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I. INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAM ARCHITECTURE RENEWAL

Research in the social sciences and humanities advances knowledge and builds understanding about individuals, groups and societies—what we think, how we live and how we interact with each other and the world around us. Such research enhances our knowledge and understanding of the past and present, and informs our thinking about critical social, cultural, economic, technological, and environmental issues across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. Through research, training and knowledge mobilization programs, SSHRC fosters the development of talented and creative people who become leaders across campuses and communities and, thereby, contribute to Canada’s success in the globalized 21st century.

SSHRC is renewing its program architecture to create a simpler, more flexible and effective application and assessment system. This renewal exercise builds on SSHRC’s extensive consultations with the social sciences and humanities community and on evaluations over the past few years, and is in keeping with SSHRC’s commitment to continuously improve its programs, as outlined in [Framing Our Direction](#) (2007).

The new program architecture will reduce complexity, eliminate overlaps in program objectives, and minimize logistical barriers for applicants. It will support research activities undertaken by individuals, informal groups or teams, and by groups working in formal partnerships across institutions and sectors. SSHRC will continue to support research in all fields, including through disciplinary, interdisciplinary and cross-sector approaches.

The result will be improved program delivery for our applicants and partners, and greater overall program coherence.

1. SSHRC’s new program architecture

Under SSHRC’s new program architecture, all funding opportunities will fit within three umbrella programs:

Talent:

- The goal of this program is to support graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in order to develop the next generation of researchers and leaders needed in academia and across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.
- Funding opportunities and application processes for current programs will remain unchanged for the near term.
- Support is available directly through scholarships and fellowships to individuals, and indirectly through research grant programs.

Insight:

- The goal of this program is to build knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world by supporting research activities according to the approach best suited to addressing the nature of the research.
- Funding is available to individuals and teams, as well as to formal partnerships involving researchers and their partners across agencies, institutions, and the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors.
- Funding supports ongoing or new research activities involving disciplinary, interdisciplinary and/or cross-sector perspectives.

Connection:

- The goal of this program is to realize the potential of social sciences and humanities research for intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit and impact on and beyond the campus, by supporting specific activities and tools that facilitate the multidirectional flow of knowledge.
- Funding supports workshops, conferences, outreach activities, tools, publications, and partnered knowledge mobilization activities.

Within each of these programs, annual calls for proposals will be issued that describe:

- the call's overall goal, context and objectives;
- funding opportunities for individual researchers and teams, as well as for partnerships;
- eligibility; and
- how and when to apply.

Each call for proposals will also link to more detailed funding opportunities that provide a description, assessment criteria and other administrative regulations. Specific information on the funding cycle, as well as on additional funds that may be available for priority areas, will also be explained in the calls for proposals. At this time, SSHRC's priority areas are: Aboriginal research; new media (formerly "Image, Text, Sound and Technology"); the environment; northern research; and innovation, leadership and prosperity (related to federal Budget 2007 funding for "management, business and finance"); and research-creation. SSHRC will be launching a consultative process in the next few years to renew its funding priorities.

2. Applying for funding, and adjudication

Rather than choosing from among multiple, specific programs as they do now, applicants will apply to one of a small number of funding opportunities associated with the umbrella program that reflects their primary objective (i.e., *Talent*, *Insight* or *Connection*). While one program will be chosen, it is assumed that the objectives of the other two programs will be included in all applications, where appropriate, to support the main objective chosen by the applicant.

In the case of formal partnerships, two new, integrated funding opportunities will provide cross-cutting, open, creative spaces to address issues best explored in a formally collaborative way, including the co-creation of knowledge by those on campus and beyond. These opportunities will enable the leveraging of SSHRC support through collaboration among agencies, institutions and the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, including foundations and think-tanks. Proposed partnerships could include large- or small-scale disciplinary, interdisciplinary, international and/or cross-sector endeavours using networks, clusters, centres, chairs, etc.

Proposals will be adjudicated according to the nature of the application, the level of funding requested, and the complexity of the proposed activity. A consistent set of assessment criteria will be used across programs, with tailoring as appropriate. Further details on adjudication are noted within each funding opportunity.

3. SSHRC welcomes your feedback

We welcome feedback from students, researchers, institutions and partners across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. In particular, we are interested in:

- the extent to which you feel the program architecture meets the need for a simplified, flexible and easy-to-understand suite of programs; and
- your considerations for successful transition and implementation.

Feedback on SSHRC's renewed program architecture, including the attached draft calls for proposals and funding opportunities, may be submitted to PA-Project@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca by March 31, 2010.

DRAFT CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

II. INSIGHT

Goal

The goal of the *Insight* program is to build knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world by supporting research activities according to the approach best suited to address the nature of the research, whether undertaken by individuals, groups or through formal partnerships.

Context

SSHRC supports *Insight* as one means of fulfilling our strategic ambitions of Quality, Connections and Impact as articulated in [Framing our Direction](#).

Research in the social sciences and humanities advances knowledge and builds understanding about individuals, groups and societies—what we think, how we live and how we interact with each other and the world around us. Such research enhances our knowledge and understanding of the past and present, and informs our thinking about critical social, cultural, economic, technological and environmental issues across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Insight at SSHRC is aimed at supporting and fostering excellence in social sciences and humanities research. Research grants are intended to deepen, widen and increase our collective understanding of individuals and societies, and to inform the search for solutions to pressing societal challenges.

The *Insight* program aims to create spaces for innovative and path-breaking research, and to engage more effectively in the internationalization of research. An additional aim of the program is to foster favourable conditions for researchers seeking to leverage research support from a variety of sources.

This program supports individual scholars and also promotes both formal and informal collaboration among academic, non-academic and international participants in research and related activities.

Objectives

The objectives of the *Insight* program are:

- to build knowledge and understanding through research activities involving disciplinary, interdisciplinary and/or cross-sector perspectives;
- to support new approaches and research on complex topics, including those that transcend the capacity of any one scholar, institution or discipline;
- to provide a high-quality training experience for students;
- to mobilize knowledge leading to intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit and impact; and
- to bring research expertise to bear on societal challenges and opportunities.

What kinds of activities does this program fund?

Funding opportunities are made available to scholars working individually or in teams, as well as scholars working through formal partnerships between agencies, institutions and sectors (public, private and not-for-profit). Grants may support either ongoing or new research

initiatives in any of the disciplines eligible for funding at SSHRC, and must contribute to the advancement of scholarship and research.

Proposals are welcome from **all subject areas** eligible for funding at SSHRC. Please see the SSHRC web page on [Eligibility of Subject Matter](#) for more information. Similarly, **all thematic areas and approaches** are eligible for consideration.

Activities funded through this program may include support for training of students and/or for outreach and knowledge mobilization as part of a broader research endeavour. Knowledge mobilization is recognized as a means of influencing, sharpening, orienting and defining the research agenda, and may lead to greater accessibility and exchange of social sciences and humanities knowledge through activities and learning. Therefore, it is funded both explicitly through the *Connection* program, and as an element of funding through other SSHRC programs. Proposals that are principally concerned with the training of students or with knowledge mobilization activities (publications, networking, events, tools) should be directed to the *Talent* or *Connection* programs, respectively.

Funding opportunities

There are two funding streams in the *Insight* program, one supporting individuals and teams of researchers, and the other supporting partnerships.

1. *For individuals or teams*

SSHRC invites both new and established researchers active in the social sciences and humanities to apply for support through the following funding opportunities. Applications may be submitted by an individual researcher or a team of researchers.

There are two funding opportunities under this stream:

1.1 Research Development Grants

Minimum of \$7,000 up to a maximum of \$100,000 over one to three years.
Total competition budget of approximately (amount to be determined).

Research Development Grants provide short-term funding for the purpose of supporting research in its initial stages, and developing new research questions and approaches. Separate funding envelopes are available for new and established scholars.

1.2 Research Grants

Minimum of \$7,000 up to a maximum of \$500,000 over three to five years.
Total competition budget of approximately (amount to be determined).

Research Grants provide longer-term support for the direct costs of research initiatives, as proposed by scholars and judged by their peers and/or other experts where appropriate. They are intended to maintain and further develop vigorous disciplinary, interdisciplinary and cross-sector research activities, as well as expertise in a variety of thematic areas.

Please refer to the descriptions of the individual funding opportunities for details on how to apply.

2. *For partnerships*

SSHRC provides funding opportunities for teams of researchers and their partners who wish to submit proposals for research and/or knowledge mobilization initiatives involving a formal

partnered approach among institutions in the public, private and/or not-for-profit sectors, both in Canada and internationally. This may include support to disciplinary, interdisciplinary or cross-sector research partnerships for the co-creation of knowledge, research networks, or partnered research chairs. A **formal partnership** includes an agreed-upon methodological approach, governance structure, leveraging plan or other evidence, such as a memorandum of understanding, that is endorsed by the applicant and the involved partners.

There are two funding opportunities under this stream. Applicants may choose to apply for partnership grants under either the *Insight* or *Connection* program.

2.1 Partnership Development Grants

Minimum of \$25,000 up to a maximum of \$500,000 over one to three years.
Total competition budget of approximately (amount to be determined).

Partnership Development Grants provide support to the development of **new and existing formal** partnerships to develop new partnership activities, and/or design and test new partnership methodologies and approaches with the potential for replication. These grants support initiatives focused on research, including the co-creation of knowledge, knowledge mobilization, or a combination thereof. Applications for Partnership Development Grants may be led by an individual or institution.

2.2 Partnership Grants

Minimum value of \$500,000, with no upper limit, over four to seven years.
Total competition budget of approximately (amount to be determined).

Partnership Grants provide support to **existing or new formal partnerships** for initiatives focused on research, including the co-creation of knowledge, knowledge mobilization, or a combination thereof. Applications for Partnership Grants must be led by an institution.

Please refer to the descriptions of the individual funding opportunities for details on how to apply.

Eligibility

Individuals or teams

Applicants may be an individual researcher, or a team of researchers composed of one applicant plus one or more co-applicants and/or collaborators.

Applicants and co-applicants must be affiliated with an eligible institution, normally a Canadian postsecondary institution. For certain funding opportunities, researchers affiliated with foreign postsecondary institutions may be eligible for co-applicant status.

Please refer to the descriptions of the individual funding opportunities for specific details on eligibility.

