# Insight Grants Funding Opportunity

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# Updates

**INSIGHT GRANTS DEADLINE**

- October 1, 2022, at 8 p.m. (Eastern) (check internal deadlines)

**IMPACTS OF COVID-19**

**TRI-AGENCY INTERDISCIPLINARY PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

# INSIGHT GRANTS

**APPLICANT**
Principal Investigator
Co-applicants and/or Collaborators

**DURATION**
2 - 5 years

**VALUE**
$7,000 - $100,000 (Stream A)
$100,001 - $400,000 (Stream B)

**FUNDING**
No separate envelope for Emerging Scholars

# Multiple Applications

Normally, researchers may not apply as an applicant for an Insight Grant and an Insight Development Grant within the same calendar year.

- **An exception** approved by SSHRC in 2017 : researchers who applied **unsuccessfully** for an Insight Development Grant in February can apply for an Insight Grant in October.  SSHRC extends this exception to the multiple applications regulations for the foreseeable future. For example, researchers who applied for an Insight Development Grant in February 2022 and **were not successful** may apply for an Insight Grant in October 2022. This exception will stand for the foreseeable future.
- A researcher who applies for an Insight Grant in October 2022 can apply for an Insight Development Grant in February 2023, provided that the objectives of the research are significantly different.

# **Multiple Applications**

**Grant Retention:**

No limit to the number of applications on which a researcher may be listed as a co-applicant or collaborator.

**Re-application:**

A current grant holder may submit a new application for the same type of grant, but only in their grant's final year (year in which the grant holder receives the final installment of their grant).

Please refer to SSHRC's Regulations Regarding Multiple Applications for more information.

ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

- Subject Matter Eligibility
- Applicant & Co-applicant Affiliation & Postdoctoral Fellows
- Active Award & Multiple Applications
- Application's Primary Objectives
- Budget

# **<u>Subject Matter Eligibility</u>**

- SSHRC does not support most health-related research, such as clinical research, research related to therapy, diagnostic tools, rehabilitation and epidemiology. Clinical education is also ineligible.

- For eligibility-related advice, applicants may send a summary (including the proposed objectives) to the IG inbox: <u>insightgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca</u>.

# COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

- Discipline-based
- Groups of disciplines
- Multi/Interdisciplinary
- Thematic

# Committee Structure

| Insight Grants | Committees |
|:---:|:---|
| 01 | Philosophy |
| 02 | History |
| 03 | Fine arts, research-creation |
| 04 | Literature |
| 05 | Medieval, classics, religious studies |
| 07 | Economics |
| 08 | Sociology, demography and related fields |
| 09 | Geography, urban planning and related fields |
| 10 | Psychology |
| 11 | Political science and public administration |
| 12 | Education |
| 13 | Anthropology and archaeology |
| 14 | Business, management and related fields |
| 15 | Linguistics and translation |
| 16 | Communications, media studies, gender studies, library and information science, related fields |
| 17 | Law and criminology |
| 21 | Indigenous research |
| 22 | Multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary humanities |
| 23 | Multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary social sciences |
| 24 | Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review (TAIPR) |

# INDIGENOUS RESEARCH COMMITTEE

*SSHRC is committed to supporting and promoting social sciences and humanities research by and with Indigenous Peoples, including First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples.*

Committee 21 welcomes research proposals in any SSHRC-eligible academic field or domain of knowledge that is grounded in Indigenous worldviews or related to Indigenous Peoples.

- Multidisciplinary committee composed of Indigenous and non-Indigenous members who are specialists in Indigenous research

For further information, see the [Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research](#)

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# Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review

A pilot project that provides a shared interdisciplinary peer review process for research projects including disciplines supported by more than one agency.

- Gateway Funding Opportunities: Insight Grants, Insight Development Grants, CIHR Project Grants, NSERC Discovery Horizons Grants.

- To be considered eligible for evaluation by this committee, applications must represent research across disciplines and subject areas pertaining to two or more of the (1) social sciences and humanities, (2) natural sciences and engineering, and (3) health and wellness, and that clearly articulate interdisciplinary approaches.

- Relevant applications will be reviewed by a shared peer review committee.

- Committee members with broad expertise in interdisciplinary research will be recruited by the three agencies.

# Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee: Evaluation

- This shared committee will use a harmonized evaluation process, including evaluation criteria, that differs from the usual Insight Grants process.

