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## Funding and Award Opportunities

*Call for Applications      2025-26 Research and Professional Development Pool  
(RPD) Competition*

**Application deadline: February 15, 2025 at 11:59 pm**

**Value:** Up to \$4,000

**Duration:** 1 year

Attention full-time RRU Faculty Association (RRUFA) Members:

The 2025-26 Research and Professional Development Pool (RPD) competition is now open. As per Section 31.5 (a, ii) of the [RRUFA Collective Agreement](#), “The Research and Professional Development Pool is a consolidated account solely for the use of full-time Members for all expenses related to scholarly advancement, including travel expenses, attendance at conferences, and travel and related expenses for research activities.”

#### [Application guidelines and application form](#)

The application deadline is 11:59pm on February 15, 2025. Late applications or applications not submitted through the [Internal Awards inbox](#) will not be accepted. Note that, if February 15th falls on a weekend or STAT holiday, applications will be due the following business day at 11:59pm.

The RPD Guidelines and application form can be found [here on the Research Services website](#).

Applications must consist of one (1) word or PDF document and be submitted to the Research and Professional Development Panel via [the RRU Internal Research Grants inbox](#).

The award term starts April 1, 2025 and ends March 31, 2026 Note that *no funds may be spent before the start date*.

#### [Eligibility](#)

All full-time Royal Roads faculty Association (RRUFA) members including librarians may apply.

Faculty members may normally hold only **one** RPD grant at a time. Final reports for previously funded RPD awards are required in order to receive new funds. Please contact [the RRU Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#) for report information.

**If you have any questions, concerns or need support**, [please contact the Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#).

## Call for Applications 2025-26 Allan Cahoon Global Advancement and Diversity Fund (GAD) Competition

**Application deadline: February 15, 2025 at 11:59 pm**

**Value:** Up to \$4,000

**Duration:** 1 year

Attention Royal Roads staff and faculty members:

The 2025-26 Allan Cahoon Global Advancement and Diversity Fund (GAD) competition is now open. The fund supports three initiatives: one for students and two for faculty and staff.

The opportunities for faculty and staff alternate depending on the year. This year the call is specifically for a Centre for Dialogue-based event. The event is hosted by the university and led by core faculty or permanent staff. The event may incorporate resources of the Centre for Dialogue and draw on contemporary thought leadership promoting diversity, inclusivity and opportunity, consistent with the university's diversity statement, with particular emphasis on gender, sexual orientation and Indigenous culture.

### [Application guidelines and application form](#)

The application deadline is 11:59pm on February 15, 2025. Late applications or applications not submitted through the [Internal Awards inbox](#) will not be accepted. Note that, if February 15th falls on a weekend or STAT holiday, applications will be due the following business day at 11:59pm.

The GAD Guidelines and application form can be found [here on the Research Services website](#).

Applications must consist of one (1) word or PDF document and be submitted to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) via [the RRU Internal Research Grants inbox](#).

The award term starts April 1, 2025 and ends March 31, 2026. Note that *no funds may be spent before the start date*.

### [Eligibility](#)

All current core faculty or permanent staff members may apply.

Faculty members may normally hold only **one** GAD grant at a time. Final reports for previously funded GAD awards are required in order to receive new funds. Please contact [the RRU Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#) for report information.

**If you have any questions, concerns or need support,** [please contact the Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#).

## Call for Applications 2025-26 Buttedahl and Skene Learning and Teaching Innovation Fund (BSF) Competition

**Application deadline: February 15, 2025 at 11:59 pm**

**Value:** Up to \$2,000

**Duration:** 1 year

Attention Royal Roads University faculty members:

The 2025-26 Buttedahl and Skene Learning and Teaching Innovation Fund (BSF) competition is now open. This award honours Bob Skene and Dr. Paz Buttedahl, and supports projects related to their joint commitment to enhancing teaching and learning at Royal Roads. The fund supports faculty members to make direct links between scholarship, teaching effectiveness, research, and student learning.

### [Application guidelines and application form](#)

The application deadline is 11:59pm on February 15, 2025. Late applications or applications not submitted through the [Internal Awards inbox](#) will not be accepted. Note that, if February 15th falls on a weekend or STAT holiday, applications will be due the following business day at 11:59pm.

The BSF Guidelines and application form can be found [here on the Research Services website](#).

Applications must consist of one (1) word or PDF document and be submitted to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) via [the RRU Internal Research Grants inbox](#).

The award term starts April 1, 2025 and ends March 31, 2026. Note that *no funds may be spent before the start date*.

## Eligibility

All current core faculty may apply.

Faculty members may normally hold only **one** BSF grant at a time. Final reports for previously funded GAD awards are required in order to receive new funds. Please contact [the RRU Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#) for report information.

