and co-applicant on one (1) active Connection Grant (individual or institutional) at a time; the latter for only one Connection Grant per calendar year.
- The maximum value of a Connection grant for an event is \$25,000; and for other outreach activity will be \$50,000 (with higher amounts considered on an exceptional basis).
- SSHRC will not fund the full cost of any connection event or outreach activity. **Additional support in the form of cash and /or in kind contributions (excluding registration fees) equivalent to a minimum of 50 per cent of the amount requested from SSHRC must come from other sources, such as sponsors.**
- Applicants will be notified of results within 16 weeks from confirmed receipt of the application.
- Applications will be reviewed four times per year, i.e., in June, September, December and March

For more information, please contact SSHRC by telephone at 613-943-1007 or email at:

connection@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

- **SSHRC Guidelines for Support of Tools** - SSHRC has launched new guidelines for support of tools for research and research related activities. The guidelines provide assistance to researchers submitting requests for support for tools distinct from a typical component of a research grant, e.g., survey/questionnaire, etc. The aim is to ensure that SSHRC funds are available to support tools associated with the direct costs of research and related activities; and does not duplicate funding available from other sources—either through SSHRC or other funding agencies, including the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI).

Examples of tools that may be eligible for SSHRC support include:

- tools that facilitate research and knowledge mobilization, such as bibliographies, geographic information systems, or video gaming;
- tools related to the creation and/or cleansing of a data set, database or administrative data, or to the creation of a website;
- tools that facilitate access to holdings or collections, such as repository guides, inventories, documentary materials, or special indexes; and
 - standard instruments and equipment—such as computers and mobile devices—linked directly to the development of the tool, and tools that have a large research or knowledge mobilization component.

NOTE: Requests for funding in excess of \$100,000 for tools for research and related activities *are not* eligible for funding from SSHRC.

The new guidelines apply to grant type funding opportunities. Currently they apply to the following upcoming competitions: • Insight Grants (IG) competition (deadline October 15, 2013), and; • Partnership Grants (PG-LOI) competition (deadline February 15, 2014). For more information, please consult the [SSHRC guidelines](#).

- **SSHRC Insight Grants Competition 2013** - The application procedure and deadlines for the 2013 Insight Grants competition will be the same as those used in 2012. Insight Grants will be on the old platform which uses the SSHRC Curriculum Vitae. The dates and deadlines for access to and submission of required application materials are as follows: Notice of Intent (NOI) *is now available online*; Insight Grants application and instructions will be available online July 15.

- Notice of Intent (NOI) agency deadline August 15 **Internal deadline for review August 1**

- Insight Grants application agency deadline October 15 **Internal deadline for review October 1**

- [Access to Research Data Centres](#) -The Canadian initiative on social statistics access to research data centres is a strategic joint initiative of SSHRC, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Statistics Canada to promote research and training in the application of *social statistics*. Applications may be submitted at any time. Results will be announced approximately five to eight weeks after submission. Applicants must complete the [application form](#) in accordance with the accompanying instructions. For information about this program, visit the [Statistics Canada](#) website.

- [Access to Research Data Centres—Program of Research](#) - The Canadian initiative on social statistics access to research data centres is a strategic joint initiative of SSHRC, the

Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Statistics Canada to promote research and training in the application of social statistics. The [Access to Research Data Centres Program](#) offers an application type called [Program of Research](#), which provides access to research data needed for large projects that have several sub-projects on related themes. Researchers submit a proposal for the approval of the overall research program. Once approved, they can submit an application for specific projects (project summary) that fall under the umbrella of the program of research description. Applications may be submitted at any time. Results will be announced approximately five to eight weeks after submission. Applicants must complete the [application form](#) in accordance with the accompanying instructions. For information about this program, visit the [application process and guidelines](#) on the Statistics Canada website.

SSHRC Contact for the preceding two opportunities: Mika Oehling (Program Officer)
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- [Kanishka Project](#) - To support research on pressing questions for Canada related to terrorism and counter-terrorism. Researchers applying to funding opportunities offered under SSHRC's [Insight](#) and [Connection](#) programs and who wish to be considered for funding through the Kanishka Project must indicate their interest in their SSHRC application form. Complete details on the [Kanishka Project](#) are available on the [Public Safety Canada](#) website. For more information, contact: SSHRC Email: partnershipgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca Tel.: 613-943-1007 Public Safety Canada Email: Kanishka@ps-sp.gc.ca Tel.: 613-990-2611

- **Opportunities for Collaboration** - SSHRC collaborates directly with other organizations to foster links with social sciences and humanities students and researchers whose work is related to the organizations' priorities. These organizations are interested in working with potential applicants toward submitting an application to a SSHRC funding opportunity competition. Interested applicants should contact the organizations directly to discuss the details of such arrangements:

- [Belmont Forum](#)
- [Initiatives on the digital economy](#)
- [Policy Horizons Canada](#)

- All current and upcoming funding opportunities at SSHRC, see: www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/deadlines-limités-eng.aspx

- **SSHRC's Dialogue eNewsletter** - Stay connected with what's happening with SSHRC with their [summer 2013 edition](#) of their *Dialogue* eNewsletter.