- Three equally weighted evaluation criteria:
  - Merit of the Proposed Research
  - Anticipated Outcomes
  - Applicant(s) Record

- **How to submit**: submit to the agency that is responsible for the dominant research discipline or area. For SSHRC applications, select Committee 24 on your application form and complete a one-page request for inter/multidisciplinary evaluation.

- For more information, please consult the committee's landing page, Committee Peer Review Guide and Frequently Asked Questions.

# Committee Membership

Experts drawn primarily from the academic community, as well as the public, private, and/or not-for-profit sectors, as required.

The composition of the committee considers many factors:
- Number of applications received
- Representation of research expertise (disciplinary or sub-
- disciplinary)
- Inclusion of various sizes of institution
- Regional and linguistic representation
- Stage of career
- Gender

# Merit Review Components and Process

- 2 Committee members are assigned as **Readers**

- 2 **external assessments** per application (where possible) to aid in the overall evaluation of the proposal
  - Suggest Assessors (Conflict of Interest)
  - Exclude evaluators

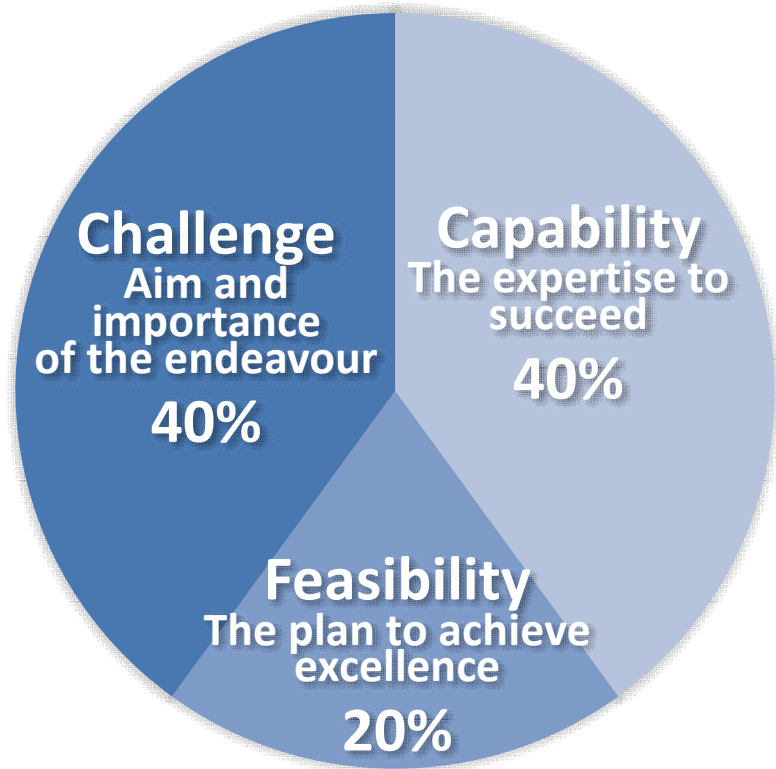| Calibration Exercise | Submission of preliminary scores | Preliminary ranking | Flagging process | Committee discussion | Final ranking |
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# Evaluation and Scoring



| NOTE | DESCRIPTION |
|------|-------------|
| 5 – 6 | Very good – excellent |
| 4 – 4.9 | Good – very good |
| 3 – 3.9 | Satisfactory – good |
| Below 3 | Unsatisfactory |

# Communication of Results

Results communicated to individual applicants via the SSHRC Extranet.

Results packages contain:
- *Notice of Decision*
- *External assessments received*
- *Committee Evaluation Form (if discussed)*
- *Notice of Award (if applicable)*
- *Terms and Conditions of the Award (if applicable)*