**If you have any questions, concerns or need support**, [please contact the Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#).

## Call for Proposals: *Health Research BC - Advancing the Use of Evidence in Seniors' Home and Community Care program*

### Timeline:

Letter of Intent(LOI) deadline	Late March 2025
Anticipated notice of LOI funding decision	Late April 2025
Full application deadline	Mid-October 2025
Anticipated notice of full application funding decision	Late December 2025
Development award term	Six months (May – October 2025)
Team award term	Three years (January 2026 – December 2028)

**Development award value: Up to \$50,000**

**Full award value:** Up to \$7 million to fund one team award in each health authority region over three years, with the possibility of one additional multi-regional or cross-cutting project.

**Duration: 3 years**

The Michael Smith Health Research BC's Advancing the Use of Evidence in Seniors' Home and Community Care program addresses population aging, one of [four broad themes](#) identified through Health Research BC's priority-setting process.

The program aims to improve home and community care for seniors through a blend of supporting both implementation of evidence-based interventions in seniors' home and community care and learning across health authorities, academic institutions, and communities.

It supports teams of researchers and research users within the BC health system and academia to implement and evaluate outcomes of evidence-based interventions in seniors' home and community care. It also contributes to and supports a culture of learning and evidence use within the BC health system, addressing the needs of seniors, communities and decision-makers.

The program is made possible through our research funding programs and the [BC SUPPORT Unit](#).

The Advancing the Use of Evidence in Seniors' Home and Community Care program will be funded through two stages:

1. Letter of intent for development award
2. Full application for team award

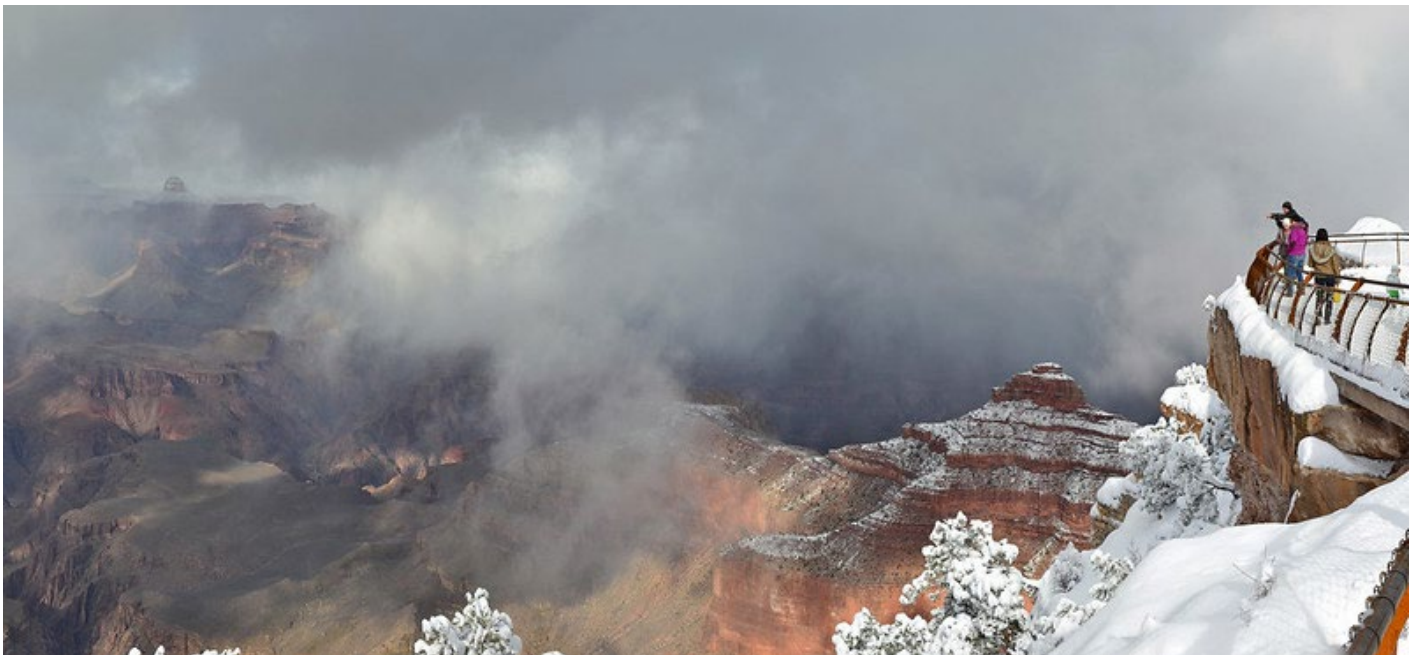
### **Letter of intent for development award**

