

	<b>INSIGHT (Research)</b>	<b>CONNECTION (Knowledge Transfer)</b>	<b>TALENT (Student Training)</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>GOAL</b>	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.	The goal of the <i>Connection</i> 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 <b>facilitate the multidirectional flow of research knowledge</b> .	The goal of the <i>Talent</i> program is to support <b>graduate students and postdoctoral fellows</b> in order to develop the next generation of researchers and leaders needed across society, both within academia and also across public, private and not-for-profit sectors.	No change to Student Awards.
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to build knowledge and understanding through research activities involving disciplinary, interdisciplinary and/or cross-sector perspectives;</li> <li>- to support new approaches and research on complex topics, including those that transcend the capacity of any one scholar, institution or discipline;</li> <li>- to provide a high-quality training experience for students;</li> <li>- to mobilize knowledge leading to intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit and impact; and</li> <li>- to bring research expertise to bear on societal challenges and opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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;</li> <li>- to increase the accessibility of social sciences and humanities research knowledge;</li> <li>- to build reciprocal relationships among researchers and between researchers and those in a position to either co-create or use research knowledge; and</li> <li>- to support the development of networks and tools designed to facilitate scholarly work as well as to make it more accessible to various audiences. Proposals may, therefore, encompass <b>activities such as events (workshops, conferences, etc.); scholarly publications of various sorts; and other activities, such as policy briefs</b>. 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to support the development of highly qualified personnel with research and professional skills;</li> <li>- to support the most promising students and postdoctoral fellows;</li> <li>- to assist students and scholars in gaining exposure to international scholarship; and</li> <li>- to mobilize knowledge leading to intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit, and impact. 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</li> </ul>	