Institutions

For partnership funding opportunities, the intellectual leadership and governance for the creation of a Partnership Grant may come from the research community and/or from partners from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. However, the grant funding, once awarded, may only be administered by an eligible institution. Please consult SSHRC's guidelines and requirements on [institutional eligibility](#).

Priorities for this funding cycle

SSHRC funding, in most cases, is awarded through open competitions accessible to all disciplines, areas and themes.

In certain cases, priorities have been identified for additional support. The priorities for this funding cycle are as follows:

- Aboriginal research;
- the environment (with additional funding provided to SSHRC in federal budget 2008);
- the North (with additional funding provided to SSHRC in federal budget 2008);
- new media (previously known as Image, Text, Sound and Technology);
- innovation, leadership and prosperity, as a result of additional funds provided to SSHRC by the Government of Canada for work in the area of “management, business and finance;” and
- research/creation in the fine arts.

SSHRC will be launching a consultative process in the next two years to renew its strategic themes and funding priorities, as well as to develop policy statements and guidelines associated with the stated priorities.

How to apply

Please see the descriptions of specific funding opportunities for more information:

Research Development Grants

Research Grants

Partnership Development Grants

Partnership Grants

III. CONNECTION

Goal

The goal of the *Connection* program is to realize the potential of social sciences and humanities research for intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit and impact on and beyond the campus through individuals, groups and formal partnerships, by supporting specific activities and tools that facilitate the multidirectional flow of research knowledge.

Context

SSHRC supports *Connection* as one means of fulfilling our strategic ambitions of Quality, Connections and Impact as articulated in [Framing our Direction](#).

Connection is aimed at facilitating the flow of social sciences and humanities knowledge across academia and society as a whole, in order to inform Canadian and international research, debate, decisions and actions. Those who stand to benefit from publicly funded research results in the humanities and social sciences—diverse groups of researchers, policy-makers, business leaders, community groups, educators and the media—should, ideally, have the knowledge they need, when they need it, in useful forms. This can include various types of publications (including open-access journals), events and tools for sharing knowledge and information.

Through its *Connection* program, SSHRC aims to facilitate the movement of knowledge in the social sciences and humanities across academic and non-academic sectors, leading to greater overall impact. In addition, SSHRC sees knowledge mobilization activities as an important element of scholarship, and a means of strengthening research agendas. SSHRC also recognizes that rapidly evolving information and communication technologies provide new opportunities to engage a variety of audiences with an interest and/or involvement in social sciences and humanities scholarship.

Connection initiatives focus on networking and on disseminating, exchanging and co-creating research-based knowledge to advance understanding and to meet the needs of Canadian society and international audiences.

Objectives

The objectives of the *Connection* program are:

- to facilitate the multidirectional flow of knowledge among researchers and between the campus and the larger community, in order to enhance intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit, and impact;
- to increase the accessibility of social sciences and humanities research knowledge;
- to build reciprocal relationships among researchers and between researchers and those in a position to either co-create or use research knowledge; and
- to support the development of networks and tools designed to facilitate scholarly work as well as to make it more accessible to various audiences.

What kinds of activities does this program fund?

Funding opportunities are made available for proposals focused on both well-established and newer forms of disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarly dissemination, translation, synthesis,

and transfer, along with proposals focused on wider engagement, exchange, and brokering with researchers and other knowledge workers and users active within business, government, and community sectors. Initiatives may include elements focused on both campus-based and cross-sector forms of knowledge mobilization that involve interaction with and intellectual leadership by the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Proposals may, therefore, encompass activities such as events (workshops, conferences, etc.); scholarly publications of various sorts; and other activities, such as policy briefs. Initiatives focused on the development of research networks, tools and best practices are eligible. It is acknowledged that, when done within the context of a formal partnership, knowledge mobilization activities can and often do lead to significant intellectual, social and economic benefit and impact, due to the early engagement of potential “co-creators” and knowledge beneficiaries.

Proposals are welcome from **all subject areas** eligible for funding at SSHRC. Please see the SSHRC web page on [Eligibility of Subject Matter](#) for more information. Similarly, **all thematic areas and approaches** are eligible for consideration. However, applicants should note that priority will also be given to **open-access** and **open-source** approaches to knowledge mobilization within the *Connection* program suite.

The funding opportunities in this program are intended to complement, rather than replace, activities funded through *Talent* and *Insight*. Research on the “topic” or “science” of knowledge mobilization or related areas such as knowledge translation or knowledge and technology transfer are welcome at SSHRC, and should be directed to the *Insight* program.

Funding opportunities

There are two sets of funding streams in the *Connection* program—one supporting individuals and teams of researchers, and the other supporting partnerships.

1. For individuals or teams

Individual researchers and teams of researchers are invited to propose initiatives at any stage in their work, either as a complement to other funded grants and initiatives or as stand-alone initiatives. However, proposals cannot duplicate activities currently proposed or funded through other SSHRC grants and awards.

There are three funding opportunities under this stream:

1.1 [Aid to Scholarly Journals](#)

Up to \$90,000 over three years. Total competition budget of approximately (amount to be determined).

Journals may apply for support once every three years.

Monographs may apply for support via the [Aid to Scholarly Publications Program](#) managed by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

1.2 Workshops and Conferences Grants

Minimum of \$7,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000 for one year. Total competition budget of approximately (amount to be determined).

Workshops and conferences proposed for SSHRC support may take any form and be directed to any target audience (i.e., other scholars, other sectors,

international), provided there is a component related to research in the social sciences and humanities.

1.3 Outreach and Tools Grants

Minimum of \$7,000 up to a maximum of \$500,000 over one to five years. Total competition budget of approximately (amount to be determined).

This funding opportunity is for proposals and initiatives related to developing creative and innovative knowledge mobilization processes and practices. Examples of initiatives that might be proposed under this stream include policy briefs, summer institutes, knowledge synthesis initiatives, innovative web content, digital tools not eligible for support by the Canada Foundation for Innovation, research-related documentaries, etc.

Please refer to the descriptions of the individual funding opportunities for details on how to apply.

2. For partnerships

SSHRC provides funding opportunities for teams of researchers and their partners who wish to submit proposals for research and/or knowledge mobilization initiatives involving a formal partnered approach among institutions in the public, private and/or not-for-profit sectors, both in Canada and internationally. This may include support to disciplinary, interdisciplinary or cross-sector research partnerships for the co-creation of knowledge, research networks, or partnered research chairs. A **formal partnership** includes an agreed-upon methodological approach, governance structure, leveraging plan or other evidence, such as a memorandum of understanding, that is endorsed by the applicant and the involved partners.

There are two funding opportunities under this stream. Applicants may choose to apply for partnership grants under either the *Insight* or *Connection* program.

2.1 Partnership Development Grants

Minimum of \$25,000 up to a maximum of \$500,000 over one to three years. Total competition budget of approximately (amount to be determined).

Partnership Development Grants provide support to the development of **new and existing formal partnerships** to develop new partnership activities, and/or design and test new partnership methodologies and approaches with the potential for replication. These grants support initiatives focused on research, including the co-creation of knowledge, knowledge mobilization, or a combination thereof. Applications for Partnership Development Grants may be led by an individual or institution.

2.2 Partnership Grants

Minimum value of \$500,000, with no upper limit, over four to seven years. Total competition budget of approximately (amount to be determined).

Partnership Grants provide support to **existing or new formal partnerships** for initiatives focused on research, including the co-creation of knowledge, knowledge mobilization, or a combination thereof. Applications for Partnership Grants must be led by an institution.

Please refer to the descriptions of the individual funding opportunities for details on how to apply.

Eligibility

Individuals or teams

Applicants may be an individual researcher, or a team of researchers composed of one applicant plus one or more co-applicants and/or collaborators.

Applicants and co-applicants must be affiliated with an eligible institution, normally a Canadian postsecondary institution. For certain funding opportunities, scholarly associations and researchers affiliated with foreign postsecondary institutions may be eligible for co-applicant status.

Please refer to the descriptions of the individual funding opportunities for specific details on eligibility.

Institutions

For partnership funding opportunities, the intellectual leadership and governance for the creation of a Partnership Grant may come from the research community and/or from partners from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. However, the grant funding, once awarded, may only be administered by an eligible institution. Please consult SSHRC's guidelines and requirements on [institutional eligibility](#).

Priorities for this funding cycle

SSHRC funding, in most cases, is awarded through open competitions accessible to all disciplines, areas and themes.

In certain cases, priorities have been identified for additional support. The priorities for this funding cycle are as follows:

- Aboriginal research;
- the environment (with additional funding provided to SSHRC in federal budget 2008);
- the North (with additional funding provided to SSHRC in federal budget 2008);
- new media (previously known as Image, Text, Sound and Technology);
- innovation, leadership and prosperity, as a result of additional funds provided to SSHRC by the Government of Canada for work in the area of “management, business and finance;” and
- research/creation in the fine arts.

SSHRC will be launching a consultative process in the next two years to renew its strategic themes and funding priorities, as well as to develop policy statements and guidelines associated with the stated priorities.

How to apply

Please see the descriptions of the specific funding opportunities for more information:

[Aid to Scholarly Journals](#)

Workshops and Conferences Grants

Outreach and Tools Grants

Partnership Development Grants

Partnership Grants

IV. TALENT

Goal

The goal of the *Talent* program is to support graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in order to develop the next generation of researchers and leaders needed across society, both within academia and also across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Context

SSHRC supports *Talent* as one means of fulfilling our strategic ambitions of Quality, Connections and Impact as articulated in [Framing our Direction](#).

Talent at SSHRC promotes the acquisition of research skills and assists in the training of highly qualified personnel in the social sciences and humanities. In this way, SSHRC fosters the development of talented and creative people who become leaders across campuses and communities, and thereby contribute to Canada's success in the globalized 21st century.

In addition to SSHRC doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships, SSHRC provides support for high-quality training to master's and doctoral students through the Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) program, including through the prestigious Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships. Through these programs, the three federal research granting agencies support 2,000 doctoral students and 2,000 master's students, from across all disciplines, each year.

Objectives

The objectives of the *Talent* program are:

- to support the development of highly qualified personnel with research and professional skills;
- to support the most promising students and postdoctoral fellows;
- to assist students and scholars in gaining exposure to international scholarship; and
- to mobilize knowledge leading to intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit, and impact.