- The primary applicant must be affiliated with an eligible BC health authority. Applicants must submit a letter of intent (LOI). They must identify and justify their selection of the evidence-based intervention in seniors' home and community care that they intend to implement.
- Applicants are encouraged to consider equity and how to include the perspectives of diverse communities and people with lived experience and community members in all aspects of their work.
- Development awards of up to \$50,000 (with the possibility of up to \$75,000 in exceptional cases) are available for a six-month term.
- Funds are available to support development awards across British Columbia. We aim to fund one or two development awards in each health authority region.
- Separate funding pools will be available for applications in Fraser Health, Interior Health, Island Health, Northern Health and Vancouver Coastal Health regions, along with a pool for multi-regional or cross-cutting projects, if needed.
- Successful applicants from the LOI stage will receive development awards to support primary applicant co-leads, evaluation co-leads and health authority executive sponsors to develop plans to implement and evaluate an evidence-based intervention in seniors' home and community care. They will also build their multidisciplinary teams (including healthcare decision-makers, healthcare providers, researchers, trainees and people with lived experience) to support the work.

### **Full application for team award**

- Development award recipients will be invited to submit a full application.
- Successful applicants at the full application stage will receive team awards to carry out activities to implement interventions and evaluate both intervention and implementation outcomes.
- Award funds should be used primarily for the outcomes evaluation, but a portion of the budget may be used to support some implementation-related costs with sufficient justification.
- Health Research BC has committed up to a total of \$7 million to fund one team award in each health authority region over three years, with the possibility of one additional multi-regional or cross-cutting project.

**For more information:** [Visit the Health Research BC webpage](#)



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## Call for Applications: SSHRC Impact Awards

**Internal Application deadline: February 3, 2025**

### Value:

- Gold Medal (\$100,000)
- Connection Award (\$50,000)
- Insight Award (\$50,000)
- Partnership Award (\$50,000)

### Duration: 1 year

SSHRC Impact Awards are designed to build on and sustain Canada's research-based knowledge culture in all research areas of the social sciences and humanities. The awards recognize outstanding researchers and celebrate their research achievements, research training, knowledge mobilization and outreach activities funded partially or entirely by SSHRC. Past recipients of SSHRC funding are listed in the [Awards Search Engine](#).

Impact Award recipients are to use award funds for activities that promote and further develop the work being honoured. In recognition of the crucial role postsecondary institutions play in mobilizing research knowledge, at least 10% of each award must be used to promote the recipient's research achievements. Individual recipients and their institutions can choose to devote additional funds, including a higher percentage of the award funds, to these activities.

A multidisciplinary jury made up of distinguished individuals from academia, as well as the public, private and not-for-profit sectors from Canada and abroad, will select award recipients according to the selection criteria associated with each of the five awards.

### *Gold Medal (\$100,000)*

The Gold Medal is SSHRC's highest research honour. It is awarded to an individual whose sustained leadership, dedication and originality of thought have inspired both students and colleagues.

The recipient's achievements must have significantly advanced understanding in their respective fields of research in the social sciences and humanities. The exceptional quality and impact of the recipient's research, and their ongoing efforts to share the results of this work, must have greatly enriched Canadian society, and contributed to intellectual, cultural, social and/or economic life in Canada and/or internationally.

### *Insight Award (\$50,000)*

The Insight Award recognizes outstanding achievement arising from a single or multiple SSHRC-funded initiatives. It is given to an individual or a team of six people maximum (including the nominee) whose initiative or initiatives have significantly contributed to knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world. The research outcomes must have led to demonstrable impact within the nominee's fields of research and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.

In the case of team initiatives, the nominee must be the principal investigator. If successful, this person will receive the award on behalf of the team.

The nomination package must include the nominee's [tri-agency CV](#) and those of any team members (up to five), if applicable.

### *Connection Award (\$50,000)*

The Connection Award recognizes an outstanding SSHRC-funded initiative that facilitates the flow and exchange of research knowledge within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community. It is given to an individual or a team of six people maximum (including the nominee) whose initiative has engaged the campus and/or wider community, and has generated intellectual, cultural, social and/or economic impacts.

In the case of a team initiative, the nominee must be the initiative's applicant/project director. If successful, this person will receive the award on behalf of the team.

The nomination package must include the nominee's [tri-agency CV](#) and those of any team members (up to five), if applicable.

### *Partnership Award (\$50,000)*

The Partnership Award recognizes a SSHRC-funded formal partnership for its outstanding achievement in advancing research, research training or knowledge mobilization, or developing a new partnership approach to research and/or related activities. It is awarded to a formal partnership that, through mutual co-operation and shared intellectual leadership and resources, has demonstrated impact and influence within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.

While the Partnership Award recognizes a formal partnership, one project lead must be designated as the nominee to administer the award. However, up to two project co-leads from the winning partnership can be invited to accept the award on behalf of the partnership at the Impact Awards ceremony.