<p><b>FUNDING STREAMS</b></p>	<p><b>1. Individuals or Teams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research Development (RD) Grants</b> Minimum of \$7,000 up to a maximum of \$100,000 over one to three years. Total competition budget of approximately (tbd). RD Grants provide short-term funding for the purpose of supporting research in its initial stages, and developing new research questions and approaches. <i>Separate funding envelopes are available for new and established scholars.</i> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Research Grants</b> Minimum of \$7,000 up to a maximum of \$500,000 over three to five years. Total competition budget of approximately (tbd). 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Partnerships</b> Opportunities for research and knowledge mobilization involving formal partnerships in Canada and internationally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Partnership Development Grants</b> Minimum of \$25,000 up to a maximum of \$500,000 over one to three years. Total competition budget of approximately (tbd). Partnership Development Grants provide support to the development of <b>new and existing formal partnerships</b> to develop new partnership activities, and/or design and test new</li> </ul>	<p><b>1. Individuals or Teams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aid to Scholarly Journals</b> Up to \$90,000 over three years. Total competition budget of approximately (tbd). Journals may apply for support once every three years. Monographs may apply for support via the <a href="#">Aid to Scholarly Publications Program</a> managed by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.</li> <li>• <b>Workshop and Conference Grants</b> Minimum of \$7,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000 for one year. Total competition budget of approximately (tbd) 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. Two competitions per year.</li> <li>• <b>Outreach and Tool Grants</b> Minimum of \$7,000 up to a maximum of \$500,000 over one to five years. Total competition budget of approximately (tbd). 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 policybriefs, summer institutes, knowledge synthesis initiatives, innovative web content, digital tools not eligible for support by the Canada Foundation for innovation, research-related documentaries, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Partnership Development Grants</b> Minimum of \$25,000 up to a maximum of \$500,000 over one to three years. Total competition budget of approximately (tbd). Partnership Development Grants provide support to the development of <b>new and existing formal partnerships</b> to develop new partnership activities, and/or design and test new partnership methodologies and approaches with the</li> </ul>	<p>grant programs.</p> <p><b>Master's</b> The Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships—Master's Scholarships provide support for individuals undertaking master's degrees.</p> <p><b>Doctoral</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Postdoctoral</b> The Postdoctoral Fellowships provide support and a research allowance for individuals who undertake full-time research following the successful completion of their doctoral studies.</p> <p><b>Supplements</b> The Canada Graduate Scholarships Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements provide support to offset the costs of research studies outside Canada for holders of Bombardier or Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships.</p>	<p><b>Highlights of Program Changes:</b> In essence all previous programs are still available, the following changes are noted which provide greater flexibility;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maximum funding amounts have been increased;</li> <li>- Time frames have been expanded;</li> <li>- Insight: Partnership Grants are available to individuals, teams and institutions and now include a development component up to 3 years;</li> <li>- Partnership Grants do not have an upper financial award limit;</li> <li>- Connections: increased emphasis on knowledge transfer;</li> <li>- Partnership stream available only to an institution.</li> </ul>
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	<p>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. <b>Applications for PD Grants may be led by an individual or institution.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Partnership Grants</b></li> </ul> <p>Minimum value of \$500,000, with no upper limit, over four to seven years. LOI \$20,000 maximum contribution. Total competition budget of approximately (tbd). Partnership Grants provide support to <b>existing or new formal partnerships</b> for initiatives focused on research, including the co-creation of knowledge, knowledge mobilization, or a combination thereof. Examples of partnerships include: disciplinary and interdisciplinary research partnerships; Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge; Networks and networks among research centres; Partnered research chairs; Partnered research centres and other partnered knowledge mobilization projects. <b>Applications for Partnership Grants must be led by an institution.</b></p>	<p>potential for replication. These grants support initiatives focused on research, including the co-creation of knowledge, knowledge mobilization, or a combination thereof. <b>Applications for Partnership Development Grants may be led by an individual or institution.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Partnership Grants</b></li> </ul> <p>Minimum value of \$500,000, with no upper limit, over four to seven years. Total competition budget of approximately (tbd). Partnership Grants provide support to <b>existing or new formal partnerships</b> for initiatives focused on research, including the co-creation of knowledge, knowledge mobilization, or a combination thereof. <b>Applications for Partnership Grants must be led by an institution.</b></p>		
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<p><b>Individuals and Teams</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Institutions</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Individuals and Teams</b> 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 coapplicant status.</p> <p><b>Institutions</b> 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.</p>	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.	
<b>EVALUATION AND ADJUDICATION</b>	<p><b>1. Individuals or Teams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research Development Grants</b></li> </ul> <p>External reviews and committees. <b>1. Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavour</b></p>	<p><b>1. Individuals or Teams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Workshop and Conference Grants</b></li> </ul> <p>Committee adjudication. <b>Evaluation Criteria and Scoring</b></p>		<b>SSHRC Priority Themes:</b> These will be reviewed periodically.

