Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council – Institutional Grant Guidelines

Description

Through its SSHRC Institutional Grants (SIG) funding opportunity, SSHRC provides annual block grants to help eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions fund, through their own merit review processes, small-scale research and research-related activities by their faculty in the social sciences and humanities. SIG funds are intended to help Canadian postsecondary institutions strengthen research excellence in the social sciences and humanities.

Grants

Funding is limited to a maximum of $7,000, which can be spent out over a maximum of 24 months. Funding can be requested under only <u>one</u> of the following two granting programs:

SSHRC Explore Grants, which:

- support social sciences and humanities researchers with modest research funding requirements at any stage of career;
- allow for small-scale innovation and experimentation by providing funding to develop a research project or conduct pilot work; and
- enable researchers to hire students at any level to participate in their research projects thereby contributing to their professional development; and

SSHRC Exchange Grants, which:

- support the organization of small-scale knowledge mobilization activities, such as workshops and seminars, in order to encourage collaboration and the dissemination of research results both within and beyond the academic community; and
- allow researchers to attend or present their research at scholarly conferences and other dissemination venues that align with SSHRC's mandate in order to advance their careers and encourage the exchange of ideas and research results at the national and international level.

- The value of grants awarded to a single project must not exceed $7,000 (note: large projects may not be simultaneously funded by several small grants).
- Individuals may not hold more than one SIG-funded grant at a time.

- Grant recipients must acknowledge SSHRC support for their research or research-related activities.

Eligibility Criteria

- Recipients must be affiliated with a [SSHRC eligible Canadian postsecondary institution](), and must maintain such an affiliation for the duration of the grant period. Researchers who maintain an affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution, but whose primary affiliation is with a non-Canadian institution, are not eligible to hold these grants.
- Applicants may only submit one application for SIG funding and may not be listed as a co-applicant on other applications.
- Adjunct professors are eligible to apply if the duration of their appointment spans the grant period.
- Postdoctoral researchers are not eligible to hold SIG-funded grants; however postdoctoral researchers affiliated with Queen's University are eligible to receive support for eligible activities from a SIG grant awarded to a principal investigator, provided postdoctoral researchers maintain their affiliation for the duration of the grant period.
- Students are not eligible to hold SIG-funded grants; however, SSHRC encourages researchers to employ students in SIG-funded research.
- The institution acknowledges SSHRC support for its research or research-related activities and clearly brands funds used for research purposes as "SSHRC Explore Grants" and funds used for dissemination purposes as "SSHRC Exchange Grants."
- The work conducted with this funding must be in an area of study related to the social sciences and humanities and be consistent with [SSHRC's mandate]() (Please see [Subject Matter Eligibility]() for more information).
- Researchers are not eligible to apply for a SIG Explore or Exchange grant if they have an active SSHRC grant.

How to Apply

The deadline to submit an application for the Fall 2018 SIG is **October 29, 2018**, and the application is available on the Vice-Principal (Research) website. Information about the Spring 2019 SIG will be circulated in the Spring.

Full applications will be assessed against the following criteria and these must be addressed in your application:
- overall contribution of the project/activities to research excellence
- impact of the expected outcomes of the project/activities

- the possibility of the SIG grant supporting an application to one of the SSHRC funding opportunities listed below within 18-24 months.

  o Insight Grants: Funding is available for **research initiatives of two to five years** providing stable support for long-term research initiatives. Enables scholars to address complex issues pertaining to individuals and societies, and to further our collective understanding.
  o Insight Development Grants: Provides support for research in **its initial stages** for up to two years. Enables the development of new research questions, as well as experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches and/or ideas.
  o Connection Grants: **Supports events and outreach** activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives.
  o Partnership Engage Grants: Provides short-term and timely support for **partnered research activities** that will inform decision-making at a single partner organization from the public, private or not-for-profit sector.

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