The nomination package must include the nominee's [tri-agency CV](#) and those of any team members (up to five), if applicable.

### *Eligibility*

A nominee must:

- be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada, or a "protected person" under subsection 95(2) of Canada's Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, by the nomination deadline;
- be an active social sciences and humanities researcher or student;
- hold or have held SSHRC funding relevant to the award category;
- be in good standing with SSHRC;
- be affiliated with an institution that meets the institutional eligibility requirements; and
- maintain affiliation with an eligible institution for the duration of the Impact Award.

Nominees:

- cannot nominate themselves;
- can be nominated in two sequential years for the same award, following which two years must pass before they can be nominated in the same category;
- can be nominated in only one category in any year;
- can be nominated in a subsequent year for a different SSHRC Impact Award; and
- cannot be a current member of SSHRC's governing council, a previous Gold Medal winner or a SSHRC Impact Awards jury member.

## Award Nomination Process

Someone who wishes to put forward a nomination for someone must complete and submit an [award pre-approval form](#). The nominator and the nominee will play an active role throughout the development, writing, and submission of the award nomination, in partnership with Research Services.

Eligible institutions are invited to put forward nominations for all SSHRC Impact Award categories. Each institution can submit **only one nomination for each award in a given year**, up to a maximum of five SSHRC Impact Award nominations.

In cases where the university receives more than one award pre-approval for each award, the Research Advisory Committee will adjudicate potential nominees and make a recommendation to the Dean(s) and VP Research and International.

## Webinars

Date	Time	Language	Webinar link
January 23, 2025	10:30 am – noon Eastern 7:30 am – 9:00 am Pacific	French	See: <a href="#">SSHRC Impact Awards webinar</a>
January 23, 2025	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Eastern 10:30 am – noon Pacific	English	See: <a href="#">SSHRC Impact Awards webinar</a>

**For more information:** [Visit the SSHRC Impact Awards webpage](#)

## Call for proposals SSHRC Insight Development Grants

**Proposal deadline: February 3, 2025**

**Value:** \$7,000 to \$75,000

**Duration:** 1 – 2 years

Insight Development Grants support research in its initial stages. The grants enable the development of new research questions, as well as experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches and/or ideas. Funding is provided for short-term research development projects of up to two years that are proposed by individuals or teams.

Insight Development Grants foster research in its early stages but are not intended to support large-scale initiatives. Long-term support for research is offered through SSHRC's Insight Grants.

Insight Development Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the [Insight research program](#).

Proposed projects can involve, but are not limited to, the following types of research activities:

- case studies
- pilot initiatives
- critical analyses of existing research

Projects can also involve national and international research collaboration, and the exploration of new ways of producing, structuring and mobilizing knowledge within and across disciplines and sectors.



Funding is available for two distinct categories of scholars:

- [Emerging scholars](#) who will develop new research questions and/or approaches. Such projects can build on and further the applicant's (or team's) graduate work and/or represent a continuation of their overall research trajectory. For the current competition, at least 50% of funds will be reserved for applications from emerging scholars.
- [Established scholars](#) who will explore new research questions and/or approaches that are distinct from the applicant's previous/ongoing research. Research projects should be clearly delimited and in the early stages of the research process. Insight Development Grant funding is not intended to support ongoing research for established scholars.

SSHRC welcomes applications involving [Indigenous research](#), as well as those involving [research-creation](#).

### [Future Challenge Areas](#)

SSHRC invites all applicants to review [Imagining Canada's Future's](#) 16 future global challenges and to consider addressing one or more of these areas in their research proposal. This is not an evaluation criterion for merit review and does not offer additional or dedicated research funds for this funding opportunity.

### [Subject matter](#)

Most SSHRC funding is awarded through open competitions. Proposals can involve any disciplines, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for SSHRC funding. See the guidelines on [subject matter eligibility](#) for more information.

Projects whose primary objective is curriculum development, preparation of teaching materials, program evaluation, organization of a conference or workshop, digitization of a collection or creation of a database are not eligible for funding under this funding opportunity.

**For more information:**                    [Visit the SSHRC Insight Development Grant web page](#)

*Call for proposals:                    CIHR Project Grants*

**Registration deadline:**                    **February 5, 2025**

**Full application deadline:**                    **March 5, 2025**

**Value:**                    **Not specified**

For the spring 2024 grants, the median grant amount awarded was \$918,000. The overall average amount awarded was \$193,225. ([See the full result data here.](#))

**Duration:**                    **Not specified**

For the spring 2024 grants, the overall average duration of successful grants was 4.42 years

The [Project Grant program](#) is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential for important advances in fundamental or applied health-related knowledge, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes by supporting projects of research proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers in all areas of health. The best ideas may stem from new, incremental, innovative, and/or high-risk lines of inquiry or knowledge translation approaches.

