Overview of Partnership Development Grants
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Mandate and Programs

SSHRC’s mandate is to promote and assist research and scholarship in the SSH.

We deliver on our mandate by investing in:

- Talent
- Insight
- Connection

PDG proposals must meet the objectives of one or both of SSHRC’s overarching programs, Insight and/or Connection.
## Partnership Suite

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Timelines for the PDG competition

- The deadline will be **November 16th, 2020 at 8pm Eastern Standard Time**
- The adjudication meetings will take place in March 2021
- The results will be announced in the Spring of 2021
- Results will be posted to the secure site and can be accessed by the research grants officers
Partnership Development Grants: Key Characteristics

Purpose: To foster research and/or related activities with new and/or existing partners.

Scope & Value: $75,000 to $200,000 over 1 to 3 years

Cash and in-kind contributions: Applicants and partners are expected to demonstrate that a formal partnership exists or will be developed, in part through the financial and non-financial commitments made by partners.
Key Characteristics

• **This is an individual grant:** this means that the Project Director holds the grant and not the institution they are affiliated with

• **Individuals:** the project director, co-applicants or collaborators

• **Organizations:** partners or supporting organizations. A partner is always an organization according to SSHRC’s definition
Key Characteristics

Partnership Approaches:

• Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research partnerships
• Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge and understanding
• Networks for research and/or related activities
• Partnered knowledge mobilization
Key Characteristics

- Multidisciplinary selection committees include expertise from the academic community, and from the public, private and non-profit sectors.

- Evaluation criteria include Challenge, Feasibility, and Capability. The weighting is attributed across them in the following way:
  - Challenge 50%
  - Feasibility 20%
  - Capability 30%

- The subcriteria are available on our website
Key Characteristics

Tools for Research and Related Activities:

- SSHRC defines research and related tools as vehicles that broadly facilitate research and related activities.
- SSH tools enable researchers to collect, organize, analyze, visualize, mobilize and store quantitative and qualitative data and creative outputs.
- In PDG, a maximum of $7K can be requested for tools.
Key Characteristics

• Research-creation proposals are eligible

• **Salary Research Allowances** are available for Canadian not-for-profit organizations with a project director or co-applicant on the proposal. **This is not an actual salary; see SSHRC’s definition.**
Partnership Tool-kit

• Recently updated with resources and tips from past Partnership Grant project directors and coordinators

• The tool-kit includes:
  o tips for applicants
  o tips for managing partnerships
  o resources such as webpages, documents, tools, reports, briefs, newsletters, videos
  o frequently asked questions
  o brief videos with project directors
New This Year

• In the context of the current pandemic, SSHRC will allow contingency plans to be included within the forms, allowing for back up plans for research or outreach activities which may be delayed due to COVID-19

• Research Contributions and Relevant Experience PDFs are now 1 document (maximum 5 pages)

• Postdoctoral researchers and Doctoral students interested in applying to PDG with no affiliation are asked to contact the Partnerships team before starting their application
Indigenous Research

SSHRC is committed to supporting and promoting social sciences and humanities research by and with Indigenous peoples, including First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples. This commitment is a fundamental part of SSHRC’s mandate, approach and efforts.

SSHRC has a number of tools specifically intended to support applicants working in Indigenous research; merit reviewers assessing applications related to Indigenous research; and communities and other research partners engaged in Indigenous research. These include:

- SSHRC’s definition of Indigenous research
- Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research
- Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans, Chapter 9: Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of Canada

Following are some additional resources those involved in Indigenous research may find helpful:

- Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples
- Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
- Universities Canada principles on Indigenous education
- Indigenous Education Protocol for Colleges and Institutes
- Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences: Reconciliation and the Academy
- Parks Canada Indigenous Affairs Branch
Joint Initiatives

• **Societal Implications of Genomics Research**: an opportunity to be funded jointly through Genome Canada and SSHRC

• **Belmont Forum**: an opportunity to link up with international researchers working on global environmental change research

• **MITACS**: student internships
Through the Imagining Canada’s Future (ICF) initiative, SSHRC mobilizes social sciences and humanities research to address Canada’s future, long-term societal challenges in a global context.
Global challenges horizon scan: 16 emerging challenges

1. Working in the Digital Economy
2. Global Health & Wellness for the 21st Century
3. The Emerging Asocial Society
4. Shifting Dynamics of Privilege & Marginalization
5. Building Better Lives Across the Gender Spectrum
6. Inhabiting Challenging Environments
7. Balancing Risks and Benefits in the Emerging Surveillance Society
8. Humanity +
9. The Evolving Bio Age
10. Living Within the Earth's Carrying Capacity
11. The Pervasive Contamination of the ‘Natural’
12. Envisioning Governance Systems that Work
14. Truth Under Fire in a Post-Fact World
15. The Arts Transformed
16. The Erosion of Culture & History
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Interagency harmonization of the collection of self-identification data

• Age, gender, Indigenous identity, disability, visible minority
• CFI, CIHR, Genome Canada, NSERC, SSHRC (including TIPS) have used a harmonized questionnaire
• Closely aligned with StatCan
• Mandatory for applicants, co-applicants and collaborators
• Option “I prefer not to answer.”
Tips to know before you apply:

• **Institutional eligibility**: if you are not a Canadian post-secondary institution used to applying to SSHRC, but would like to lead a Partnership Development Grant, you will have to apply for institutional eligibility prior to your application; please contact our Corporate group. You will need to give SSHRC at least 5 business days notice.

• **Partner eligibility**: your partner organization does not need to hold institutional eligibility with SSHRC

• **Participants**: please see SSHRC’s definitions of co-applicants and collaborators
Tips to know before you apply:

• **CVs**: PDG requires the SSHRC CV

• **Partners**: Partners are required to validate their participation on the application, by providing a letter of support to be uploaded to the site and by accepting the invitation online to partner on the application

• **Deadlines**: While the deadline date is November 16th, some research grants offices have earlier internal deadlines, so please speak to them ASAP
Tips to know before you apply:

• **Budgets:** committees evaluate the budget as part of its Evaluation Criteria; a failing budget can result in a failed grant application!

• SSHRC provides a table to be filled in with proper amounts as well as 2 blank pages where these costs can be laid out and properly justified

• SSHRC uses the Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration (TAGFA)

• Student support is an important part of our mandate and must be included in some form on the budget

• There are no salaries or release time stipends for academic researchers
Tips to know before you apply:

• Print off a copy of the instructions before starting your application
• Contact us for questions well in advance
• Plan meetings with partners prior to the application process and include your research office if possible
• Set early deadlines
• Ensure that subject matter eligibility is aligned with SSHRC’s mandate
• Print the evaluation criteria as a guideline when preparing your application
• Complete any outstanding Achievement Reports
Frequently Asked Questions

• When should the host institution be invited as a partner?

• What has to be submitted as evidence of the formal partnership?

• Is an intra-university partnership eligible on its own?
Frequently Asked Questions

• Is the time that a participant plans to dedicate to the project an eligible in-kind contribution?

• Can SSHRC funds be requested for internationally-based participants, students and/or other personnel?

• Are applicants required to use Times New Roman 12pt font in the charts, tables and/or diagrams that are included within their application?

• Can a participant receive a salary from the grant?
Frequently Asked Questions

• Can SSHRC funds be requested for the costs of a project coordinator and/or manager?

• If I applied for an Insight Grant, Insight Development Grant, or a Connection Grant, can I apply for a PDG?
What kind of feedback can I expect at the end of the adjudication process?

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Any other questions?
Thank you!

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