

# Connection Grants

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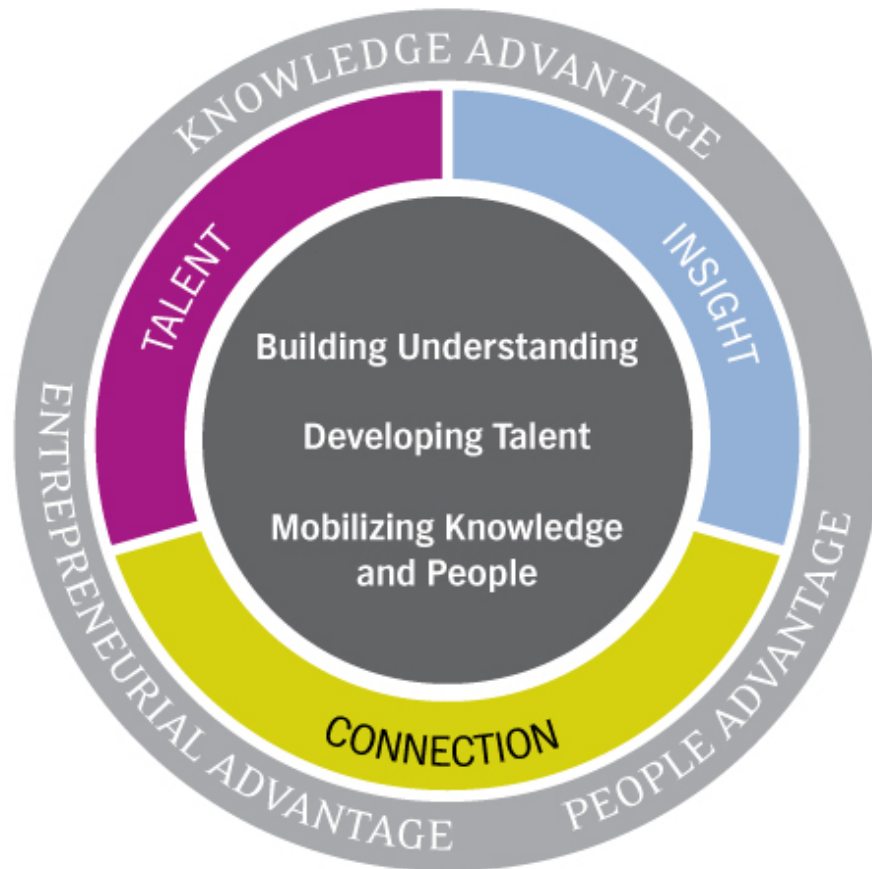


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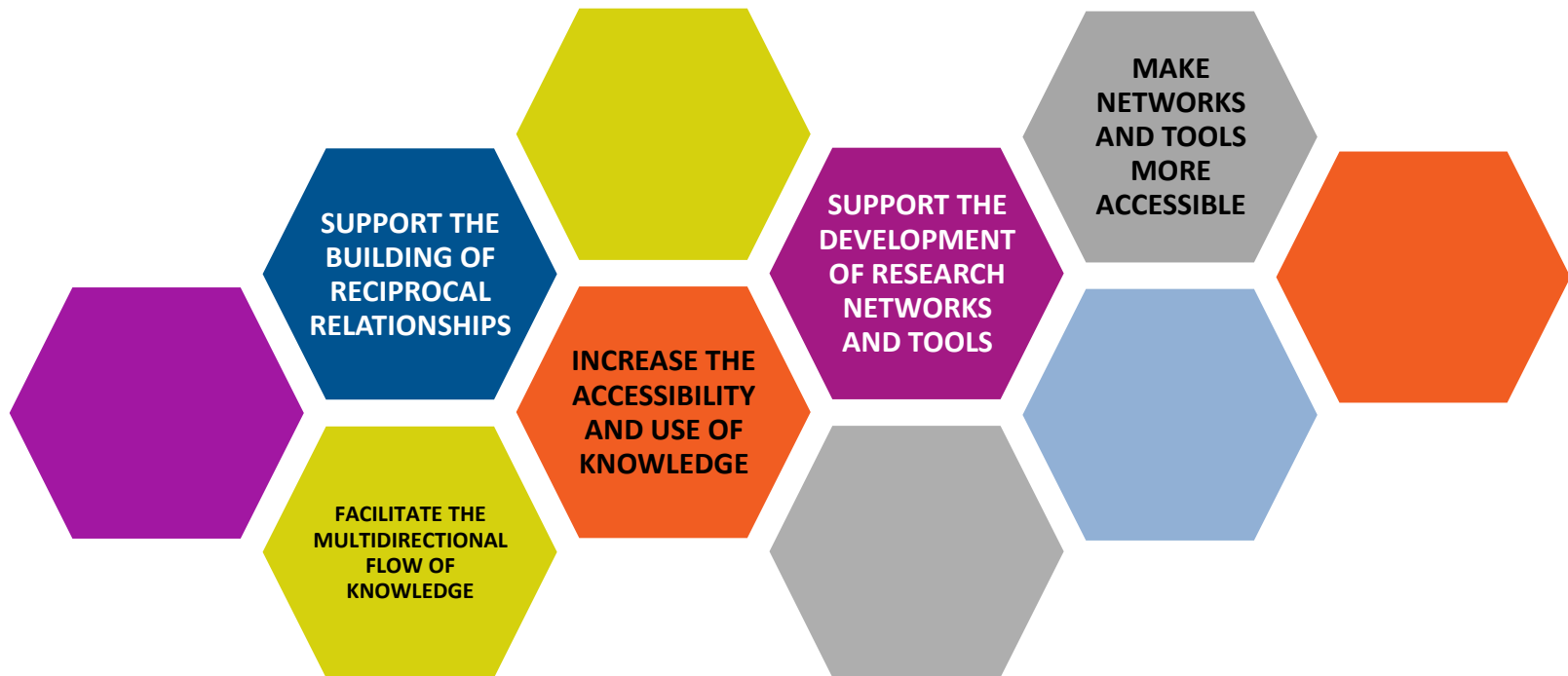
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# SSHRC Program Architecture