## Research Areas

The Project Grant program is open to applicants in all areas of health research that are aligned with the CIHR mandate: "To excel, according to internationally accepted standards of scientific excellence, in the creation of new knowledge and its translation into improved health for Canadians, more effective health services and products, and a strengthened Canadian health care system".

- [Global Health](#)  
Applications focused on global health, or which include international collaborations are eligible. Applications focused in the field of global health that demonstrate that the proposed research project has the potential to improve health in Canada and/or the global community are accepted and encouraged as more than ever before, the health of Canadians is deeply intertwined with the health of people around the world.
- [Indigenous Health Research](#)  
Applications with a central focus on carrying out meaningful and culturally safe research involving Indigenous Peoples with the intent to promote health through research that is in keeping with Indigenous values and traditions and follows the [TCPS2 guidelines](#).
- **Interdisciplinary Research**  
Applications involving interdisciplinary research are accepted and encouraged in all committees. However, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) have formed a [Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee \(TAIPR\)](#), with the following mandate, specifically dedicated for the review of interdisciplinary research.
- [Specific Research Areas](#)  
Priority Announcements (PAs) offer additional sources of funding for highly rated applications that are relevant to specific research areas. [Refer to the Project Grant: Fall 2024 Priority Announcements \(Specific Research Areas\) for further details](#). The specific research areas include: aging; breast cancer research; cancer research; female athlete health; global health research; health and official languages in minority areas; human development, child, and youth health research; patient-oriented research and knowledge mobilization; and many more topics.

## Funds available

CIHR and partner(s) financial contributions for this initiative are subject to availability of funds. The total amount available for the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Project Grant Competitions is \$650M. Within the investment allocated to each Project Grant competition, there will be a funding envelope of \$16.25M dedicated to large grants; \$14.95M (4.6%) dedicated to supporting applications with an Indigenous health research focus; and A portion of the competition budget will also be reserved to ensure that the proportion of grants funded is at least equal to the proportion of applications submitted by early career researchers (ECRs), female applicants, applicants submitting applications written in French, racialized applicants and applicants who self-identify as a person with a disability.

**For more information:** [Visit the CIHR Project Grant web page](#) and the [Project Grant Program page](#)

## Call for proposals: SSHRC Partnership Grants—Stage 1

**Proposal deadline:** February 10, 2025

**Value:** Up to \$20,000 (Stage 1)  
Up to \$2.5 million (Stage 2 - by invitation only)

**Duration:** 4 - 7 years

Partnership Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the [Research Partnerships program](#). Proposals exclusively for [partnered research training initiatives](#) are expected to respond, instead, to the objectives of the [Research Training and Talent Development program](#).

These grants provide support for new and existing [formal partnerships](#) over four to seven years to advance research, research training and/or knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities. This is done through mutual co-operation and sharing of intellectual leadership, as well as through resources as shown by cash and/or in-kind contributions.

Partnership Grants are intended for large teams of postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types that work in formal collaboration.

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's [Guidelines for Effective Research Training](#) explain how students and emerging scholars can meaningfully participate in proposed initiatives.

The intellectual leadership and governance for a formal partnership can come from the research community and/or from partner organizations from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. However, only an institution that meets the [institutional eligibility requirements](#) can administer the grant funding. For more information, see [Eligibility](#).

SSHRC's [Partnerships Tool-Kit](#) offers tools and resources to assist in the planning and implementation of your partnership.

Partnership Grants undergo a two-stage merit review process. This funding opportunity description applies to Stage 1 applications. Only applicants successful in the Partnership Grants—Stage 1 process are invited to apply in Stage 2.

### *Types of partnerships*

There are two categories of partnerships that can request support:

- existing partnerships to foster new research and/or research-related partnership activities that are distinct from the partnership's previous/ongoing partnership activities; and
- new partnerships to foster new research and/or research-related partnership activities that are undertaken by partnerships in their initial stages.

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:** Interinstitutional research initiatives designed to significantly contribute to advancing knowledge and understanding in the social sciences and/or humanities. While SSHRC welcomes proposals for interdisciplinary research partnerships involving natural sciences, engineering and/or health partner organizations, proposed partnerships of this nature must follow SSHRC's [subject matter eligibility guidelines](#).