What kinds of activities does this program fund?

Funding opportunities are made available through scholarships and fellowships to students and postdoctoral researchers who have demonstrated a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and graduate studies, and during the postdoctoral phase of their training. Support is also available indirectly through grant programs, which enable grant holders to provide undergraduates, graduate students and postdoctoral researchers with stipends and student research contracts. For details, consult the *Insight* call for proposals as well as the *Connection* call for proposals.

If sufficient resources become available, SSHRC will also explore the possibility of providing funding for innovative partnership approaches to student training through research.

Proposals are welcome from **all subject areas** eligible for funding at SSHRC. Please see the SSHRC web page on [Eligibility of Subject Matter](#) for more information. Similarly, **all thematic areas and approaches** are eligible for consideration.

Funding opportunities

SSHRC invites students and postdoctoral researchers in the social sciences and humanities to apply for support through these funding opportunities:

Master's

The Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships—Master's Scholarships provide support for individuals undertaking master's degrees.

Doctoral

The Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships—Doctoral Scholarships; the SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships; and the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships provide support for individuals undertaking doctoral studies. SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships are tenable abroad, while the Canada Graduate Scholarships are tenable only in Canada.

Postdoctoral

The Postdoctoral Fellowships provide support and a research allowance for individuals undertaking full-time research following the successful completion of their doctoral studies.

Supplements

The Canada Graduate Scholarships Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements provide support to offset the costs of research studies outside Canada for holders of Joseph-Armand Bombardier or Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships.

Eligibility

For most awards, applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of Canada. The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (doctoral) are, however, open to international students. In addition, candidates must meet each funding opportunity's specific eligibility criteria, details of which are available in the individual descriptions of the opportunities.

How to apply

Applicants to the master's and doctoral student funding opportunities must apply either directly to SSHRC or through their university, depending on their applicant status.

Please see the descriptions of specific funding opportunities for more information:

[Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships—Master's Scholarships](#)

[Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships—Doctoral Scholarships, and SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships](#)

[Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships](#)

[Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

[Canada Graduate Scholarships Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements](#)

NOTE: The funding opportunities listed above have not been changed from versions currently available on the SSHRC website. Further adjustments to the *Talent* suite of funding opportunities may be considered in the future, based on additional analysis and consultation, including with the other federal research granting agencies.

DRAFT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

V. RESEARCH GRANTS

Next application deadlines	Value	Duration	Results announced	Apply
September 15, 20XX	\$7,000 up to \$500,000 (with maximum of \$200,000 in any year)	3 to 5 years	March 20XX	Application form not available Web CV and instructions

1. Description

Research Grants support excellence in research activities in the social sciences and humanities. Funding is provided for long-term research initiatives (three to five years) in the social sciences and humanities. Proposals are expected to meet the objectives put forward in the call for proposals for the *Insight* program.

Research Grants are intended to:

- support research as proposed by scholars and judged by their peers and/or other experts;
- provide opportunities for the training of future researchers;
- contribute to the development or elaboration of new theoretical or methodological approaches to research;
- maintain and develop disciplinary and multidisciplinary research activities, as well as expertise in a variety of thematic areas; and
- promote the mobilization of research knowledge both within and beyond the academic community.

Research Grants are open to both established and new scholars. Support for long-term research initiatives is central to advancing knowledge in the social sciences and humanities, as it provides the stability of funding that scholars require in order to address complex issues and build robust research findings. Such initiatives help to increase our collective understanding of individuals and societies, and inform the search for solutions to pressing societal challenges. Research Grants help to further develop and maintain research excellence, both within and across disciplines. They also offer practical research training opportunities for students, and allow scholars to mobilize research knowledge and communicate research results within and beyond academia.

A **research initiative** may be undertaken primarily by an individual researcher, or by a team working in informal collaboration.

Funding is available for initiatives involving disciplinary, interdisciplinary or cross-sector research relating to **any subject area** eligible for funding at SSHRC. Please see the SSHRC web page on [Eligibility of Subject Matter](#) for more information. Similarly, **all thematic areas and approaches** are eligible for consideration. Information regarding funding for research on specific priority themes is available in SSHRC's annual calls for proposals.

Researchers involved in formal partnerships are encouraged to apply for Partnership Grants or Partnership Development Grants. A **formal partnership** includes an agreed-upon methodological approach, governance structure, leveraging plan and/or other evidence that is endorsed by the applicant and the involved partners.

For scholars interested in support to explore new research questions and approaches, SSHRC also provides shorter-term Research Development Grants.

Applicants requiring **research infrastructure** will be expected to leverage funds from other sources. Please consult the [Canada Foundation for Innovation](#) for information on research infrastructure funding.

2. Value and Duration

Research Grants are available for three-to-five-year research initiatives. The value of these grants is up to a maximum of \$500,000, with a maximum of \$200,000 in any one year. A minimum budget of \$7,000 in at least one of the years is required.

3. Eligibility

Applicants

Applications for a Research Grant may be submitted by an individual researcher or by a team working in informal collaboration (one applicant plus one or more co-applicants and/or collaborators). There are two categories of eligible applicants:

- applicant
- co-applicant

There are three categories of eligible participants:

- research collaborator
- student assistant
- other assistants and support staff

All applicants and participants must meet the eligibility criteria specific to their category.

Applicants and co-applicants must be affiliated with an eligible institution, normally a Canadian postsecondary institution.

Researchers who maintain an affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution, but whose primary affiliation is with a non-Canadian postsecondary institution, are not eligible for applicant or co-applicant status within the Research Grants funding opportunity.

Postdoctoral applicants must establish an affiliation with an eligible postsecondary institution (i.e., have their application signed by the institution) within three months of the grant start date. SSHRC will not release grant funds without formal confirmation that the successful postdoctoral applicant has established such an affiliation.

Students enrolled in a program of study are not eligible to apply. However, a PhD candidate, whether holding a faculty position or not, is eligible to receive a Research Grant if he or she:

- has met all requirements for the PhD by XXX of the year in which the grant is awarded;
- has established a formal affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution by XXX; and
- maintains such an affiliation for the duration of the grant period.

SSHRC will not release grant funds without formal confirmation that the PhD candidate applicant has fulfilled all requirements for the degree and has established a formal affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution.

Applicants may apply for and hold, as a principal applicant, only one Research Grant at a time. Applicants may not apply as principal investigator for other SSHRC grants in the same competition year unless the objectives of the research differ significantly. Please refer to SSHRC's regulation regarding [multiple applications](#) for more information.

Applicants who already hold a Research Grant, or who have a grant that has been extended (beyond the one-year automatic extension) or for which the payments have been deferred, may apply for a Research Grant in the final year of their original grant. If a Research Grant is awarded, SSHRC will not release the funds until the grant holder has submitted their final research report.

Applicants who have received a SSHRC grant of any type but failed to submit a final research report by the deadline date specified in their Notice of Award are not eligible to apply for another SSHRC grant until they have submitted the report.

Institutions

[Institutions](#) that propose to administer any SSHRC grant must meet the requirements for managing SSHRC funds and must hold or obtain [institutional eligibility](#) before funds will be released.

Application Process

Applicants must complete the application form (to be developed), following the accompanying instructions. Applications must be submitted electronically by an authorized research grants officer from the applicant's institution. Incomplete or late applications will be considered ineligible.

4. Evaluation and Adjudication

Review process

Research Grant applications are adjudicated, and available funds are awarded, through a competitive process.

Two groups of people will be involved in the evaluation of applications for Research Grants:

- external assessors; and
- members of the Research Grants adjudication committees.

In both cases, these groups include national or international scholars from the research community, as well as experts from other sectors. Whether acting in the capacity of an external assessor or an adjudication committee member, participants in the review process are asked to identify whether or not they are in a conflict of interest regarding the applicant. If they are not in conflict, they are asked to evaluate the proposal on the basis of the evaluation criteria listed below.

Where external assessors participate, they read an application and provide their assessment of that single proposal to the adjudication committee to assist members with their evaluation. Committee members read a group of applications and, considering the assessments provided, evaluate and rank the proposals. Once the adjudication committee has met and discussed the proposals, it makes recommendations to SSHRC as to which should be funded.

SSHRC makes funding decisions based on the recommendations of the adjudication committee and on the funds available.

The adjudication of proposals will be commensurate with the size and complexity of the research or related activity.

Applications in the range of:

- \$7,000 to less than \$300,000 will be assigned two external assessors;
- \$300,000 to \$500,000 will be assigned to three external assessors.

In all cases, adjudication committees consider, but are not bound by, the judgments of the external assessors. The committees decide which proposals to recommend to SSHRC for funding.

Applicants are invited to indicate on the application form the names of the potential assessors they consider most appropriate to provide an external assessment of their proposal to the adjudication committee. SSHRC, however, reserves the right to request assessments from the experts it deems most appropriate, in order to ensure proper review and avoid conflict of interest situations.

If an applicant identifies their Research Grant proposal as being related to one of SSHRC's priority themes, the review process may involve additional consideration, including the following:

- A relevance review by existing or specially constituted committees may be performed to verify alignment with the priority theme prior to adjudication. Depending on volume of applications, timing of deadlines and operational requirements, it may be necessary to constitute special committees to undertake both tasks.
- An additional set of guidelines, as described in the call for proposals on the priority theme, may be used.

If it is determined that a proposal does not fall within the parameters of the priority theme, the proposal will be evaluated and, if successful, will be eligible to receive funds from within the open category.

Adjudication Committees

SSHRC is committed to providing a range of adjudication options appropriate to the objectives of individual funding opportunities. Applications may be adjudicated by discipline-based, multidisciplinary or thematic committees, based on the nature of the application.

To the extent possible, SSHRC will publish committee membership in advance, to assist applicants in selecting an appropriate committee. Depending on volume and range of applications received, these committees may either be collapsed to create fewer, multidisciplinary committees of cognate disciplines, or split into separate, more narrowly defined committees grouping like disciplines and approaches.

Applicants are invited to indicate on the application form which adjudication committee they would like to have evaluate their proposal. SSHRC, however, reserves the right to decide on

the final assignment of applications to committees. In the case of interdisciplinary research or of proposals where a committee does not have sufficient expertise to review a particular proposal, a system of cross-committee evaluation may be used.