	<p><b>(50%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- originality, significance and expected contribution to knowledge;</li> <li>- appropriateness of the theoretical approach or framework;</li> <li>- quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute; and</li> <li>- likelihood of influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence (40%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- feasibility to meet the objectives of the <i>Insight</i> program, the Research Development Grants funding opportunity and, where appropriate, thematic priority objectives;</li> <li>- appropriateness of the methodologies or approaches, as well as strategies and timelines for the design and conduct of the research and/or related activity;</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- quality of the knowledge mobilization plans, including effective dissemination, exchange and plans to engage within and/or beyond the research community.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Capability: The expertise to succeed (10%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- quality, quantity and significance of research activity and published outputs relative to the stage of the applicant's career;</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- potential for future contributions.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research Grants</b></li> </ul> <p>External reviews and committees. <i>Evaluation Criteria and Scoring</i></p>	<p>The following criteria and scoring scheme are used to evaluate applications:</p> <p><b>1. Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavour (45%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- clarity of the stated objectives and defined scope;</li> <li>- appropriateness of the approach, and evidence of the quality and significance of the research involved;</li> <li>- quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute;</li> <li>- likelihood of influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community; and</li> <li>- quality of the knowledge mobilization plans, including effective dissemination, exchange and plans to engage within and/or beyond the research community, where appropriate.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence (30%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- feasibility to meet the objectives of the <i>Connection</i> program, the Workshops and Conferences Grants funding opportunity and, where appropriate, thematic priority objectives;</li> <li>- strategies and timelines for the design and conduct of the workshop or conference; and</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Capability: The expertise to succeed (25%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- quality, quantity and significance of past experience and published outputs relative to the stage of the applicant's career;</li> <li>- 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,</li> </ul>		<p>If an applicant identifies their proposal as being related to one of SSHRC's priority themes, the review process may involve additional consideration, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>
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	<p>1. <b>Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavour(40%)</b>  2. <b>Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence (40%)</b>  3. <b>Capability: The expertise to succeed (20%)</b></p> <p>1. <b>Partnerships</b>  Applicants for Partnership Grants need to demonstrate the following within their application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Formal partnerships and alliances:</b> 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.</li> <li>- <b>Leveraging of resources:</b> 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.</li> <li>- In the case of <b>applications that involve natural sciences, engineering and/or health partners:</b> 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.</li> <li>- Opportunities for <b>students and new scholars</b> to meaningfully participate in the initiative.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Partnership Development Grants</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Evaluation Criteria and Scoring</b>  The following criteria and scoring scheme are used to evaluate applications:</p> <p>1. <b>Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavour(40%)</b>  2. <b>Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence (30%)</b>  3. <b>Capability: The expertise to succeed (25%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- feasibility to meet the objectives of the <i>Insight</i> and/or</li> </ul>	<p>experience in collaboration, etc.; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- potential for future contributions.</li> <li>• <b>Outreach and Tools Grants</b></li> </ul> <p>External reviews and committees.  <b>Evaluation Criteria and Scoring</b>  The following criteria and scoring scheme are used to evaluate applications:</p> <p>1. <b>Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavour (40%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- clarity of the stated objectives, and defined scope and expected contribution to the mobilization, preservation of and/or access to research knowledge;</li> <li>- appropriateness of the approach, and evidence of the quality and significance of the research involved;</li> <li>- quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute; and</li> <li>- likelihood of influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.</li> </ul> <p>2. <b>Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence (35%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- feasibility to meet the objectives of the <i>Connection</i> program, the Outreach and Tools Grants funding opportunity and, where appropriate, thematic priority objectives;</li> <li>- strategies and timelines for the design and conduct of the activity;</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- plans to engage within and/or beyond the research community.</li> </ul> <p>3. <b>Capability: The expertise to succeed (25%)</b></p>		<p><b>Evaluation Criteria:</b>  The evaluation criteria has the most significant changes.  The criteria and weighting varies for each program.</p> <p><b>Scoring table:</b>  <b>All programs.</b>  Adjudication committee members assign a score for each of the three criteria based on the scoring table. The appropriate weighting is then applied.  <b>Score Descriptor</b>  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.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b>  Committees reviewing interdisciplinary, inter-institutional, and/or cross-sector proposals must have customized representation for each adjudication.</p>
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	<p><i>Connection</i> program, the Partnership Development Grants funding opportunity and, where appropriate, thematic priority objectives;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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;</li> <li>- 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;</li> <li>- quality of the knowledge mobilization plans, including effective dissemination, exchange and plans to engage within and/or beyond the research community;</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- potential for long-term viability and progress indicators.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Capability: The expertise to succeed (30%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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;</li> <li>- experience in collaboration and formal partnerships, etc.; and</li> <li>- potential for future contributions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- quality, quantity and significance of past experience and published outputs relative to the stage of the applicant's career;</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- potential for future contributions.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Committee Members:</b> Names of committee members will be published before the review when possible.</p>
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## 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:

- Presentation of renewed program architecture to SSHRC governing council for formal endorsement.
- Launch of funding opportunities for **Partnership Grants and Partnership Development Grants** (*Insight* and *Connection*) with application deadlines in early 2011.

**Fall 2010:** - Launch of **Research Development Grants** (*Insight*) for individuals and teams with application deadlines in spring 2011.

### Spring 2011:

- Launch of funding opportunities for **Research Grants** (*Insight*) for individual researchers and teams.

### Spring 2012:

- Launch of funding opportunities for **Workshops and Conferences and Outreach and Tools** (*Connection*) 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](mailto:PA-Project@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) by March 31, 2010. Thank you.