- **Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge and understanding:** Partnerships that use ongoing collaboration and mutual learning to foster innovative research, training and the co-creation of new knowledge on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.
- **Networks for research and/or related activities:** Networks designed to advance the innovative co-creation of knowledge, as well as training and mobilization of research, on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.
- **Partnered knowledge mobilization:** Partnerships designed to synthesize, apply and mobilize new and existing social sciences and humanities research knowledge in accessible ways to build institutional capacity and increase the national and international impact and stature of Canadian research.
- **Partnered chairs:** Partnerships to nominate research chairs designed to advance research and/or related activities in a specific social sciences and/or humanities area. Partner organizations pool financial resources and suggest an amount of funds required from SSHRC. Proposals must show that a formal agreement exists between the partner organizations to maintain the chair position for a minimum of four years. Proposals must include the name of the suggested chairholder. For more information, see SSHRC's [Guidelines for Partnered Chairs](#).
- **Partnered research centres:** Partnerships to create or support a research centre designed to advance research and/or related activities in a specific social sciences and/or humanities area. Partner organizations pool financial resources and suggest an amount of funds required from SSHRC. Proposals must show that a formal agreement exists between the partner organizations to maintain the centre for a minimum of four years.
- **Partnered research training initiatives:** Partnerships designed to support the creation of innovative approaches that enrich research training experiences for students and postdoctoral researchers while enabling their transition to academic or non-academic workplace settings. For more information, see SSHRC's [Guidelines for Partnered Research Training Initiatives](#). These guidelines apply only to proposals that focus primarily on research training and must respond to the objectives of the [Research training and talent development program](#).

SSHRC welcomes applications involving [Indigenous research](#), as well as those involving [research-creation](#).

#### *Salary research allowance*

A [salary research allowance](#) can be requested for not-for-profit organizations involved in the partnership with an applicant, co-director or co-applicant on the team to release them from duties to their organization.

**For more information:** [Visit the SSHRC Partnership Grants web page](#)

*Call for proposals: SSHRC, CIHR and Michael Smith Health Research BC  
Research on Research Joint Initiative*

**Proposal deadline: February 20, 2025**

**Value:** Up to \$200,000

**Duration:** 3 years

Research on research, also known as metaresearch, is the application of rigorous methods and analysis to the practice of research itself—its methods, standards and evaluation (see expanded definition below). Founded in 2019, the Research on Research Institute (RoRI) is a consortium of research funders and institutes that undertakes projects that can support the work of funding organizations. RoRI gathers evidence and data; undertakes experiments; and develops tools to improve how research is funded, practiced, communicated and evaluated.

The three Canadian core partners of RoRI—SSHRC, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Michael Smith Health Research BC—have together launched this joint initiative as part of ongoing efforts to support metaresearch in the Canadian context. The goal of this joint initiative is to enhance national capacity for metaresearch, and bring Canadian expertise and perspectives into the international dialogue on improving research funding practices. Metaresearch is a vital element of social sciences and humanities research, as well as multidisciplinary research, as it allows greater insight into the ways in which research is conducted, evaluated and supported.

For the purposes of this joint initiative, metaresearch (also known in different contexts as research on research, metascience or the science of science) is defined as a field of research that draws on old and new disciplinary and methodological approaches to test, evaluate and experiment with different aspects of research systems, cultures and decision-making. It aims to ensure the full potential of research can be realized in ways that are rigorous, transparent, fair and evidence-informed. Metaresearch can be conducted by researchers in any disciplinary field.

This joint initiative aims to:

- build knowledge and understanding on metaresearch, i.e., the application of rigorous methods and analysis to the practice of research itself—its methods, incentives, standards and evaluation—and the practices of how that research is funded, communicated, applied and evaluated
- produce data on metaresearch that may have impacts on research and innovation policy and funding practices in Canada and other jurisdictions
- take part in knowledge mobilization among Canadian and international researchers, including members of RoRI's consortium, to contribute to the development of research and innovation policies and research funding practices;
- provide training for students and highly qualified personnel
- build collaborations among researchers working on metaresearch, both in Canada and internationally

Applications that align with [RoRI priority areas](#) as identified in the list of current RoRI projects (whether or not directly linked to those current [RoRI projects](#)) are welcome in this joint initiative, but the alignment is not mandatory.

Applicants are invited to submit applications dealing with metaresearch in any disciplinary context. Possible research areas supported within the objectives of this joint initiative may include (but are not limited to):

- research on talent and professional development, including studying the effectiveness of interventions in: training and skills, talent retention, encouragement of entrepreneurship, and/or training and professional development assessment methods in research contexts
- research on allocation of research funding, including different peer review methodologies and different modes of funding (e.g., scholarships, fellowships, research grants), and their impacts on the distribution of research funds and associated research and career outcomes
- research integrity, including issues of reproducibility and the impact of interventions such as preregistration, open data, research data management, and reproducible code
- research on research infrastructure, including physical, digital and human infrastructures
- improving the dissemination of research outputs and their impact, including the role of technology transfer offices, varying publication practices, conferences and knowledge dissemination platforms
- understanding research impact, including improving the nuance with which the impact of research projects and programs can be defined and measured, and under what conditions various approaches to research facilitate meaningful use of evidence
- understanding the impacts of AI on the research ecosystem

SSHRC welcomes applications involving Indigenous research, as well as those involving research-creation.