# INSIGHT GRANTS RESULTS (2017-2021)

| | Oct. 2017 | Oct. 2018 | Oct. 2019 | Oct. 2020 | Oct. 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Committees | 23 | 22 | 22 | 25 | 26 |
| Number of eligible applications | (A) 727<br>(B) 807<br>T: 1,536 | (A) 615<br>(B) 750<br>T: 1,365 | (A) 602<br>(B) 823<br>T: 1,425 | (A) 496<br>(B) 717<br>T: 1,213 | (A) 427<br>(B) 657<br>T: 1,084 |
| Overall success rate | (A) 51.6%<br>(B) 43.5% | (A) 50.9%<br>(B) 41.7% | (A) 45,50%<br>(B) 37,20% | (A) 56,65%<br>(B) 49,65% | (A) 56.44%<br>(B) 48.55% |
| Requested amount | $ (A) 60,574,101<br>(B) 200,307,123 | $ (A) 52,048,696<br>(B) 188,427,889 | $ (A) 50,788,162<br>(B) 212,906,940 | $ (A) 41,705,518<br>(B) 183,039,458 | $ (A) 36, 349,321<br>(B) 174,565,729 |
| Average requested | $ (A) 83,320<br>(B) 248,212 | $ (A) 84.632<br>(B) 251,237 | $ (A) 84,365<br>(B) 258,696 | $ (A) 84,083<br>(B) 255,285 | $ (A) 85,127<br>(B) 265,701 |
| Awarded amount | $ (A) 29,303,649<br>(B) 72,359,391 | $ (A) 24,745, 659<br>(B) 66,264,204 | $ (A) 22,703,076<br>(B) 68,980,028 | $ (A) 23,184,285<br>(B) 80,816,747 | $ (A) 19,452,722<br>(B) 77,223,393 |
| Average awarded | $ (A) 77,935<br>(B) 206,153 | $ (A)79,659<br>(B) 211,706 | $ (A) 82,857<br>(B) 225, 424 | $ (A) 82,506<br>(B) 227,013 | $ (A) 80,717<br>(B) 242,080 |

Joint Initiatives

# Department of National Defence Research Initiative

- A joint initiative of SSHRC and Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC of Department of National Defence- DND)

- Supports social science and humanities research aligned with areas of interest in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and DND

- Fosters effective, evidence-based strategies, policies and programs in research areas identified by DRDC

- Supplements valued at up to $20,000 per year for three years, up to a total of $60,000 maximum, will be awarded to successful Insight Grant recipients in addition to the annual value of the Insight Grant.

# Department of National Defence Research Initiative

**1. Personnel – Recruitment & Selection**
- selection tests

**2. Readiness – Training & Development**
- Emerging learning & training modalities

**3. Social Processes in the Workplace**
- Diversity, gender and armed forces
- Developing trust in diverse organizational teams and in cross-cultural settings
- Transition to civilian life

**4. Operational Effectiveness**
- Individual, social and cultural dimensions of radicalization
- Ethical dimension of using artificial intelligence in defence and security
- Human Dimensions of Cybersecurity
- Shaping attitudes, opinions, and behaviour
- Social and cultural demands of military operations
- Gender perspectives on operations, defence, and security
- Civil-Military relations
- Working effectively in diverse organizational teams and in cross-cultural settings

# Department of National Defence Research Initiative

DNDRI is also looking to fund SSH research on the impact of COVID-19:

- adjusting to isolation and working at home
- common reactions to crises and mitigation
- managing family stress
- reintegration and coping with the aftermath
- and characteristics of non-compliers and mitigation

# Sport Participation Research Initiative

- SPRI: joint Initiative with Sport Canada

- Supports research on matters related to enhancing participation in sports

- How to apply: select the SPRI joint initiative and clearly indicate how the proposed research applies to the SPRI objectives

- Application adjudicated by SSHRC peer review committees

- If application is ranked above the fifth and sixth sextiles, it is referred to Sport Canada.

# Sport Participation Research Initiative

- Grants: $7,000 - $250,000 over 3 years (max $100,000/year).

- Funds conference participation at annual Sport Canada Research Initiative Conference (up to $20,000, in addition to the value of the grant).

- Funding conditions: participate in the annual Sport Canada Research Initiative Conference and provide knowledge transfer paper.

# Sport Participation Research Initiative



Participation

Values & Ethics

System Performance

Major Games & Events

Economic & Social Development

# CFI Initiative

- Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) : funding of Infrastructure and research support.

- Submit separate proposals to SSHRC and to the CFI which will merge before they are assessed.

- Institutions can submit proposals requesting up to $800,000 from the CFI, with a maximum total eligible cost of $2 million. The CFI funds up to 40 percent of a project's eligible infrastructure costs. Institutions must secure the remaining 60 percent of the required funding.