NSERC

- The new **NSERC Research Portal** is now available at <https://portal-portail.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/s/login.aspx> for Discovery Grant Notifications of Intent. The full application module will be available in early August. Links to Instructions can be found at: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/index_eng.asp

- This year the [NSERC CCV](#) template applies only to the Discovery Grants program and the Subatomic Physics Grants suite. [Instructions](#) for completing the NSERC CCV are also on-line. The NSERC CCV replaces Form 100 for submissions through the new Research Portal and is required at the NOI stage.
- **Discovery Grants (DG) Program.** **Notification of Intent deadline: August 1, 2013, 5:00 p.m.** Application deadline (must be received by NSERC): November 1, 2013, 5:00 p.m. Both NOIs and applications must be submitted through the new Research Portal. The NOI will require the [Canadian Common CV](#) (CCV) (NSERC format).
- **Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) Program.** Brock University has a quota of three (3) RTI proposals in the upcoming fall competition. We are asking for an internal notice of intent prior to forming the selection committee. The 2013-2014 competition requires Forms 100 and 101 in the NSERC's On-Line System, as before.

Internal RTI Notification of Intent: Please notify Josie Reed by email (jreed@brocku.ca) of your intention to apply for an RTI grant no later than August 8. Please include the following information: the names of all co-applicants and what equipment you are requesting request. Also identify any Brock NSERC researcher(s) whom you do not wish to participate in review or adjudication of your application because of conflict of interest. Full information about Brock's internal process will be available soon. **Internal deadline for submission of full application: September 18, 2013;** NSERC deadline: October 25, 2013, 5:00 p.m.

- For a complete list of NSERC's grants programs and deadlines, see www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/ProfDeadlines-ProfDatelimites_eng.asp .
- For partnership programs see www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/index_eng.asp

CIHR

- [2013-2014 Operating Grant](#). For Fall 2013 competition:
 - Registration Deadline: August 15 (available now on-line)
 - Full Application Deadline: September 15

For the Spring 2014 competition:

- Registration Deadline: February 3
- Full Application Deadline: March 3.

- [Operating Grant: Industry-Partnered Collaborative Research \(Fall 2013 Competition\)](#) - LOI August 15 - Full Application Deadline September 16
- [Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Fall 2013 Competition](#) - Deadline October 1
- [Dissemination Events: Fall 2013 Competition](#) - Deadline October 15

- [Planning Grants: Fall 2013 Competition](#) - Deadline October 15
- [Operating Grant: Discovery Frontiers](#) - November 15
- [Partnerships for Health System Improvement: 2013-2014](#) - Deadline November 1
(Partner funding support available through the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care - see section below)

• **Launch of MOHLTC-CIHR Partnerships for Health System Improvement program:** Following the July 9th launch of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) 2013/14 Partnerships for Health System Improvement (PHSI) competition, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has made funds available for partner support. MOHLTC will support successful Ontario-based PHSI applications through the Capacity Awards stream of the ministry's [Health System Research Fund](#). MOHLTC partner funding will support policy relevant health services/system and population health research that benefits the health of Ontarians. Successful applications will also contribute to the development of health researchers and build research capacity through their projects (e.g., new/mid-career researchers in lead project roles, graduate student opportunities, training/knowledge translation and exchange (KTE), etc.).

A total of up to \$2 million in MOHLTC partner funding will be available from 2014/15 to 2016/17 for applicants who are awarded CIHR PHSI funding. The MOHLTC will contribute up to \$80,000 per project or 50% of the budget (whichever is less) and in-kind support can be up to \$10,000 per year and may include ministry manager and senior staff time and/or MOHLTC-led activities to disseminate research findings (e.g., a MOHLTC-hosted research to policy dialogue).

The ministry will be accepting applications for partner funding until 5:00pm September 10, 2013. Applicants will be notified of the results of the MOHLTC review process in advance of the CIHR application deadline. Please see the [CIHR PHSI](#) competition website for CIHR specific requirements and deadlines, and the ministry's [Research Unit](#) website for full details on the application process for MOHLTC partner funding.

Important Dates:

- MOHLTC Application Deadline: September 10, 2013
- Anticipated Notice of Decision to All Applicants: October 18, 2013
- CIHR Application Deadline: November 1, 2013
- Anticipated Funding Start Date: June 2014

• **Knowledge Translation Resources:** Please note that many knowledge translation (KT) resources are available on CIHR's website, including [learning resources](#) (e.g., modules, casebooks), a summary of [KT and commercialization programs](#), funding [application tips](#) (e.g., guidelines for writing letters of support and tips for preparing integrated KT applications), and information on [KT strategies and policies](#).

