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Funding and Award Opportunities

Call for applications: Biodiversity in BC: Future Visions and Novel Solutions Ideas Lab

Application deadline: March 3, 2025, 8:00am

Value: Selected participants will be eligible to apply for a share of \$2M in funding

Duration: Initial lab will take place from March 31- April 2, 2025

An Ideas Lab is an immersive, interactive experience designed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration and creative problem-solving. If selected, you will join a diverse group of participants intentionally chosen to bring fresh perspectives and novel approaches to the research challenge.

From March 31-April 2, 2025, participants will engage with each other, their event facilitators, and mentors to develop a shared understanding of the research challenge, explore novel solutions, and generate teams to shape these ideas into research proposals. Each day will build on the previous one encouraging dynamic discussions and new collaborations.

On the final day, teams will present their research proposal concepts for the opportunity to submit a full proposal to Genome BC for a share of \$2M in funding.

This will include a 20-minute presentation with feedback provided by mentors and participants. Each team will also prepare a two-page report outlining their concepts including actionable milestones and how they will deliver meaningful, real-world impact across British Columbia. Teams will meet virtually within a week of the event for an opportunity to present a final version of their proposal concept and report and receive feedback from additional experts.

Objectives of the Ideas Lab

The complex challenge of preserving biodiversity in BC requires participants across academic disciplines as well as representatives from government bodies, Indigenous organizations, conservation groups, and other biodiversity stakeholders. Therefore, Genome BC is planning an Ideas Lab to bring relevant perspectives together to address the research and implementation challenges associated with future visions of monitoring and conserving biodiversity in BC. The objectives of this Ideas Lab are to:

- Accelerate innovation and action on climate change by leveraging biodiversity and genomic tools to address its impacts
- Intensify efforts towards environmental resilience and sustainability through innovative conservation strategies informed by genomics
- Create balanced policy solutions grounded in science and data driven technologies
- Facilitate co-creation and uptake of solutions with key stakeholders and rightsholders, including Indigenous organizations, conservation groups, and government bodies
- Align local biodiversity conservation actions with global opportunities such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

At the completion of the event, participants will be well-positioned to develop these ideas further and submit a proposal to Genome BC for funding.

For more information: [Visit the Biodiversity in BC Website](#)

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

Timeline:

Letter of Intent (LOI) deadline (applicants)	March 24, 2025
Anticipated notice of LOI funding decision	Late April 2025
Full application deadline (applicants)	October 8, 2025
Anticipated notice of full application funding decision	Late December 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

Program details

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](#)

Call for Proposals: *BCcampus Research Fellows for 2025–2027*

Application deadline: May 5, 2025

Value: Up to \$6000

Duration: 18 months (September 30, 2025 to March 30, 2027)

We invite research proposals from B.C. public post-secondary educators who are committed to exploring and improving student learning and eager to conduct and share research with others.

BCcampus Research Fellowships have an 18-month term, and grants are up to \$6000 CAD each. We will consider other amounts, depending on the project scope and needs. Previous BCcampus Research Fellows projects are highlighted on the website.

The BCcampus Research Fellows program is designed to achieve the following results:

- To support B.C. public post-secondary educators to conduct small-scale research on teaching and learning
- To support development and dissemination of evidence-based teaching practices that focus on student success and learning in B.C. post-secondary education
- To support B.C. public post-secondary educators to participate in scholarly work through conference attendance, research support, and dissemination of their work

Areas of Research Focus

- Learning and teaching design, strategies and practices (examples listed below)
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) in teaching and learning
 - New models for assessment
 - Universal Design for Learning (UDL), inclusive learning design
 - Experiential, studio-based, or place-based learning
 - Emerging ed tech and practices, e.g. virtual or augmented reality
 - Flexibility and choice in teaching and learning modalities
- Student and faculty well-being
- Open educational practices (OEP)
 - Impact of OEP on teaching and learning in post-secondary education
 - Adoption/adaption of OER and OEP
- Student access, accessibility and engagement
 - Equity, diversity and inclusive practice in teaching and learning
 - Trauma-informed practice in teaching and learning
 - Inclusive educational technology
- Indigenous research and practices
 - Research that practices reciprocity and engages with Indigenous communities

A combination of two or more areas of focus is strongly encouraged.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must be an instructor, staff, faculty member at a British Columbia or Yukon public post-secondary institution. Candidates who have been grant recipients in the previous two years are not eligible.

For more information: [Visit the BCcampus call for proposals web page](#)



Call for proposals: New Frontiers in Research Fund Transformation 2026

Notice of Intent to Apply:	April 15, 2025
Letter of Intent:	June 17, 2025
Full Application (by invitation only):	March 3, 2026

Value: \$2,000,000 – 4,000,000

Duration: 6 years

The objective of the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) Transformation stream is to support large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize real and lasting change. The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental or health impact. Projects are expected to be world-leading, drawing on global research expertise, when relevant.

Transformation stream grants will support projects that:

1. tackle a well-defined problem or challenge;
2. propose a novel world-leading approach that is different from the current state-of-the-art approaches to the issue;
3. are interdisciplinary, bringing different perspectives to the defined problem; and
4. have the potential to be transformative, defined as the potential to create a significant and real change or impact—a noticeable leap or tangible breakthrough rather than an incremental advance.