Committee Choice

A.	Fine arts: history and philosophy of art, architecture, theatre, music, film, dance
B.	Literature
C.	Philosophy, classics, ancient and medieval studies, religious studies, classical archaeology
D.	History
E.	Anthropology, archaeology
F.	Communication, Media Studies, library/information science
G.	Cultural studies, gender studies
H.	Sociology, criminology, demography
I.	Geography, urban planning, environmental studies
J.	Education
K.	Linguistics, applied linguistics, translation
L.	Psychology
M.	Social work*
N.	Economics
O.	Business, management studies, industrial relations
P.	Political science, law
Q.	Research Creation, New Media
R.	Aboriginal research, Northern studies

Please note: Additional committees related to SSHRC’s priority themes and approaches may be constituted.

*Committees with an asterisk normally receive low volumes of applications. Hence, applications to those committees may have to be bundled with another committee.

Applicants can contact a SSHRC [program officer](#) to discuss committee selection.

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

The following criteria and scoring scheme are used to evaluate applications:

1. **Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavour (40%)**
 - originality, significance and expected contribution to knowledge;
 - appropriateness of the theoretical approach or framework;
 - quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute; and
 - likelihood of influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.
2. **Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence (40%)**
 - feasibility to meet the objectives of the *Insight* program, the Research Grants funding opportunity and, where appropriate, thematic priority objectives;
 - appropriateness of the methodologies or approaches, as well as strategies and timelines for the design and conduct of the research and related activity;
 - appropriateness of the requested budget, justification of proposed costs, and indications of other planned resources (time, human and financial), including leveraging of cash and in-kind support from the host institution and/or from partners, where appropriate; and
 - quality of the knowledge mobilization plans, including effective dissemination, exchange and plans to engage within and/or beyond the research community.
3. **Capability: The expertise to succeed (20%)**
 - quality, quantity and significance of research activity and published outputs relative to the stage of the applicant’s career;
 - evidence of other contributions through other possible publications (such as commissioned reports, etc.), professional practice, public discourses, public policies, products and services, development of talent, experience in collaboration, etc.; and
 - potential for future contributions.

Scoring table

Adjudication committee members assign a score for each of the three criteria based on the scoring table. The appropriate weighting is then applied.

Score	Descriptor
5-6	Excellent
4-4.9	Very good
3-3.9	Good
Below 3	Unacceptable

All applicants will receive, together with SSHRC’s notice of decision, a summary of the adjudication committee’s comments.

5. Administrative Regulations

All applicants and grant holders must comply with the [Regulations Governing Grant Applications](#) and with the regulations set out in the [Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide](#).

VI. RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Next application deadline	Value	Duration	Results announced	Apply
March 1, 20XX	\$7,000 up to \$100,000	1 to 3 years	July 20XX	Application form not available Web CV and instructions

1. Description

Research Development Grants support research in its initial stages, help researchers to develop new research questions and approaches, and assist new scholars in establishing a record of research achievement at the outset of their careers. Funding is provided for short-term research development initiatives (up to three years) proposed by individuals or teams working in informal collaboration. Proposals are expected to meet the objectives put forward in the call for proposals for the *Insight* program.

Research Development Grants are intended to:

- generate knowledge that the researcher can build upon in future research initiatives;
- develop new research questions;
- support research in new areas of inquiry for the researcher;
- explore new theoretical or methodological approaches to research; and
- build the research capacities of new scholars.

Developing research depends on establishing and promoting environments necessary for the generation of new knowledge, and for experimentation in new methods, approaches, and ideas. Such development requires theoretical and methodological experimentation in the early stages of the research process.

Within Research Development Grants, two separate funding envelopes are available. Funding for established scholars provides an opportunity to explore new research questions and approaches, including those that may lie outside their existing areas of specialization. For new scholars, Research Development Grants may represent a critical step in establishing a record of research achievement beyond graduate study.

Research Development Grants are not intended to support ongoing initiatives. They are, therefore, distinct from the longer-term support available under SSHRC's Research Grants. A proposal should address and develop a coherent, delimited research issue, present clearly defined plans for the research, and propose a budget that is fully justified by those plans.

Research Development Grants support activities that may lead to the development of longer-term research initiatives. These activities may include, but are not limited to, case studies; pilot initiatives; critical analyses of existing research; research collaboration, both within Canada and internationally; and the exploration of new ways of producing, structuring and mobilizing knowledge within and across disciplines and sectors. Please note that SSHRC has a separate funding opportunity for workshops and conferences.

Funding is available for initiatives involving disciplinary, interdisciplinary or cross-sector research relating to **any subject area** eligible for funding at SSHRC. Please see the SSHRC web page on [Eligibility of Subject Matter](#) for more information. Similarly, **all thematic areas and approaches** are eligible for consideration. Information regarding funding for research on specific priority themes is available in SSHRC's annual calls for proposals.

Researchers involved in formal partnerships are encouraged to apply for Partnership Grants or Partnership Development Grants. A **formal partnership** includes an agreed-upon methodological approach, governance structure, leveraging plan and/or other evidence that is endorsed by the applicant and the involved partners.

2. Value and Duration

The maximum value of a Research Development Grant is \$100,000 over one to three years. A minimum budget of \$7,000 in at least one of the years is required.

As noted above, separate funding envelopes are available for established and [new scholars](#).

3. Eligibility

Applicants

Applications for a Research Development Grant may be submitted by an individual researcher or by a team working in informal collaboration (one applicant plus one or more co-applicants and/or collaborators). There are two categories of eligible applicants:

- applicant
- co-applicant.

Only the status of the principal applicant determines the applicant's eligibility under the [new scholar](#) definition.

There are three categories of eligible participants:

- research collaborator
- student assistant
- other assistants and support staff

All applicants and participants must meet the eligibility criteria specific to their category.

Applicants and co-applicants must be affiliated with an eligible institution, normally a Canadian postsecondary institution.

Researchers whose primary affiliation is with a non-Canadian postsecondary institution are eligible to participate as co-applicants. In such cases, the rationale for international collaboration must be clearly outlined in the application.

Postdoctoral applicants must establish an affiliation with an eligible postsecondary institution (i.e., have their application signed by the institution) within three months following the competition deadline. SSHRC will not release grant funds without formal confirmation that the successful postdoctoral applicant has established such an affiliation.

Students enrolled in a program of study are not eligible to apply. However, a PhD candidate, whether holding a faculty position or not, is eligible to receive a Research Development Grant if he or she:

- has met all requirements for the PhD by XXX of the year in which the grant is awarded;
- has established a formal affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution by XXX; and
- maintains such an affiliation for the duration of the grant period.

SSHRC will not release grant funds without formal confirmation that the PhD candidate applicant has fulfilled all requirements for the degree and has established a formal affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution.

Applicants may apply for and hold, as a principal applicant, only one Research Development Grant at a time. Applicants may not apply as principal investigator for other SSHRC grants in the same competition year unless the objectives of the research differ significantly. Please refer to SSHRC's regulation regarding [multiple applications](#) for more information.

Applicants who already hold a Research Development Grant, or who have a grant that has been extended (beyond the one-year automatic extension) or for which the payments have been deferred, may apply in for a Research Development Grant in the final year of their original grant. If a Research Development Grant is awarded, SSHRC will not release the funds until the grant holder has submitted their final research report.

Applicants who have received a SSHRC grant of any type but failed to submit a final research report by the deadline date specified in their Notice of Award are not eligible to apply for another SSHRC grant until they have submitted the report.

Institutions

[Institutions](#) that propose to administer any SSHRC grant must meet the requirements for managing SSHRC funds and must hold or obtain [institutional eligibility](#) before funds will be released.

Application Process

Applicants must complete the application form (to be developed), following the accompanying instructions. Applications must be submitted electronically by an authorized research grants officer from the applicant's institution. Incomplete or late applications will be considered ineligible.

4. Evaluation and Adjudication

Review process

Research Development Grant applications are adjudicated, and available funds are awarded, through a competitive process.

The adjudication of proposals will be commensurate with the size and complexity of the research or related activity. In general, applications are adjudicated by disciplinary or multidisciplinary adjudication committees made up of scholars from the research community and experts from other sectors.

The participants in the review process are asked to identify whether or not they are in a conflict of interest regarding the applicant. If they are not in conflict, they are asked to evaluate the proposal on the basis of the evaluation criteria listed below.

Committee members read and evaluate a group of applications. Once the adjudication committee has met, discussed and ranked the proposals, it makes recommendations to SSHRC as to which should be funded.

SSHRC makes funding decisions based on the recommendations of the adjudication committee and on the funds available.

If an applicant identifies their Research Development Grant proposal as being related to one of SSHRC's priority themes, the review process may involve additional consideration, including the following:

- A relevance review by existing or specially constituted committees may be performed to verify alignment with the priority theme prior to adjudication. Depending on the volume of applications, timing of deadlines and operational requirements, it may be necessary to constitute special committees to undertake both tasks.
- An additional set of guidelines, as described in the call for proposals on the priority theme, may be used.

If it is determined that a proposal does not fall within the parameters of the priority theme, the proposal will be evaluated and, if successful, will be eligible to receive funds from within the open category.

Adjudication Committees

SSHRC is committed to providing a range of adjudication options appropriate to the objectives of individual funding opportunities. Applications may be adjudicated by discipline-based, multidisciplinary or thematic committees, based on the nature of the application.

To the extent possible, SSHRC will publish committee membership in advance, to assist applicants in selecting an appropriate committee. Depending on volume and range of applications received, these committees may either be collapsed to create fewer, multidisciplinary committees of cognate disciplines, or split into separate, more narrowly defined committees grouping like disciplines and approaches.

Applicants are invited to indicate on the application form which adjudication committee they would like to have evaluate their proposal. SSHRC, however, reserves the right to decide on the final assignment of applications to committees.

Committee Choice

01	Fine arts, literature (all types)
02	Classical archaeology, classics, classical and dead languages, history, mediaeval studies, philosophy, religious studies
03	Anthropology, archaeology (except classical archaeology), archival science, communications and media studies, criminology, demography, folklore, geography, library and information science, sociology, urban and regional studies, environmental studies
04	Education, linguistics, psychology, social work
05	Economics, industrial relations, law, management, business, administrative studies, political science

Please note: Additional committees related to SSHRC's priority themes and approaches may be constituted.

