Our mandate

- Promote and assist research and scholarship in the social sciences and humanities.
- Advise the Minister of Science.
FEDERAL GRANTING AGENCIES

MINISTER OF HEALTH

Department

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships
• Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships

MINISTER OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Department

Minister of Science

Chief Science Advisor

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)

Common Administrative Services Directorate (C ASD)

Genome Canada

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Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)

Canada First Research Excellence Fund
• Network of Centres of Excellence
• College and Community Innovation

Canada Research Chairs
• Canada Excellence Research Chairs
• Research Support Fund
• Canada First Research Excellence Fund
**Fast Facts**

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SSHRC’S ACTUAL SPENDING 2016-2017

Grants & Fellowships / Operating & Maintenance: $404.7 million
SSHRC Personnel: 221 Full-Time Employees
TALENT
Building the next generation of leaders and equipping them for research-intensive careers across the economy and society

- Master’s Scholarships
- Doctoral Scholarships
- Postdoctoral Fellowships

INSIGHT
Fostering research-based knowledge about people

- Insight Development Grants
- Insight Grants
- Support to institutions

CONNECTION
Supporting the flow and exchange of that knowledge within and beyond academe.

- Connection Grants
- Support for Journals
- Knowledge Synthesis Grants

PARTNERSHIPS
Within the academic community and between academe, industry, government, not-for-profits and communities

- Partnership Development Grants
- Partnership Grants
- Partnership Engage Grants
Budget 2016 investment in investigator-led research led to increased success rate in 2016 (45.3%); now back to historical levels (32.1% in 2017)
Recent program changes and decline in applications led to increased success rate in 2017 (40.0%)
• Stream A (duration of 2-5 years) will be for requests ranging from $7K to $100K – target success rate significantly higher than Stream B

• Stream B (duration of 2-5 years) will be for requests ranging from $100K to $400K

• Both streams will be adjudicated by the same committees and will receive the same rigorous level of merit review, including the input of external assessors

• Committees will receive separate budget envelopes dedicated to each stream

• Unsuccessful applicants from IDG 2017 may apply for an IG in 2017
SSHRC INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS

Timeline:
• December 2015: Evaluation (Four recommendations)
• Summer 2016: Advisory Group (Eight SSHRC Leaders)
• December 2016: Roundtable with SSHRC Leaders
• Winter 2017: Consultations with small institutions
• September 2017: Launch
• December 2017: Deadline

Single funding opportunity for institutions
• Supplement for all eligible small institutions
• More total funds for small institutions than current Aid to Small Universities envelope
• More stable funding, non-competitive
• Reduced administrative burden
SSHRC INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS

New Branding
- SSHRC Explore Grants
- SSHRC Exchange Grants

New Reporting Model
- Annual Spreadsheet
- Achievement report at the end of the grant
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| **Connection Grants**                    | 2016-2017        | Value for Events: $7,000 to $25,000  
Value for outreach: $7,000 to $50,000  
Duration: 1 year | Applications received: 701  
Awards: 394 (Success Rate 56%)  
Total Investment: $9.4M |
| **Knowledge Synthesis Grants**           | January 2017     | Value: $25,000  
Global Landscape                                                              | Applications received: 67  
Awards: 30 (Success Rate 45%)  
Total Investment: $0.75M |
SSHRC is participating in the Canadian Scholarly Publishing Working Group that is working on a model framework and recommendations for the Canadian scholarly publishing sector as a whole.

- Stakeholder consultation in order to make any necessary revisions to the Aid to Scholarly Journals (ASJ) funding opportunity.

- Changes are necessary in order to integrate the Tri-Agency Open Access policy on Publications.

- Next competition for funding will be held in 2018.
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| Partnership Development     | 2016-2017  | Value: $75,000 to $200,000                                    | Applications received: 143  
Awards: 53 (Success Rate 37%)  
Total Investment: $10.0M                                            |
| Grants                      |            | Duration: 1 to 3 years                                       |                                                                         |
| Partnership Grants          |            | Value: Up to $20,000 (stage 1)                                | Applications received: 81  
Awards: 15 (Success Rate 19%)  
Total Investment: $37.4M                                              |
|                             |            | Max. $500,000/year up to 2.5 million in total (stage 2)       |                                                                         |
|                             |            | Duration: 4 to 7 years                                       |                                                                         |
PARTNERSHIPS

SSHRC funds partnerships through Partnership and Partnership Development Grants to:

- conduct research;
- mobilize knowledge; and,
- train future researchers.

For 2016-17, 600 new Partners are expected to contribute $51.9 M over 7 years.

Between 2012 and 2016 SSHRC support facilitated...

- 360 formal partnership projects
- 3,100 partner organizations
- $227 M in partner contributions (cash and in-kind)

POST-SECONDARY | $21.3 M
GOVERNMENT     | $4.9 M
INDUSTRY       | $7.4 M
NOT-FOR-PROFIT | $18.3 M
PARTNERSHIPS ENGAGE GRANTS

• New competitions for funding that will provide short-term and timely support to partnered research activities.

• Objective is to inform decision-making in an organization from the public, private or non-profit sectors.

• Valued between $7K and $25K over six months.

• Applications will be accepted quarterly.

• Launch in Summer 2017, with first application deadline September 15, 2017.
SPECTRUM OF SCALE, DURATION AND IMPACT

- PARTNERSHIP ENGAGE GRANTS ($7-25K)
- CONNECTION GRANTS ($7-50K)
- INSIGHT DEVELOPMENT ($7-75K)
- INSIGHT GRANTS (A) ($7-100K)
- INSIGHT GRANTS (B) ($100-400K)
- PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ($75-200K)
- PARTNERSHIP GRANTS ($500K-$2.5M)

**Small Scale**
- **Short-term**
- ≤ 1 Year

**Medium Scale**
- **Medium-term**
- 2 – 3 Years

**Large Scale**
- **Longer-term**
- 4+ Years

SIG
Up to $7K
Exchange
Explore

Tri-Council Programs
NCEs
CERCs
ELIGIBILITY OF HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH

• SSHRC will be expanding its funding of health-related research projects with a focus on social sciences and humanities.