### *Subject matter*

Proposals may be led by researchers from any discipline, and may involve any disciplines, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas, provided the primary discipline and objective of the proposal is meta-research.

Projects whose primary objective is curriculum development, preparation of teaching materials, organization of a conference or workshop, digitization of a collection or creation of a database are not eligible for funding under this funding opportunity.

**For more information:**      [Visit the Research on Research Joint Initiative web page](#)

## *Call for proposals:      SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants*

**Proposal deadline:**    **March 15, 2025**

**Value:**                \$7,000 to \$25,000

**Duration:**        1 year

Partnership Engage Grants provide 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. The small-scale, stakeholder-driven partnerships supported through Partnership Engage Grants are meant to respond to immediate needs and time constraints facing organizations in non-academic sectors. In addressing an organization-specific need, challenge and/or opportunity, these partnerships let non-academic organizations and postsecondary researchers access each other's unique knowledge, expertise and capabilities on topics of mutual interest.

Partnership Engage Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of:

- the [Insight program](#) (to build knowledge; support new approaches to research; provide research training for students; fund research expertise that relates to societal challenges and opportunities; and mobilize research knowledge) and
- the [Connection program](#) (to share research knowledge; increase accessibility of research knowledge among all audiences; build reciprocal relationships among researchers; develop research networks and tools; and to make those networks and tools available to non-academic audiences.) However, Partnership Engage Grants cannot respond exclusively to the objectives of the Connection program.

SSHRC welcomes applications involving [Indigenous research](#), as well as those involving [research-creation](#).

See SSHRC's [Partnerships Tool-Kit](#) to assist in the planning and implementation of your partnership.

### *Types of partnerships*

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

- **Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge and understanding:** Partnerships to foster innovative research, training and the co-creation of new knowledge on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.

- **Partnered knowledge mobilization:** Partnerships designed to synthesize, apply and mobilize new and existing social sciences and humanities research knowledge in accessible ways to build institutional capacity and to increase the national and international impact and stature of Canadian research.

### *Partner organizations*

Only one Canadian or international organization from the public, private or not-for-profit sector can be involved as a partner organization. Postsecondary institutions and scholarly associations are not eligible as partner organizations. Organizations collaborating with postsecondary institutions can be considered eligible as long as they are a separate entity from the postsecondary institution (i.e., a stand-alone organization in the non-profit, private or public sector). The partner organization must be at arm's length (independent) from the academic institution and the applicant.

**For more information:** [Visit the SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants web page](#)

## *Call for proposals: SSHRC Connection Grants*

**Application deadline: May 1, August 1, and September 1, 2025**

**Value:** Events: \$7,000 to \$25,000  
Outreach activities: \$7,000 to \$50,000

**Duration:** 1 year

Connection Grants support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted [knowledge mobilization](#) initiatives. These events and activities represent opportunities to exchange knowledge and to engage with participants on research issues of value to them. Events and outreach activities funded by a Connection Grant can often serve as a first step toward more comprehensive and longer-term projects. Connection Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the [Connection program](#).

Connection Grants support workshops, colloquiums, conferences, forums, summer institutes, or other events or outreach activities that facilitate:

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

### *Proposed events and outreach activities*

- All activities must take place within 12 months of the start date indicated on the notice of award (see decision dates in the [funding cycle schedule](#)).
- Proposed events and outreach activities must produce timely and concrete deliverables, such as conference proceedings or other knowledge products developed for traditional formats and/or employing digital and/or multimedia formats (unless specifically intended to create new, longer-term linkages or to initiate collaboration).

- Proposed events and outreach activities can be one-time encounters or catalysts designed to lead to longer-term partnerships and/or sustained programs of scholarly research.

SSHRC welcomes applications involving [Indigenous research](#), as well as those involving [research-creation](#). To this regard, for Connection Grants support **events and outreach activities** related to research-creation and Indigenous research.

#### *Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative*

Through this initiative, SSHRC will fund at least 10 meritorious Connection Grant proposals per competition to support the social sciences and humanities research community develop and adopt research data management standards, tools and skills. Learn more about the [Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative](#). Candidates must indicate that they wish to be considered for an initiative, and explain why, in their application form.