Applicants can contact a SSHRC [program officer](#) to discuss committee selection.

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

The following criteria and scoring scheme are used to evaluate applications:

- 1. Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavour (50%)**
 - originality, significance and expected contribution to knowledge;
 - appropriateness of the theoretical approach or framework;
 - quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute; and
 - likelihood of influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.
- 2. Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence (40%)**
 - feasibility to meet the objectives of the *Insight* program, the Research Development Grants funding opportunity and, where appropriate, thematic priority objectives;
 - appropriateness of the methodologies or approaches, as well as strategies and timelines for the design and conduct of the research and/or related activity;
 - appropriateness of the requested budget, justification of proposed costs and indications of other planned resources (time, human and financial) including leveraging of cash and in-kind support from the host institution and/or from partners, where appropriate; and
 - quality of the knowledge mobilization plans, including effective dissemination, exchange and plans to engage within and/or beyond the research community.
- 3. Capability: The expertise to succeed (10%)**
 - quality, quantity and significance of research activity and published outputs relative to the stage of the applicant's career;
 - evidence of other contributions through other possible publications (such as commissioned reports, etc.), professional practice, public discourses, public policies, products and services, development of talent, experience in collaboration, etc.; and
 - potential for future contributions.

Scoring table

Adjudication committee members assign a score for each of the three criteria based on the scoring table. The appropriate weighting is then applied.

Score	Descriptor
5-6	Excellent
4-4.9	Very good
3-3.9	Good
Below 3	Unacceptable

All applicants will receive, together with SSHRC's notice of decision, a summary of the adjudication committee's comments.

5. Administrative Regulations

All applicants and grant holders must comply with the [Regulations Governing Grant Applications](#) and with the regulations set out in the [Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide](#).

VII. PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Next application deadline	Value	Duration	Results announced	Apply
To be determined	Letter of intent: \$20,000 Grant: Minimum \$500,000, with no upper limit	4 to 7 years	To be determined	Application form not available Web CV and instructions

1. Description

Partnership Grants provide support for formal partnerships over four to seven years. Partnerships must be led by institutions and meet the objectives put forward in one of the following calls for proposals or a combination thereof:

- *Insight*
- *Connection*

A **formal partnership** includes an agreed-upon methodological approach, governance structure, leveraging plan and/or other evidence, such as a memorandum of understanding, that is endorsed by the applicant and the involved partners. Proposals are expected to meet the objectives put forward in the calls for proposals for both the *Insight* program ([link](#)) and *Connection* program ([link](#)).

It is expected that students and new scholars will meaningfully participate in the proposed initiatives. The quality of training, mentoring and employability plans for students and emerging scholars will be evaluated as an important part of the proposed initiative.

SSHRC invites applicants and their partners who wish to propose formal disciplinary, interdisciplinary, inter-institutional, international and/or cross-sector partnership arrangements to apply for support through this funding opportunity. Funds are available to support a variety of formal partnership development initiatives in all of the disciplines and themes [eligible for funding at SSHRC](#).

The intellectual leadership and governance for the creation of a formal partnership may come from the research community and/or partners from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. However, the grant funding, once awarded, may only be administered by an eligible institution (see information on eligibility below).

Following is a list of possible formal partnership approaches. Applicants are in no way limited to these approaches, and are welcome to combine some of the features described.

Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research partnerships: Proposals for large-scale disciplinary and interdisciplinary inter-institutional research initiatives designed to make a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the humanities and social sciences.

Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge and understanding: Proposals for partnerships between non-academic sector partners and postsecondary institutions that, through a process of ongoing collaboration and mutual learning, will foster innovative research, training and the

co-creation of new knowledge on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.

Networks, and networks among research centres: Proposals for creating networks between existing centres and/or with other partners (e.g., private sector, foundations, think tanks, etc.) to advance innovative co-creation of knowledge, training and mobilization of research on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.

Partnered research chairs: Proposals for creating a partnership between an academic institution and a partner (private sector, foundation, etc.) or several institutions to nominate research chairs to advance research in a specific area in the social sciences and humanities in Canada. The institution and the partner(s) would jointly pool financial resources and suggest an amount of funds required by SSHRC. The proposal would need to demonstrate that a formal agreement exists between the institution and the partner(s) to maintain the chair position for a minimum period of four years. Applicants will be required to indicate the name of the proposed chairholder. Specific guidelines regarding partnered chairs will be provided to applicants when the competition is launched.

Partnered research centres: Proposals for creating a partnership between an academic institution and a partner (private sector, foundation, etc) or several institutions to create or support a research centre to advance research in a specific area in the social sciences and humanities in Canada. The institution and the partner(s) would jointly pool financial resources and suggest an amount of funds required by SSHRC. The proposal would need to demonstrate that a formal agreement exists between the institution and the partner(s) to maintain the centre for a minimum period of four years.

Other partnered knowledge mobilization projects: Proposals for the formally partnered synthesis, application and mobilization of new and existing social sciences research to build institutional capacity and to increase the national and international impact and stature of Canadian research on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.

Applicants requiring **research infrastructure** will be expected to leverage funds from other sources. Please consult the [Canada Foundation for Innovation](#) for information on research infrastructure funding.

2. Value and Duration

Partnership Grants undergo a two-stage adjudication process, involving a letter of intent (LOI) and a full proposal. Only applicants successful at the LOI stage will be invited to submit an application for a full proposal.

LOI grants are worth up to \$20,000 for the period when application to the formal stage is being prepared. At the LOI stage, eligible expenses are limited to travel, workshops, meetings, secretarial support and communication and dissemination activities.

Partnership Grants are available for four-to-seven-year initiatives. The value of these grants is a minimum total amount of \$500,000, with no upper limit.

Salary replacement stipend

Within the Partnership Grants, applicants and co-applicants from eligible not-for-profit organizations may request a salary replacement to release them from duties to their organization.

3. Eligibility

Applications for Partnership Grants may only be submitted by an eligible institution.

Institutions

[Institutions](#) that propose to administer any SSHRC grant must meet the requirements for managing SSHRC funds and must hold or obtain [institutional eligibility](#) before funds will be released.

Individuals

The following individuals are eligible to participate:

- [applicant](#)
- [co-applicant](#)
- [research collaborator](#)
- student assistant
- [other assistants and support staff](#)

All applicants and participants must meet the eligibility criteria specific to their category.

Individuals from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, including philanthropic foundations and think tanks are invited to participate as co-applicants and collaborators.

Individuals from international research organizations are invited to participate as co-applicants and collaborators.

Application Process

Stage one: Letter of intent

Applicants and partners must complete the application form (under development), following the accompanying instructions. The applicant and partners must submit the forms, required signatures and all required supporting material to SSHRC in order for their application to be considered eligible. Applications must be submitted electronically by an authorized research grants officer from the applicant's institution. Please see the application instructions for more information.

Applicants successful at the LOI stage will be offered a grant worth up to \$20,000 to help in the preparation of the formal application—i.e., to further refine their research question(s); establish partnership arrangements, governance structure and/or research methodology; and to consolidate their collaborative activities.

Stage two: Formal application

Only those applicants who are successful at the LOI stage will be invited to submit a formal application. These invited candidates will be provided with the required application information and instructions for completing their proposals. Applications must be submitted electronically by an authorized research grants officer from the applicant's institution. Please see the application instructions for more information. Incomplete or late applications will be considered ineligible.

Requirements

Applicants for Partnership Grants need to demonstrate the following within their application:

- **Formal partnerships and alliances:** Applicants will be expected to include relevant documentation to allow an informed evaluation of the quality and level of commitment of the proposed partnerships. Documentation may include, but is not limited to: governance frameworks, strategic plans, memoranda of understanding, and letters of participation and engagement.

- **Leveraging of resources:** Applicants will be expected to secure in-kind and/or cash contributions from partners, international contributors and other funding agencies, whether academic institutions, public, private or not-for-profit organizations and/or foundations. Applicants are expected to include a proposed leveraging plan showing the appropriate level (for their initiative) of cash and/or in-kind support to be secured during the life of the grant. For Partnership Grants, the minimum cash and/or in-kind contribution is 50 per cent of the total budget submitted.
- In the case of **applications that involve natural sciences, engineering and/or health partners:** Applicants will be expected to demonstrate in their proposed leveraging plan that 25 per cent of cash and/or in-kind support will be secured, during the life of the grant, from other sources that usually support these research areas. However, the primary goal of the proposed partnership must adhere to SSHRC's policy regarding the eligibility of subject matter.
- Opportunities for **students and new scholars** to meaningfully participate in the initiative.

4. Evaluation and Adjudication

Review process

Partnership Grant applications are adjudicated, and available funds are awarded, through a competitive process.

Two groups of people will be involved in the evaluation of applications for Partnership Grants:

- external assessors; and
- members of the Partnership Grants adjudication committees.

In both cases, these groups include national or international scholars from the research community, as well as experts from other sectors. Whether acting in the capacity of an external assessor or an adjudication committee member, participants in the review process are asked to identify whether or not they are in a conflict of interest regarding the applicant. If they are not in conflict, they are asked to evaluate the proposal on the basis of the evaluation criteria listed below.

Where external assessors participate, they read an application and provide their assessment of that single proposal to the adjudication committee to assist members with their evaluation. Committee members read a group of applications and, considering the assessments provided, evaluate and rank the proposals. Once the adjudication committee has met and discussed the proposals, it makes recommendations to SSHRC as to which should be funded.

SSHRC makes funding decisions based on the recommendations of the adjudication committee and on the funds available.

The adjudication of proposals will be commensurate with the size and complexity of the research or related activity.

Applications for Partnership Grants are first adjudicated as follows:

- LOIs are evaluated by a multidisciplinary, multisector committee.
- Applications successful at the LOI stage are awarded a grant of up to \$20,000 for the period during which the full proposal is prepared.
- Full proposals are evaluated by a second multidisciplinary, multisector committee, and a minimum of three external assessments are obtained before adjudication at the committee meeting, with more assessments requested of particularly expensive and/or complex proposals.

- For proposals that are six to seven years in duration, a formal interview process will be required.

In all cases, adjudication committees consider, but are not bound by, the judgments of the external assessors. The committees decide which proposals to recommend to SSHRC for funding.