In the NFRF program, the definition of “transformative” is linked to the Canada Foundation for Innovation’s proposed definition of convergence research (PDF, 726 KB), where “convergence research is increasingly seen as the way to solve pressing challenges.” It is aligned with the National Science Foundation’s definition of convergence research, focusing on research driven by a specific and compelling problem and deep integration across disciplines. It also has strong parallels to Horizon Europe in its reference to mission-oriented research and innovation with bold and concrete objectives to respond to societal challenges.

To better promote groundbreaking and interdisciplinary research, the NFRF program has a mandate to explore innovative merit review processes and the flexibility for competition parameters and processes to evolve from one competition to the next. The Transformation competition merit review processes include elements that are distinct from those used in flagship tri-agency programs. It is important to read all material related to the competition to ensure that submissions at each stage are complete.

Project team requirements

To reflect the expertise required to deliver on the ambitious and interdisciplinary nature of the project, proposals must be submitted by teams. Teams must include an NPI and may include co-principal investigators (co-PIs), co-applicants and/or collaborators. Individuals who are not academic researchers are eligible for all roles except NPI. At the NOI stage, a minimum of five confirmed members (excluding collaborators) is required. Additional members can be added at each stage of the competition process and throughout the term of the grant. All core members of the team are expected to be confirmed when the LOI is submitted.

To ensure that teams awarded a Transformation grant have sufficient time to dedicate to the project, award holders may serve as an NPI or co-PI on only one Transformation grant. It is, therefore, recommended that individuals limit their participation as an NPI or co-PI to a single application. If an individual is listed as an NPI or co-PI on more than one application, they will be required to remove themselves from all but one at the full application stage. After the removal of the individual as NPI or co-PI, the application could potentially be removed from competition if the team's minimal eligibility requirements are no longer met. An individual who is an NPI or co-PI of a funded Transformation project is expected to remain in that role for the entire term of the grant. An NPI or co-PI on an active grant should not amend their role to become eligible to apply in another competition. In cases where a funded NPI or co-PI is removed from an active grant, or has their role changed to co-applicant or collaborator, they will not be eligible to be an NPI or co-PI on another Transformation grant until the first grant ends. These restrictions do not apply to co-applicant and collaborator roles. An individual's status as an applicant or grantee of other NFRF competitions (Exploration, International or special calls) does not affect their eligibility for the Transformation stream.

The appropriate team size and composition will depend on the requirements of the proposed project. The NPI and team members can be from any discipline(s). The NPI should be the most appropriate Canadian researcher to lead an interdisciplinary project of this scale, which requires integration and coordination beyond usual disciplinary perspectives. Team members may be from any sector to ensure that all required sectors and disciplines are represented in the team and to provide an integrated interdisciplinary—and, if applicable, intersectoral—approach to the project. The focus should be on assembling a coherent team of experts to execute the project rather than on establishing a network.

National, international and cross-sector (private, public or other) collaborations are encouraged, as needed, to ensure that the most appropriate individuals and/or organizations are involved and that team composition reflects best practices in equity, diversity and inclusion. To support collaborations, funds from Transformation grants can be transferred to any organization within Canada or internationally except for-profit companies or federal, provincial or municipal governments.

For more information: [Visit the NFRF Transformation Grants web page](#)

Webinar: Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time
[Link to join](#) Webinar number: 2331 935 8158 | Webinar password: Transformation26
(87267367 when dialing from a phone or video system)
Join by phone: +1-438-797-4001 Canada, Access code: 2331 935 8158

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](#).

Questions about your author rights, publishing, or promoting your research?

Contact [Cassandra Larose](#), Scholarly Communications Librarian, at 250-391-2600, ext. 4324.

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: February is Black History Month

Royal Roads University celebrates the legacy, achievements and experiences of Black people in our university community and beyond. This year's theme, **Black Legacy and Leadership**, invites us to both celebrate Canada's rich history while also looking toward the future and the generations yet to come.

This year's keynote speaker was Silvia Mangué, President of the BC Black History Awareness Society. Many of you have reached out and shared your appreciation for the history and vision Silvia shared – we invite you to delve into the Black History Awareness Society's website to learn more!

BC's Black Pioneers	190 Years of Black History in BC: A Digital Timeline	BC Black History Events in February 2025
The African Ancestry Project	A Vital Glossary	Resources for Educators

A reminder that RRU's own Black History Month web page also includes community events, interviews with Black leaders and changemakers from across our RRU community, and many other resources including those from past years.

Check out the [RRU Black History Month web page here!](#)

Information Session: Horizon Europe

Event date: **March 10, 2025**

In 2024, Canada associated to Pillar 2 of [Horizon Europe](#), which funds collaborative research projects to tackle global challenges and increase industrial competitiveness. Association allows all types of Canadian entities to work with international partners and to receive funding directly from Horizon Europe.

Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada (ISED) and the European Commission are hosting Horizon Europe information sessions across Western Canada in Vancouver (March 10), Edmonton (March 12), and Saskatoon (March 14).

These full-day sessions will cover the following topics:

- Canada's Association to Horizon Europe - What does it mean?
- An overview of Horizon Europe Pillars 1 & 2
- Where to get help & how to get started?
- An introduction to the administrative, legal & financial aspects of Horizon Europe projects
- Testimonials from successful Canadian participants

As space is limited, the ISED Horizon Europe Secretariat will review registrations to ensure that a broad array of Canadian stakeholders have an equal opportunity to access each session. We will **confirm your attendance after registration closes** and provide more information ahead of the event.

Register here: [Horizon Europe Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Questions about anything in the Research e-bulletin? Contact the [Office of Research Services](#)