**For more information:** [Visit the SSHRC Connection Grants web page](#)

## *Call for proposals: SSHRC Destination Horizon Grants*

**Proposal deadline:** **May 22 and September 22, 2025**

**Value:** Up to \$15,000

**Duration:** 1 year

SSHRC has launched a new funding opportunity: [Destination Horizon Grants](#). Valued at \$15,000 for one year, these grants are intended to support researchers affiliated with eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions to build capacity, foster existing partnerships, and further develop networks and/or consortia with European Union and other “associated countries” researchers, with the ultimate goal of applying to [Horizon Europe](#)—Pillar II calls for proposals.

This funding opportunity follows [the agreement signed by the Government of Canada and the European Commission](#) allowing for increased Canadian participation in Horizon Europe under Pillar 2. This agreement provides Canadians with greater access to Horizon Europe.

Please note that a postsecondary institution may only submit up to three Destination Horizon Grant applications for a given deadline. All applications deemed eligible will be entered into a randomized selection process to determine awards. An eligible application that is not randomly selected for an award may be resubmitted for a future competition.

#### *Description*

Destination Horizon Grants support researchers affiliated with eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions to build capacity, foster existing partnerships, and further develop networks and/or consortia with European Union and other “associated countries” researchers, with the ultimate goal of applying to Horizon Europe—Pillar II calls for proposals.

Horizon Europe is the EU’s key funding program for research and innovation, with a budget of €95.5 billion. It offers significant opportunities to access new knowledge, partners, markets, customers and suppliers. In November 2023, the Government of Canada closed substantive negotiations with the European Commission to join Horizon Europe as an associated country under Pillar II: Global challenges and European industrial competitiveness. While Canadians could previously participate in all Horizon Europe calls that were open to international partners, they would have had to largely secure their own funding to participate in a given project. With associated country status, Canadians can now access funding directly from the EU.



Destination Horizon Grants proposals are expected to respond to the objectives of the [Research Partnerships program](#), which are to:

- strengthen knowledge and understanding by leveraging perspectives from across multiple disciplines and sectors;
- support collaboration among postsecondary institutions, and between postsecondary institutions and organizations from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, to co-create knowledge and increase use of research outputs;
- mobilize research knowledge, within academia and other sectors, that can lead to intellectual, cultural, social and economic outputs and outcomes;
- increase the accessibility and use of research knowledge within and beyond the postsecondary sector; and
- support a high-quality training experience for students and/or postdoctoral researchers.

Destination Horizon Grants are not intended to support implementation of Horizon Europe projects. Instead, the grants support activities between researchers that facilitate:

- disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary exchanges;
- scholarly exchanges;
- intersectoral exchanges between academic researchers and practitioners from the public, private and/or not-for-profit sectors; and/or
- international research collaboration and scholarly exchanges between researchers affiliated with Canadian postsecondary institutions and researchers, students and non-academic partners from the EU and other associated countries.

Note that SSHRC will not fund the full cost of any Destination Horizon Grant. Additional support in the form of eligible cash contributions equivalent to 100% of the amount requested from SSHRC must come from the host institution.

### *Eligibility*

Most SSHRC funding is awarded through open competitions. Proposals can involve any disciplines, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for SSHRC funding. See the [guidelines on subject matter eligibility](#) for more information.

Projects whose primary objective is to conduct research activities (e.g., literature reviews, field work, data collection, interviews) are not eligible for funding under this funding opportunity.

To be eligible for this funding opportunity, applicants must demonstrate:

- their eligible affiliation and primary affiliation in the social sciences or humanities;
- their readiness to further develop networks and/or consortia with EU and other associated countries' researchers, with the ultimate goal of applying to a Horizon Europe—Pillar II call;
- eligible budget requests; and
- 100% matching cash contributions from the host institution.

Applications can be submitted by an individual researcher or a team of researchers (consisting of one applicant and one or more co-applicants and/or collaborators). Postdoctoral researchers and students are not eligible for applicant or co-applicant status for a Destination Horizon Grant.

**For more information:** [Visit the SSHRC Destination Horizon Grants web page](#)

See all [upcoming SSHRC deadlines here](#), and the [integrated calendar of agency and interagency funding opportunities here](#).

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**Questions about your data management plan?**

Contact [Amber Gallant](#), Data Services Librarian, at 250-391-2600, ext. 4433.

**If you are interested in any of the above funding opportunities:**

Please contact the [Office of Research Services](#) and we will assist you in the development of your proposal.

Please note that the principal investigator for any grant application submitted through Royal Roads University must be a core faculty member at RRU.

## Spotlight

### *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Research: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Post-Secondary Research System*

The Council of Canadian Academies published its NSERC-supported report entitled *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Practices in the Post-secondary Research System*. It explores the state of knowledge regarding measures that organizations in Canada and around the world are implementing to achieve equity, diversity, and inclusion in the post-secondary research system.

[To read the report, visit the CCA website here.](#)

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