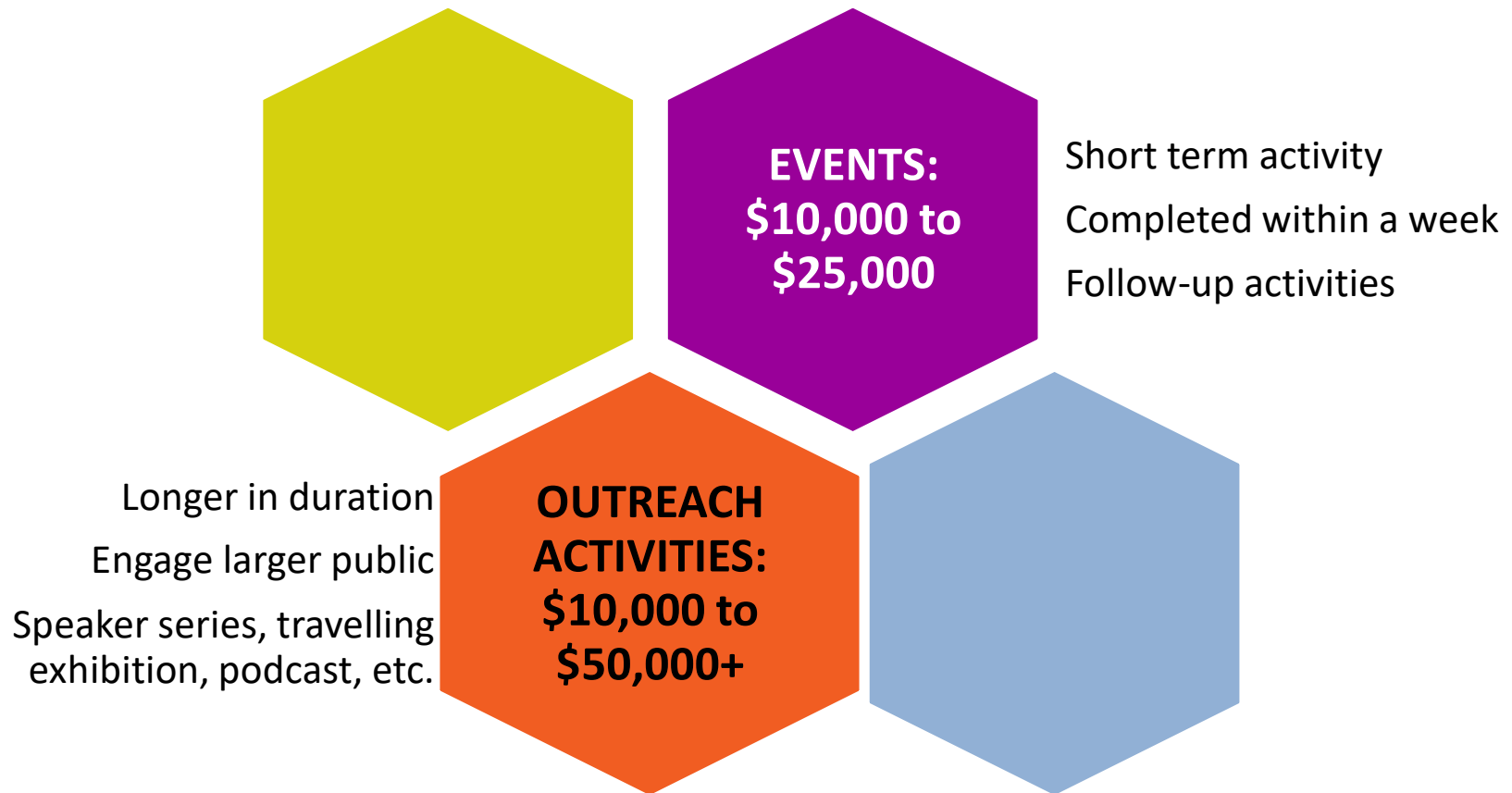
# Objectives of the Partnerships Program