• To view all current opportunities, please see the [CIHR Funding Opportunity Database](#).

Useful CIHR Contacts:

General Inquiries: 613-941-2672
Grants & Awards Information: 613-954-1968
Media Relations: 613-941-4563
Ethics Office: 613-941-6706
Technical / IT Help Desk: 613-941-0068
CIHR's website: www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- ***NEW*** Heart & Stroke Foundation Grant-in-Aid (GIA). The 2014-2015 GIA submission guidelines are now available online. Please access at: www.hsf.ca/research/en/grants-aid. **Deadline for submission: 29 August 2013 (15:00 EDT)**. CIRCULink is officially open to receive submissions to this program. Please click [here](#) to access the system.

For additional information about all Heart & Stroke Foundation funding opportunities, please see: www.hsf.ca/research/en/whats-new

- **Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO)** has posted a new RFP: 13/14-RFP-009 Learning Outcomes Assessment: A Practitioners' Handbook. This project proposes the development of a handbook of learning outcomes assessment techniques to serve as a meaningful guide for programs and institutions that are ready to take on the challenge of developing their own tools to assess learning outcomes. For more information about this and other opportunities with HEQCO, visit <http://heqco.ca/en-CA/Research/Requests%20for%20Proposals/Pages/Home.aspx>.

- **The Centre for Drug Research and Development (CDRD) Request for Proposals** -The Centre for Drug Research and Development (CDRD), Canada's fully integrated national drug development and commercialization centre is currently seeking proposals from academic investigators for projects aimed at developing new therapeutics for the treatment of Gram-negative bacterial infections. CDRD is interested in collaborating with investigators on innovative approaches and creative solutions to meet the challenge of rapidly evolving resistance. Of particular interest are approaches and solutions focused on novel targets or new insights into the roles of known targets. **Submission Deadline: July 31, 2013**. For full opportunity details visit the [CDRD website](#).

- **Sloan Research Fellowships** • The Sloan Research Fellowships seek to stimulate fundamental research by early-career scientists and scholars of outstanding promise. These two-year fellowships are awarded yearly to 126 researchers in recognition of distinguished performance and a unique potential to make substantial contributions to their field. Candidates must: (1) hold a Ph.D. (or equivalent) in chemistry, computational or evolutionary molecular biology, computer science, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, ocean sciences, physics, or a related field; (2) hold a tenure track (or equivalent) position at a college, university, or other degree-granting institution in the U.S. or Canada; and (3) be no more than 6 years from completion of their most recent Ph.D. as of the year of their nomination. Candidates must be nominated by a department

head or senior researcher. **Nomination deadline: September 16, 2013.** For further information visit the [Sloan Foundation website](#).

• **Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships** • The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program provides funding to the very best postdoctoral applicants, both nationally and internationally, who will positively contribute to the country's economic, social and research-based growth. The Fellowships are valued at \$70,000/year for 2 years and are distributed equally among CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC. Applicants must seek endorsement from their proposed host institution to apply, prepare and submit the application. Interested candidates should contact Carolyn Paterson (ext 4291, cpaterson2@brocku.ca) as soon as possible. All applicants must submit an internal letter of intent (LOI) containing a brief outline of the proposed research program and the candidate's CV. LOIs will be reviewed internally by committee to select candidates going forward to full proposal development. **LOI DEADLINE: August 12, 2013.** Final external deadline: October 23, 2013. For further information visit the [Banting website](#).

• For **Canada Council for the Arts** application deadlines see: www.canadacouncil.ca/en/council/grants-and-prizes/find-grants-and-prizes

• [Aid to Scholarly Publications](#) For complete details, please contact: [Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences](#) Aid to Scholarly Publications Programme 300-275 Bank Street Ottawa, Ontario K2P 2L6 Tel.: 613-238-6112, ext. 350 Email: secaspp@fedcan.ca

• [Automotive Partnership Canada](#) • This initiative is a [partnership](#) between five federal research and granting agencies, including SSHRC. Interested applicants and companies should start by contacting APC's [Project Office](#) in Mississauga, Ontario. **APC will consider proposals in social sciences and humanities**, as long as they adhere to the following two requirements:

- The proposed research must be devoted to maintaining and enhancing the competitiveness of the Canadian automotive sector. Specific subject matter is not defined; rather, academic researchers, in collaboration with their non-academic partner(s), may focus on issues related to understanding, maintaining and enhancing the competitiveness of the Canadian automotive sector.
- The research must be carried out in conjunction with a non-academic partner, or partners, that can apply and use the research results. The partner(s) must play an active role in both the development of the proposal and the research throughout the life of the project. Partners may include: private sector corporations; industrial associations or consortia; labour unions; non-governmental organizations; key government departments; or others, as appropriate.