• Eligible projects would include:
  • General well-being and work-life balance related topics
  • Health policy and management
  • Health ethics
  • Social construction of health and health behavior

• Certain areas will remain ineligible:
  • Clinical education
  • Clinical research and therapy
  • Kinesiology and epidemiology

• Contact us if uncertain; we are happy to review a one-page summary (Francois.Simard@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)
APPLICATION PREPARATION

• Challenge:
  • Ensure that your proposal addresses clear research questions;
  • Offer theoretical contextualization within the relevant fields of inquiry;
  • Present a well-considered methodological approach;
  • A student’s work/training must be meaningful
  • Be creative and ambitious with your Knowledge Mobilization Plan. Where applicable, reach out to the community or public.
APPLICATION PREPARATION

• Feasibility:
  • Applicants must show that their proposed project is well thought out and can be carried out as planned
  • Provide justification: Do not presume adjudication committee members are familiar with the work, or with the specific terminology and particularities of the field of specialization
  • Give a special attention to budget and provide good justification.
APPLICATION PREPARATION

- Know your audience
- Committee Selection:
  - Disciplinary
  - Multi-disciplinary (SS or H)
  - Research Creation
  - Aboriginal
- Contact Us:
  - Program Officer contact information and general inquiry boxes on the web site
OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:
ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE FOR CANADA’S FUTURE

1. Enable
   excellence in a changing research landscape

2. Create
   opportunities for research and training through collaborative initiatives

3. Connect
   social sciences and humanities research with Canadians
Enable Excellence in a Changing Research Landscape

Objective 1

Promote open access to research publications and stewardship of research data through data management planning;

Support and advance research conducted by and with Canada’s Aboriginal communities; and

Support novel disciplinary and interdisciplinary research methods and approaches, and the use of new technologies and sources of data.
Tri-Agency Open Access Policy

Peer-reviewed journal articles based on agency-funded research to be freely accessible within 12 months of publication, via:

- Online repositories, or
- Open-access journals
Data Management Statement of Principles

- Outlines the tri-council agencies’ expectations for research data management and the roles and responsibilities of researchers, institutions, and funders in meeting these expectations.

- Serves as a basis for the development of data management policies and requirements.
Digging Into Data Challenge

- Challenges researchers to explore and apply new “big data” sources and methodologies to address questions related to the social sciences and humanities.

  *Example:*
  *One project draws upon the expertise of historians and computer scientists studying the spread of the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic in the United States and Canada through digitized historic newspapers.*

- The 2016 round includes 20 international funding agencies from North America, South America, Europe and the United Kingdom.
SSHRC is committed to supporting and promoting social sciences and humanities research by and with Aboriginal Peoples, including First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples.
To redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the TRC Report made 94 calls to action.

# 65: “We call upon the federal government, through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, post-secondary institutions and educators, and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and its partner institutions, to establish a national research program with multi-year funding to advance understanding of reconciliation.”
OBJECTIVE 2

CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING THROUGH COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

- Expand organizational partnerships
- Work with international funding agencies to fund collaborative research that responds to global challenges
- Promote social sciences and humanities participation in large, interdisciplinary research initiatives
Syrian Refugee Arrival, Resettlement and Integration Initiative
(Partnership Development Grants 2016)

SSHRC and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada funded 27 short-term research projects addressing issues related to the resettlement process.

Sport Participation Research Initiative
(Insight/Talent, 2005-current)

Sport Canada and SSHRC joint initiative to study quality sport participation.

SSHRC-CIHR joint initiative: Healthy and Productive Work
(Partnership Development Grants 2015)

Examines intersection between health and social sciences in maintaining a healthy, inclusive, and productive workforce.
National Defense Research Initiative
*Talent/Insight (2016-current)*

Target Research Areas:
- Enabling sustained and effective military organizational culture change
- Developing trust in diverse organizational teams and in cross-cultural settings
- Trust in autonomous intelligent systems
Societal Implications of Genomics Research
*Talent/Insight (2015-current)*

Initiative focuses on understanding the societal implications of genomic innovations characterized as “disruptive”
SSHRC-Mitacs
*Any Partnerships (2013-current)*

Drawing on SSHRC’s merit review to pre-qualify SSHRC-funded projects for:

- Mitacs Accelerate
- Mitacs GlobalLink
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS INVOLVED IN SSHRC-FUNDED GRANTS (LAST 10 YEARS)
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS:
TOP-10 COUNTRIES (2012-13 TO 2016-17)

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The Trans-Atlantic Platform (T-AP)

- Consortium of key humanities and social science funders in South America, North America and Europe (17 partners from 12 countries)

- Enhances the ability of funders, research organizations and researchers to engage in transnational dialogue and collaboration

- Facilitates funding access for international research collaboration by offering a single “platform” for joint calls (e.g. Digging into Data Challenge)
**OBJECTIVE 3**

**CONNECT SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH WITH CANADIANS**

- Collaborate with the public, private, not-for-profit and academic sectors to address key challenge areas for Canada;
- Increase opportunities for students to engage with non-academic sectors as part of their research training;
- Work with students, researchers, research institutions and other stakeholders to better articulate the value and contribution of research; and
- Make SSHRC’s own administrative data more easily accessible to the public.
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IMAGINING CANADA’S FUTURE
STAY CONNECTED WITH SSHRC

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