Applicants are invited to indicate on the application form the names of the potential assessors they consider most appropriate to provide an external assessment of their proposal to the adjudication committee. SSHRC, however, reserves the right to request assessments from the experts it deems most appropriate, in order to ensure proper review and avoid conflict of interest situations.

If an applicant identifies their Partnership Grant proposal as being related to one of SSHRC's priority themes, the review process may involve additional consideration, including the following:

- A relevance review by existing or specially constituted committees may be performed to verify alignment with the priority theme prior to adjudication. Depending on volume of applications, timing of deadlines and operational requirements, it may be necessary to constitute special committees to undertake both tasks.
- An additional set of guidelines, as described in the call for proposals on the priority theme, may be used.

If it is determined that a proposal does not fall within the parameters of the priority theme, the proposal will be evaluated and, if successful, will be eligible to receive funds from within the open category.

Adjudication Committees

SSHRC is committed to providing a range of adjudication options appropriate to the objectives of individual funding opportunities. Applications may be adjudicated by discipline-based, multidisciplinary or thematic committees, based on the nature of the application.

To the extent possible, SSHRC will publish committee membership in advance, to assist applicants in selecting an appropriate committee. Depending on the volume and range of applications received, these committees may either be collapsed to create fewer, multidisciplinary committees of cognate disciplines, or split into separate, more narrowly defined committees grouping like disciplines and approaches.

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

The following criteria and scoring scheme are used to evaluate applications at both the LOI and formal application stage:

1. Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavour (40%)

- originality, significance and expected contribution to knowledge;
- appropriateness of the theoretical approach or framework;
- quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute; and
- likelihood of influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.

2. Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence (30%)

- feasibility to meet the objectives of the *Insight* and/or *Connection* program, the Partnership Grants funding opportunity and, where appropriate, thematic priority objectives;
- appropriateness of the methodologies or approaches (including the co-creation of knowledge across sectors, where appropriate), as well as strategies and timelines for the design and conduct of the research and/or related activity;
- appropriateness of the requested budget, justification of proposed costs, and indications of other planned resources (time, human and financial), including leveraging of cash and in-kind support from the host institution and/or from partners;
- quality of the knowledge mobilization plans, including effective dissemination, exchange and plans to engage within and/or beyond the research community, where appropriate;
- quality and genuineness of the formal partnership and associated management and governance arrangements and leadership, including the involvement of partners and others in the design and conduct of the research and/or related activities; and
- potential for long-term viability and progress indicators.

3. Capability: The expertise to succeed (30%)

- quality, quantity and significance of past experience and published outputs of principle team members relative to their role in the partnership, and to the stage of their career;
- evidence of other contributions through other possible publications (such as commissioned reports, etc.), professional practice, public discourses, public policies, products and services, and development of talent;
- experience in collaboration and formal partnerships, etc.; and
- potential for future contributions.

Scoring table

Adjudication committee members assign a score for each of the three criteria based on the scoring table. The appropriate weighting is then applied.

Score	Descriptor
5-6	Excellent
4-4.9	Very good
3-3.9	Good
Below 3	Unacceptable

All applicants will receive, together with SSHRC’s notice of decision, a summary of the adjudication committee’s comments.

Monitoring

Newly funded initiatives normally participate in a start-up meeting. Partnership Grant holders will be expected to provide a milestone report after a year of operating, and a mid-term report halfway through the duration of their grant. Continuation of funding at mid-term is contingent on a successful evaluation by a mid-term merit review process.

5. Administrative Regulations

All applicants and grant holders must comply with the [Regulations Governing Grant Applications](#) and with the regulations set out in the [Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide](#).

VIII. PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Next application deadline	Value	Duration	Results announced	Apply
To be determined	\$25,000 up to \$500,000	1 to 3 years	XX	Application form not available Web CV and instructions

1. Description

Partnership Development Grants provide support to both new and existing formal partnerships:

- to develop new partnership activities with both existing and potential partners in order to conduct research and related activities, especially knowledge mobilization and the meaningful involvement of students and new scholars; or
- to design and test new methodologies and research partnership approaches that have potential for replication.

A **formal partnership** includes an agreed-upon methodological approach, governance structure, leveraging plan and/or other evidence, such as a memorandum of understanding, that is endorsed by the applicant and the involved partners.

Partnership Development Grants, led by individuals or institutions, provide support for initiatives within a one-to-three-year time frame that meet the objectives put forward in one of the following calls for proposals, or a combination of the two:

- *Insight*
- *Connection*

It is expected that students and new scholars will meaningfully participate in the proposed initiatives. The quality of training, mentoring and employability plans for students and emerging scholars will be evaluated as an important part of the proposed initiative.

SSHRC invites applicants and their partners who wish to propose formal disciplinary, interdisciplinary, inter-institutional, international and/or cross-sector partnership arrangements to apply for support through this funding opportunity. Funds are available to support a variety of formal partnership development initiatives in all of the disciplines and themes [eligible for funding at SSHRC](#).

The intellectual leadership and governance for the creation of a formal partnership may come from the research community and/or from partners from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. However, the grant funding, once awarded, may only be administered by an eligible institution (see information on eligibility below).

Following is a list of possible formal partnership approaches. Applicants are in no way limited to these approaches, and are welcome to combine some of the features described below.

Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research partnerships: Proposals for large-scale disciplinary and interdisciplinary inter-institutional research initiatives designed to make a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the humanities and social sciences.

Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge and understanding: Proposals for partnerships between non-academic sector partners and postsecondary institutions that, through a process of ongoing collaboration and mutual learning, will foster innovative research, training and the co-creation of new knowledge on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.

Networks, and networks among research centres: Proposals for creating networks between existing centres and/or with other partners (e.g., private sector, foundations, think tanks, etc) to advance innovative co-creation of knowledge, training and mobilization of research on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.

Partnered research centres: Proposals for creating a partnership between an academic institution and a partner (private sector, foundation, etc.) or several institutions to create or support a research centre to advance research in a specific area in the social sciences and humanities in Canada. The institution and the partner(s) would jointly pool financial resources and suggest an amount of funds required by SSHRC. The proposal would need to demonstrate that a formal agreement exists between the institution and the partner(s) to maintain the centre for a minimum period of four years.

Other partnered knowledge mobilization projects: Proposals for the formally partnered synthesis, application and mobilization of new and existing social sciences research to build institutional capacity and to increase the national and international impact and stature of Canadian research on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.

Applicants requiring **research infrastructure** will be expected to leverage funds from other sources. Please consult the [Canada Foundation for Innovation](#) for information on research infrastructure funding.

2. Value and Duration

The value of Partnership Development Grants is from a minimum of \$25,000 up to a maximum of \$500,000 over one to three years. The total maximum payable per year is \$200,000.

Salary replacement stipend

Within the Partnership Development Grants, applicants and co-applicants from eligible non-academic organizations may request a salary replacement to release them from duties to their organization.

3. Eligibility

Applications for a Partnership Development Grant may be submitted by a team of researchers (one applicant plus co-applicants and/or collaborators) or by an institution.

Non-academic organizations can be the intellectual lead of a proposal. However, the grant funding, once awarded, may only be administered by an eligible institution (see details below).

Applicants

There are two categories of eligible applicants:

- [applicant](#)
- [co-applicant](#)

There are three categories of eligible participants:

- [research collaborator](#)
- student assistant
- [other assistants and support staff](#).

All applicants and participants must meet the eligibility criteria specific to their category.

Applicants must be affiliated with an eligible institution, normally a Canadian postsecondary institution.

Individuals from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, including philanthropic foundations and think tanks are invited to participate as co-applicants and collaborators. Individuals from international research organizations are invited to participate as co-applicants and collaborators.

Postdoctoral applicants must establish an affiliation with an eligible postsecondary institution (i.e., have their application signed by the institution) within three months of the grant start date. SSHRC will not release grant funds without formal confirmation that the successful postdoctoral applicant has established such an affiliation.

Students enrolled in a program of study are not eligible to apply. However, a PhD candidate, whether holding a faculty position or not, is eligible to receive a Partnership Development Grant if he or she:

- has met all requirements for the PhD before the grant is awarded;
- has established a formal affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution before the grant is awarded; and
- maintains such an affiliation for the duration of the grant period.

SSHRC will not release grant funds without formal confirmation that the PhD candidate applicant has fulfilled all requirements for the degree and has established a formal affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution.

Institutions

[Institutions](#) that propose to administer any SSHRC grant must meet the requirements for managing SSHRC funds and must hold or obtain [institutional eligibility](#) before funds will be released.

Application Process

Applicants and partners must complete the application form (under development), following the accompanying instructions. Applications must be submitted electronically by an authorized research grants officer from the applicant's institution. Incomplete or late applications will be considered ineligible.

Requirements

Applicants for Partnership Development Grants need to demonstrate the following within their application:

- **Formal partnerships and alliances:** Applicants will be expected to include relevant documentation to allow an informed evaluation of the quality and level of commitment of the proposed partnerships. Documentation may include, but is not limited to: governance frameworks, strategic plans, memoranda of understanding, and letters of participation and engagement.

- **Leveraging of resources:** Applicants will be expected to secure in-kind and/or cash contributions from partners, international contributors and other funding agencies, whether academic institutions, public, private or not-for-profit organizations and/or foundations. Applicants are expected to include a proposed leveraging plan showing the appropriate level (for their initiative) of cash and/or in-kind support to be secured during the life of the grant.
- In the case of **applications that involve natural sciences, engineering and/or health partners:** Applicants will be expected to demonstrate in their proposed leveraging plan that 25 per cent of cash and/or in-kind support will be secured, during the life of the grant, from other sources that usually support these research areas. However, the primary goal of the proposed partnership must adhere to SSHRC's policy regarding the eligibility of subject matter.
- Opportunities for **students and new scholars** to meaningfully participate in the initiative.

4. Evaluation and Adjudication

Review process

Partnership Development Grant applications are adjudicated, and available funds are awarded, through a competitive process.

The adjudication of proposals will be commensurate with the size and complexity of the research or related activity. In general, applications are adjudicated by a multidisciplinary, cross-sector adjudication committee made up of scholars from the research community and experts from other sectors.

The participants in the review process are asked to identify whether or not they are in a conflict of interest regarding the applicant. If they are not in conflict, they are asked to evaluate the proposal on the basis of the evaluation criteria listed below.