Applicants are reminded to contact the APC [Project Office](#) to determine eligibility and submission criteria before developing a proposal.

INTERNATIONAL

• For **Brock International's** list of current funding opportunities, please see this [LINK](#).

- ***NEW*** **The France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF) - 2014 Call for Proposals** - The France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF) recently launched the 2014 Call for Proposals for its New Scientific Collaboration Support Program. The FCRF promotes and finances new research projects in all academic fields, jointly developed by French and Canadian teams that have never worked together before. Funding is awarded to two-year projects in amounts ranging from \$8,000 to \$15,000, and is primarily intended to support the mobility of researchers and their students. **Deadline** for submission of electronic project: November 30th, 2013. Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from the [French Embassy website](#).

- **Special Visiting Researcher fellowships in Brazil** -The Brazilian Government's Science Without Borders program has announced a call for applications to its Special Visiting Researcher fellowship program. The program aims to attract foreign researchers, who are recognized internationally as leaders in the competition's priority areas (in a variety of S&T topics), to conduct projects with Brazilian research groups and visit Brazil over a two- to three-year period. Visits by Canadian researchers to Brazil are to be for a minimum of one month and maximum of three months each year. Benefits include support for living expenses when the researcher is in Brazil, as well as funding for the local laboratory. Additional support includes post-doctoral scholarships in Brazil for the maintenance of the research during the absence of the visiting researcher, and PhD scholarships (sandwich) for Brazilian doctoral students to follow the visiting researcher back to Canada. Applications are to be submitted online by the host research institute in Brazil.

Upcoming deadlines: August 19 and November 1, 2013. Further details of this competition are available on the organization's [website](#).

- **Grand Challenges Canada Stars in Global Health Proposals** are sought from Canadian and developing-country researchers for bold ideas with big impact that will improve global health. Projects may encompass the whole spectrum of global health, including drug discovery, vaccine development, diagnostics, health and medical education, maternal and child health, non-communicable diseases (including cancer and mental health), health-related water and sanitation, and health-related agriculture and nutrition. \$100,000 in seed grants will be provided for 50-100 successful proposals. **Deadline: July 30, 2013.** Learn more about the opportunity here: www.grandchallenges.ca/grand-challenges/stars-phase-i/ . For questions about this opportunity, contact [Stars in Global Health](#).

- **Fulbright Canada** offers a wide range of programs that support Canadian students and scholars who wish to study, conduct research, or lecture in the United States. For students at both the undergraduate and graduate level, the United States offer an unparalleled diversity of programs and residential experiences at academic institutions of the highest caliber that provide easily transferable course credits. For scholars, the United States offers world-class research facilities and networks, along with unique opportunities to do comparative work and develop collaborative relationships within North America. All Fulbright Canada grantees become part of a well-organized, highly integrated program. In addition to the cash award, Fulbright Canada provides basic health insurance and a range of administrative services. Additional benefits include an opportunity to attend a regional orientation program with Fulbrighters from around the

world, an opportunity to apply for mobility funding for in-country professional development, and the opportunity to apply for our Eco-Leadership Program (\$2,000-\$4,000) and Community Leadership Program (up to \$8,000). Fulbright Canada's website (www.fulbright.ca) offers comprehensive information about all of our programs, as well as direct contact information for the officer responsible for each program.

- **ERA-Can** (European Research Area and Canada) encourages and facilitates Canadian researchers and research organizations to collaborate with European researchers. With the last call for Marie Curie International Fellowships now open (see below), ERA-Can is actively preparing for the launch of Horizon 2020, the next version of the Framework Program. It will run from January 2014 to December 2020. The first calls will be issued this fall. Horizon 2020 will address new research priorities in Europe but many of the specific programs and processes that Canadians have become familiar with in FP7 will continue. For example, Horizon 2020 will continue to issue annual calls for proposals for strategic large-scale multinational projects though they will now be focused on six major societal challenges. See www.era-can.ca/en/ for more information.
- **Marie-Curie International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF)**. Participation as an associate partner in an IOF allows Canadian research organizations to host fully funded, experienced researchers from Europe, and to benefit from their expertise and assistance. In this role, Canadian research organizations participate as associate partners, minimizing legal and administrative issues while ensuring access to funding from their European partners. An IOF requires European researchers to pursue a coherent research program throughout a period of one to two years in a Canadian organization and a mandatory third year in the researcher's home organization. The researcher and their home organization may choose any topic for research or training consistent with the individual's career development plan. **Deadline: noon on August 14, 2013.**
- **Marie-Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)**. This provides an experienced Canadian researcher with a salary as well as support for travel and research expenses to permit one to two years of advanced training and research in European member country. **Deadline: noon on August 14, 2013.**

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