# Mitacs

↘ Mitacs Accelerate: supports research internships of graduate students and/or postdoctoral fellows.

↘ Funding starts at $15,000, co-funded by Mitacs and the partner.

↘ Submit to Mitacs after SSHRC competition results have been announced.

## HOW IT WORKS

**1. The match**

A student, a supervising professor, and a partner organization develop a research project

**2. The proposal**

Applicants submit a proposal via a Mitacs representative

**3. The project**

Projects receive $15,000 in funding for each four-month internship

# Belmont Forum

↘ Funding agencies of the following countries have committed to working proactively to enhance co-operation and co-ordination of global environmental change research:

- *Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Japan, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.*

↘ Develop proposals that involve their international colleagues and partners that speak to the BF themes.

↘ SSHRC award holders working in areas related to the BF can use their existing research funds to participate as collaborators on applications being submitted to the Belmont Forum's calls for proposals.

Application Preparation

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# Impacts of COVID-19

SSHRC recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect researchers' and students' capacity to conduct and plan their regular research and training activities.

- Flexibility for applicants to provide information on the impact of COVID-19:
    - Contingency plans may be included in the detailed description and will be assessed through the feasibility criteria.
    - For the Applicants, one page could be added in the Career Interruptions and Special Circumstances section in the application form. For the Co-App, this page could also be added to the Research Contributions module (5 pages instead of 4).
    - COVID-19 related expenses **are eligible expenditures**: i.e. travel cancel fees.

- Grants administration measures: extensions may be approved; postponement of the deadline for submitting financial reports and achievement report.

# Application Preparation

- Response to Previous Critiques
  - *Opportunity to justify a choice or explain how previous feedback was used to improve the current proposal.*

- Summary of Proposed Research
  - *Be clear, thorough, use accessible language.*

- Detailed Description
  - *Clear and precise objectives*
  - *Theoretical/conceptual framework*
  - *Literature review*
  - *Methodology*

# Knowledge Mobilization Plan

- Be creative, ambitious and provide justification.

- Where feasible, reach out to the community or public.

- Provide justification for your plan, and describe how you will maximize the results of your research, and ensure their results' sustainability.

# Tri-Agency Open Access Policy

- Peer-reviewed journal articles based on agency-funded research must be made freely accessible within 12 months of publication, via:
  - *Online repositories*
  - *Open-access journals*

- The Tri-Agencies also encourage the open publication of books. Open access fees for books are an eligible expense.

- Open access costs are assessed with the quality and appropriateness of the knowledge mobilization plans. Applicants should be precise and provide justification for the amount requested.

# Application Preparation

## Description of Team and Student Training

- *Demonstrate the need for the team*

- *Describe each person's role and justify their inclusion in the research project*

- *Work assigned to students must be meaningful*

- *Refer to Guidelines for Effective Research Training*

# Budget and Budget Justification

- When submitting your budget, it is important to:
  - *Be reasonable and justify proposed expenditures*
  - *Relate clearly to research objectives and methodology*
  - *Describe other sources of funding*

- Applications will automatically fail on the Feasibility criterion if the committee deems that the budget should be reduced by **50%** or more. In addition, committee are asked to consider assigning a failing score on the Feasibility criterion if it deems that **30%** or more of the proposed budget is either not appropriate or not sufficiently justified.

Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration and Guidelines for Cash and In-Kind Contributions.

# SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION (1)
## BE SURE TO START EARLY IF YOU HAVE A TEAM

## Applicant

1. Complete and verify application and SSHRC CV.
2. Ensure all participants have included relevant attachments.
3. Submit application for institutional approval.

## Co-applicant

1. Create and verify SSHRC CV.
2. Accept the invitation and upload Research Contributions (PDF).

## Collaborator

1. Fill out a profile.
2. Accept invitation.

**Team members' CVs will hold up the whole application if they are not complete**

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# SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION (2)

↘ Detailed application Instructions found here: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/insight-savoir-eng.aspx

| Complete all mandatory fields

| Attach all mandatory electronic uploads

| Verify and preview your application

| Click "Submit" for institutional approval

| Institutions forward applications to SSHRC

| Leave enough time

**Note:** PhD students and postdoctoral fellows may submit their application directly to SSHRC. SSHRC recommends that they inform the Office of Research Services of the institution where they propose to hold the award and confirm that it is willing to administer the award.

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