Committee members read and evaluate a group of applications. Once the adjudication committee has met, discussed and ranked the proposals, it makes recommendations to SSHRC as to which should be funded.

SSHRC makes funding decisions based on the recommendations of the adjudication committee and on the funds available.

If an applicant identifies their Partnership Development Grant proposal as being related to one of SSHRC's priority themes, the review process may involve additional consideration, including the following:

- A relevance review by existing or specially constituted committees may be performed to verify alignment with the priority theme prior to adjudication. Depending on volume of applications, timing of deadlines and operational requirements, it may be necessary to constitute special committees to undertake both tasks.
- An additional set of guidelines, as described in the call for proposals on the priority theme, may be used.

If it is determined that a proposal does not fall within the parameters of the priority theme, the proposal will be evaluated and, if successful, will be eligible to receive funds from within the open category.

Adjudication Committees

SSHRC is committed to providing a range of adjudication options appropriate to the objectives of individual funding opportunities. Applications may be adjudicated by discipline-based, multidisciplinary or thematic committees, based on the nature of the application.

To the extent possible, SSHRC will publish committee membership in advance, to assist applicants in selecting an appropriate committee. Depending on the volume and range of applications received, these committees may either be collapsed to create fewer, multidisciplinary committees of cognate disciplines, or split into separate, more narrowly defined committees grouping like disciplines and approaches.

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

The following criteria and scoring scheme are used to evaluate applications:

1. Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavour (40%)

- originality, significance and expected contribution to knowledge;
- appropriateness of the theoretical approach or framework;
- quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute; and
- likelihood of influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.

2. Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence (30%)

- feasibility to meet the objectives of the *Insight* and/or *Connection* program, the Partnership Development Grants funding opportunity and, where appropriate, thematic priority objectives;
- appropriateness of the methodologies or approaches (including the co-creation of knowledge across sectors), as well as strategies and timelines for the design and conduct of the research and/or related activity;
- appropriateness of the requested budget, justification of proposed costs and indications of other planned resources (time, human and financial), including leveraging of cash and in-kind support from the host institution and/or from partners;
- quality of the knowledge mobilization plans, including effective dissemination, exchange and plans to engage within and/or beyond the research community;
- quality and genuineness of the formal partnership and associated management and governance arrangements and leadership, including involvement of partners and others in the design and conduct of the research and/or related activities; and
- potential for long-term viability and progress indicators.

3. Capability: The expertise to succeed (30%)

- quality, quantity and significance of past experience and published outputs of principle team members relative to their role in the partnership and to the stage of their career.
- evidence of other contributions through other possible publications such as commissioned reports, etc.), professional practice, public discourses, public policies, products and services, and development of talent;
- experience in collaboration and formal partnerships, etc.; and
- potential for future contributions.

Scoring table

Adjudication committee members assign a score for each of the three criteria based on the scoring table. The appropriate weighting is then applied.

Score	Descriptor
5-6	Excellent
4-4.9	Very good
3-3.9	Good
Below 3	Unacceptable

All applicants will receive, together with SSHRC’s notice of decision, a summary of the adjudication committee’s comments.

Monitoring

Partnership Development Grant holders will be expected to provide a final report at the end of the grant. A mid-term report will be required only for grants of three years in duration.

6. Administrative Regulations

All applicants and grant holders must comply with the [Regulations Governing Grant Applications](#) and with the regulations set out in the [Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide](#).

IX. OUTREACH AND TOOLS GRANTS

Application deadlines	Value	Duration	Results announced	Apply
November 15	\$7,000 up to \$500,000	1 to 5 years	March	Application form not available Web CV and instructions

1. Description

Outreach and Tools Grants support individual researchers and teams of researchers in developing creative and innovative knowledge mobilization processes and practices that will benefit both practitioners and non-academic researchers, as well as university-based scholars. Proposals are expected to meet the objectives put forward in the call for proposals for the *Connection* program.

Outreach and Tools initiatives are intended to encompass a broad range of activities targeted toward many different audiences. Partial lists of potential initiative activities and target audiences are included below; these lists are not meant to be exhaustive.

Possible initiatives may include, but are not limited to:

- knowledge dissemination, transfer and exchange;
- knowledge synthesis;
- development of digital tools to support more effective knowledge mobilization; and
- infrastructure initiatives not eligible for funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (e.g., new media tools, social networking).

Target audiences may include, but are not limited to:

- policy-makers;
- academic and non-academic researchers;
- organizations in the private and not-for-profit sectors;
- community-based, local or regional non-academic organizations;
- students at all levels; and
- similar international audiences.

Note: Applications for workshops, conferences and symposia should be directed to the Workshops and Conferences Grants. Applications for scholarly journals should be directed to the [Aid to Scholarly Journals Program](#).

Applicants requiring **research infrastructure** will be expected to leverage funds from other sources. Please consult the [Canada Foundation for Innovation](#) for information on research infrastructure funding.

2. Value and Duration

Outreach and Tools Grants are available for one-to-five-year knowledge mobilization initiatives. The value of these grants is up to a maximum of \$500,000, with a maximum of \$100,000 in any one year. A minimum budget of \$7,000 in at least one of the years is required.

3. Eligibility

Applications for an Outreach and Tools Grant may be submitted by an individual researcher, a team working in informal collaboration (one applicant plus one or more co-applicants and/or collaborators), or an eligible institution.

Applicants

There are two categories of eligible applicants:

- applicant
- co-applicant

There are three categories of eligible participants:

- research collaborator
- student assistant
- other assistants and support staff

All applicants and participants must meet the eligibility criteria specific to their category.

Applicants and co-applicants must be affiliated with an eligible institution, normally a Canadian postsecondary institution.

Applicants who have received a SSHRC grant of any type but failed to submit a [final research report](#) by the deadline date specified in their Notice of Award are not eligible to apply for another grant until they have submitted the report.

Institutions

[Institutions](#) that propose to administer any SSHRC grant must meet the requirements for managing SSHRC funds and must hold or obtain [institutional eligibility](#) before funds will be released.

Application Process

Applicants must access and complete the application form (to be developed), following the accompanying instructions. Applications must be submitted electronically by an authorized research grants officer from the applicant's institution. Incomplete or late applications will be considered ineligible.

4. Evaluation and Adjudication

Review process

Outreach and Tools Grant applications are adjudicated, and available funds are awarded, through a competitive process.

Two groups of people will be involved in the evaluation of applications for Outreach and Tools Grants:

- external assessors; and
- members of the Outreach and Tools Grants adjudication committees.

External assessors will be used as needed to complement the expertise of the committee. In all cases, adjudication committees consider, but are not bound by, the judgments of the external assessors. The committees decide which proposals to recommend to SSHRC for funding.

In both cases, these groups include national or international scholars from the research community, as well as experts from other sectors. Whether acting in the capacity of an external assessor or an adjudication committee member, participants in the review process are asked to identify whether or not they are in a conflict of interest regarding the applicant. If they are not in conflict, they are asked to evaluate the proposal on the basis of the evaluation criteria listed below.

Where external assessors participate, they read an application and provide the assessment of that single proposal to the adjudication committee to assist members with their evaluation. Committee members read a group of applications and, considering the assessments provided, evaluate and rank the proposals. Once the adjudication committee has met and discussed the proposals, it makes recommendations to SSHRC as to which should be funded.

SSHRC makes funding decisions based on the recommendations of the adjudication committee and on the funds available.

The adjudication of proposals will be commensurate with the size and complexity of the research or related activity.

Applicants are invited to indicate on the application form the names of the potential assessors they consider most appropriate to provide an external assessment of their proposal to the adjudication committee. SSHRC, however, reserves the right to request assessments from the experts it deems most appropriate, in order to ensure proper review and avoid conflict of interest situations.

If an applicant identifies their Outreach and Tools Grant proposal as being related to one of SSHRC's priority themes, the review process may involve additional consideration, including the following:

- A relevance review by existing or specially constituted committees may be performed to verify alignment with the priority theme prior to adjudication. Depending on volume of applications, timing of deadlines and operational requirements, it may be necessary to constitute special committees to undertake both tasks.
- An additional set of guidelines, as described in the call for proposals on the priority theme, will be used.

If it is determined that a proposal does not fall within the parameters of the priority theme, the proposal will be evaluated and, if successful, will be eligible to receive funds from within the open category.

Adjudication Committees

SSHRC is committed to providing a range of adjudication options appropriate to the objectives of individual funding opportunities. Applications may be adjudicated by discipline-based, multidisciplinary or thematic committees, based on the nature of the application.

To the extent possible, SSHRC will publish committee membership in advance, to assist applicants in selecting an appropriate committee. Depending on the volume and range of applications received, these committees may either be collapsed to create fewer, multidisciplinary committees of cognate disciplines, or split into separate, more narrowly defined committees grouping like disciplines and approaches.

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

The following criteria and scoring scheme are used to evaluate applications:

1. Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavour (40%)

- clarity of the stated objectives, and defined scope and expected contribution to the mobilization, preservation of and/or access to research knowledge;
- appropriateness of the approach, and evidence of the quality and significance of the research involved;
- quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute; and
- likelihood of influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.

2. Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence (35%)

- feasibility to meet the objectives of the *Connection* program, the Outreach and Tools Grants funding opportunity and, where appropriate, thematic priority objectives;
- strategies and timelines for the design and conduct of the activity;
- appropriateness of the requested budget, justification of proposed costs, and indications of other planned resources (time, human and financial), including leveraging of cash and in-kind support from the host institution and/or from partners, where appropriate; and
- plans to engage within and/or beyond the research community.

3. Capability: The expertise to succeed (25%)

- quality, quantity and significance of past experience and published outputs relative to the stage of the applicant's career;
- evidence of other contributions through other possible publications (such as commissioned reports, etc.), professional practice, public discourses, public policies, products and services, development of talent, experience in collaboration, etc.; and
- potential for future contributions.

Scoring table

Adjudication committee members assign a score for each of the three criteria based on the scoring table. The appropriate weighting is then applied.

Score	Descriptor
5-6	Excellent
4-4.9	Very good
3-3.9	Good
Below 3	Unacceptable

All applicants will receive, together with SSHRC’s notice of decision, a summary of the adjudication committee’s comments.

5. Administrative Regulations

All applicants and grant holders must comply with the [Regulations Governing Grant Applications](#) and with the regulations set out in the [Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide](#).

X. WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES GRANTS

Next application deadlines	Value	Duration	Results announced	Apply
May 1 and November 1	200 participants or less: \$7,000 up to \$25,000 201-400 participants: \$7,000 up to \$35,000 Over 400 participants: \$7,000 up to \$50,000	1 year	June 30 and January 30	Application form not available Web CV and instructions

1. Description

Workshops and Conferences Grants defray the costs of events such as workshops, symposia and conferences in support of social science and humanities scholarship, and to enhance the intellectual, social, economic and cultural impact of that scholarship. Events may be held in Canada or, if sufficient justification is provided, abroad. Proposals are expected to meet the objectives put forward in the calls for proposals for the *Connection* program.

Events supported by Workshops and Conferences Grants can be designed with the intent of facilitating:

- disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary exchanges in the humanities and social sciences;
- scholarly exchanges between those working in the social sciences and humanities and those working in other fields;
- scholarly exchanges with researchers and practitioners active in public, private and not for-profit organizations and communities; and
- international research collaboration and scholarly exchanges with researchers, students and research partners active in other countries.

Event participants may include, but are not limited to:

- researchers at universities and colleges in Canada and abroad working in the social sciences and humanities;
- researchers and practitioners active in non-academic sectors;
- policy-makers;
- organizations in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors;
- undergraduate and graduate students; and
- international audiences.

Note: Applications for support for other interactive activities such as summer institutes, seminars, webinars, public presentations or media initiatives should be directed to the Outreach and Tools funding opportunity.

Applicants requiring **research infrastructure** will be expected to leverage funds from other sources. Please consult the [Canada Foundation for Innovation](#) for information on research infrastructure funding.

2. Value and Duration

Workshops and Conferences Grants are available for a period of one-year's duration. The value of these grants is contingent on the number of anticipated participants in the event, as follows:

- up to \$25,000 for an event of up to 200 participants;
- up to \$35,000 for an event of 201 to 400 participants; and
- up to \$50,000 for an event of more than 400 participants.

A minimum budget of \$7,000 is required.

When a grant includes an allocation for the publication of proceedings or other knowledge products, SSHRC requires that these be published within two years of the date of the event.

3. Eligibility

Workshops and Conferences Grants support events that:

- take place within 12 months of the official announcement of the competition results;
- have a well-defined research theme (or themes) in the social sciences or humanities;
- have a well-developed financial plan;
- produce a timely and concrete deliverable, such as conference proceedings or other knowledge products, including those employing digital and multimedia; and
- not duplicate support received through another SSHRC grant.

Events coinciding with other events (annual meetings, regular conferences, larger conferences, etc.)

These events are eligible only if the organizers demonstrate: a) that the event is distinct or independent; and b) that it involves participants in addition to those involved in the other event.

Student-led events

Student-led events are eligible provided they meet the funding opportunity's objectives, involve both students and researchers, and are endorsed by a faculty member, who must submit the application.

Applicants

Applications for Workshops and Conferences Grants may be submitted by:

- a researcher or postdoctoral fellow; or
- a member of the event's organizing committee.

Applicants and co-applicants must be affiliated with an eligible institution, normally a Canadian postsecondary institution.

Applicants who have received a SSHRC grant of any type but failed to submit a final research report by the deadline date specified in their Notice of Award are not eligible to apply for another grant until they have submitted the report.

Applications

Applications for Workshops and Conferences Grants are not eligible if:

- the proposal is a resubmission for a specific event; or
- the expected revenues for the event exceed the value of the grant requested.

Institutions

[Institutions](#) that propose to administer any SSHRC grant must meet the requirements for managing SSHRC funds and must hold or obtain [institutional eligibility](#) before funds will be released.

Application Process

Applicants must access and complete the application form (to be developed), following the accompanying instructions. Applications must be submitted electronically by an authorized research grants officer from the applicant's institution. Incomplete or late applications will be considered ineligible.

4. Evaluation and Adjudication

Workshops and Conferences Grant applications are adjudicated, and available funds are awarded, through a competitive process.

The adjudication of proposals will be commensurate with the size and complexity of the research or related activity. In general, applications are adjudicated by disciplinary or multidisciplinary adjudication committees made up of scholars from the research community and experts from other sectors.

The participants in the review process are asked to identify whether or not they are in a conflict of interest regarding the applicant. If they are not in conflict, they are asked to evaluate the proposal on the basis of the evaluation criteria listed below.

Committee members read and evaluate a group of applications. Once the adjudication committee has met, discussed and ranked the proposals, it makes recommendations to SSHRC as to which should be funded.

SSHRC makes funding decisions based on the recommendations of the adjudication committee and on the funds available.

If an applicant identifies their Workshops and Conferences Grant proposal as being related to one of SSHRC's priority themes, the review process may involve additional consideration, including the following:

- A relevance review by existing or specially constituted committees may be performed to verify alignment with the priority theme prior to adjudication. Depending on volume of applications, timing of deadlines and operational requirements, it may be necessary to constitute special committees to undertake both tasks.
- An additional set of guidelines, as described in the call for proposals on the priority theme, may be used.

If it is determined that a proposal does not fall within the parameters of the priority theme, the proposal will be evaluated and, if successful, will be eligible to receive funds from within the open category.

Adjudication Committees

SSHRC is committed to providing a range of adjudication options appropriate to the objectives of individual funding opportunities. Applications may be adjudicated by discipline-based, multidisciplinary or thematic committees, based on the nature of the application.

To the extent possible, SSHRC will publish committee membership in advance, to assist applicants in selecting an appropriate committee. Depending on the volume and range of applications received, these committees may either be collapsed to create fewer, multidisciplinary committees of cognate disciplines, or split into separate, more narrowly defined committees grouping like disciplines and approaches.

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

The following criteria and scoring scheme are used to evaluate applications:

1. Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavour (45%)

- clarity of the stated objectives and defined scope;
- appropriateness of the approach, and evidence of the quality and significance of the research involved;
- quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute;
- likelihood of influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community; and
- quality of the knowledge mobilization plans, including effective dissemination, exchange and plans to engage within and/or beyond the research community, where appropriate.

2. Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence (30%)

- feasibility to meet the objectives of the *Connection* program, the Workshops and Conferences Grants funding opportunity and, where appropriate, thematic priority objectives;
- strategies and timelines for the design and conduct of the workshop or conference; and
- appropriateness of the requested budget, justification of proposed costs, and indications of other planned resources (time, human and financial), including leveraging of cash and in-kind support from the host institution and/or from partners, where appropriate.

3. Capability: The expertise to succeed (25%)

- quality, quantity and significance of past experience and published outputs relative to the stage of the applicant's career;
- evidence of other contributions through other possible publications (such as commissioned reports, etc.), professional practice, public discourses, public policies, products and services, development of talent, experience in collaboration, etc.; and
- potential for future contributions.

Scoring table

Adjudication committee members assign a score for each of the three criteria based on the scoring table. The appropriate weighting is then applied.

Score	Descriptor
5-6	Excellent
4-4.9	Very good
3-3.9	Good
Below 3	Unacceptable

All applicants will receive, together with SSHRC's notice of decision, a summary of the adjudication committee's comments.

5. Administrative Regulations

All applicants and grant holders must comply with the [Regulations Governing Grant Applications](#) and with the regulations set out in the [Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide](#).

XI. TIMELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Funding opportunities under SSHRC's renewed program architecture will be phased in over the next two years, beginning in the summer of 2010.

Summer 2010:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation of renewed program architecture to SSHRC governing council for formal endorsement. – Launch of funding opportunities for Partnership Grants and Partnership Development Grants (<i>Insight</i> and <i>Connection</i>) with application deadlines in early 2011.
Fall 2010:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Launch of Research Development Grants (<i>Insight</i>) for individuals and teams with application deadlines in spring 2011.
Spring 2011:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Launch of funding opportunities for Research Grants (<i>Insight</i>) for individual researchers and teams.
Spring 2012:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Launch of funding opportunities for Workshops and Conferences and Outreach and Tools (<i>Connection</i>) for individual researchers and teams.

Under the *Talent* umbrella program, scholarships and fellowships currently available to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers will remain the same. However, adjustments to these funding opportunities may be considered in the future, based on additional analysis and consultation with the other federal granting agencies.

In addition, it should be noted that certain SSHRC programs—such as SSHRC Institutional Grants, Aid to Small Universities, strategic joint initiatives, and prizes and special fellowships—will be subject to further discussion, consultation and analysis over the coming year, and are therefore not the focus of attention at this time.

For more information on where existing SSHRC programs will be transitioned in the new structure, please see the following chart.

Your feedback will help guide the implementation process. We encourage you to send your comments to PA-Project@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca by March 31, 2010. Thank you.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

RENEWED PROGRAM ARCHITECTURE

Research Development Initiatives
Strategic research development grants (several)



Research Development Grants

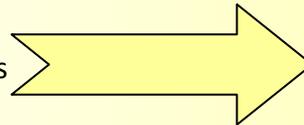
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Standard Research Grants
Strategic research grants (several)



Research Grants

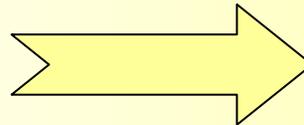
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International Opportunities Fund: Workshops & Conferences
Public Outreach Workshops & Conferences Grants



Workshops and Conferences

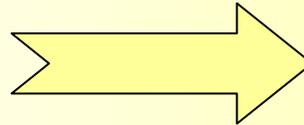
CONNECTION

Public Outreach Dissemination Grants
Tools aspects of Standard Research Grants
Image, Text, Sound and Technology: Summer Institutes



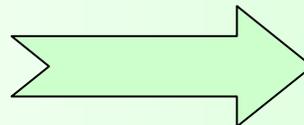
Outreach and Tools

Aid to Scholarly Journals



No changes at this time

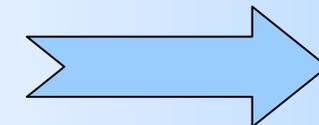
Community-University Research Alliance
Major Collaborative Research Initiatives
Strategic Knowledge Clusters
Knowledge Impact in Society



Partnership Development Grants & Partnership Grants

INSIGHT & CONNECTION

Fellowships and scholarships



No changes at this time

TALENT