# Connection Grants



# Events and Outreach Activities



# Matching Funds



For eligible expenses and cash/in-kind contributions :  
[Tri-agency Guide on Financial Administration](#)

# Letter of Support Example

Dear (name of applicant),

On behalf of (sponsoring organization), we have read your proposal and are pleased to provide support for your grant application, entitled “(title of your application)”, for the SSHRC Connection Grants competition.

We have read the proposal and agree to the role and level of participation of (sponsoring organization) outlined within the application.

(Sponsoring organization) will provide a cash contribution of \$ **(specific dollar amount)** towards the costs of (project activity). In addition, we will provide the following in-kind contribution(s):

- (in-kind contribution), **valued at \$ (specific dollar amount)**

Signature (electronic or written)

Name, Position, Institution

# Ineligible Connection Activities

**RESEARCH**

**STAND-ALONE VOLUMES**

**ASSOCIATION ACTIVITES**

## Subject Matter Eligibility

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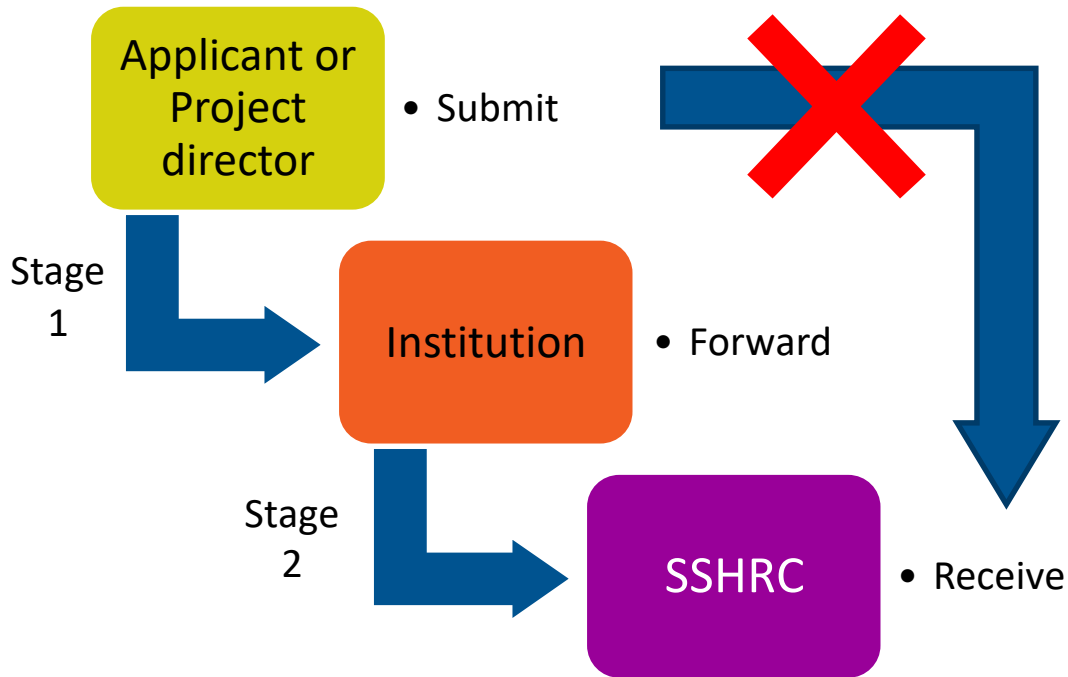
- Applications to SSHRC are reviewed for eligibility based on SSHRC's **General Guidelines for the Eligibility of Subject Matter** respecting the following criteria:
  - The objectives of the proposed research or related activities must be primarily in the social sciences and humanities (aligned with SSHRC's legislated mandate).
  - The intended outcome of the research must primarily be to add to our understanding and knowledge of individuals, groups and societies.
- Applicants should apply to the agency that is responsible for the **dominant research discipline or area** as defined by the agencies' "Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency" and **General Guidelines for the Eligibility of Subject Matter**.
- For eligibility-related advice, applicants are encouraged to send a detailed summary (including the proposed objectives and expected outcomes) to the CG inbox: [connection@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:connection@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)



# Two Ways to Apply



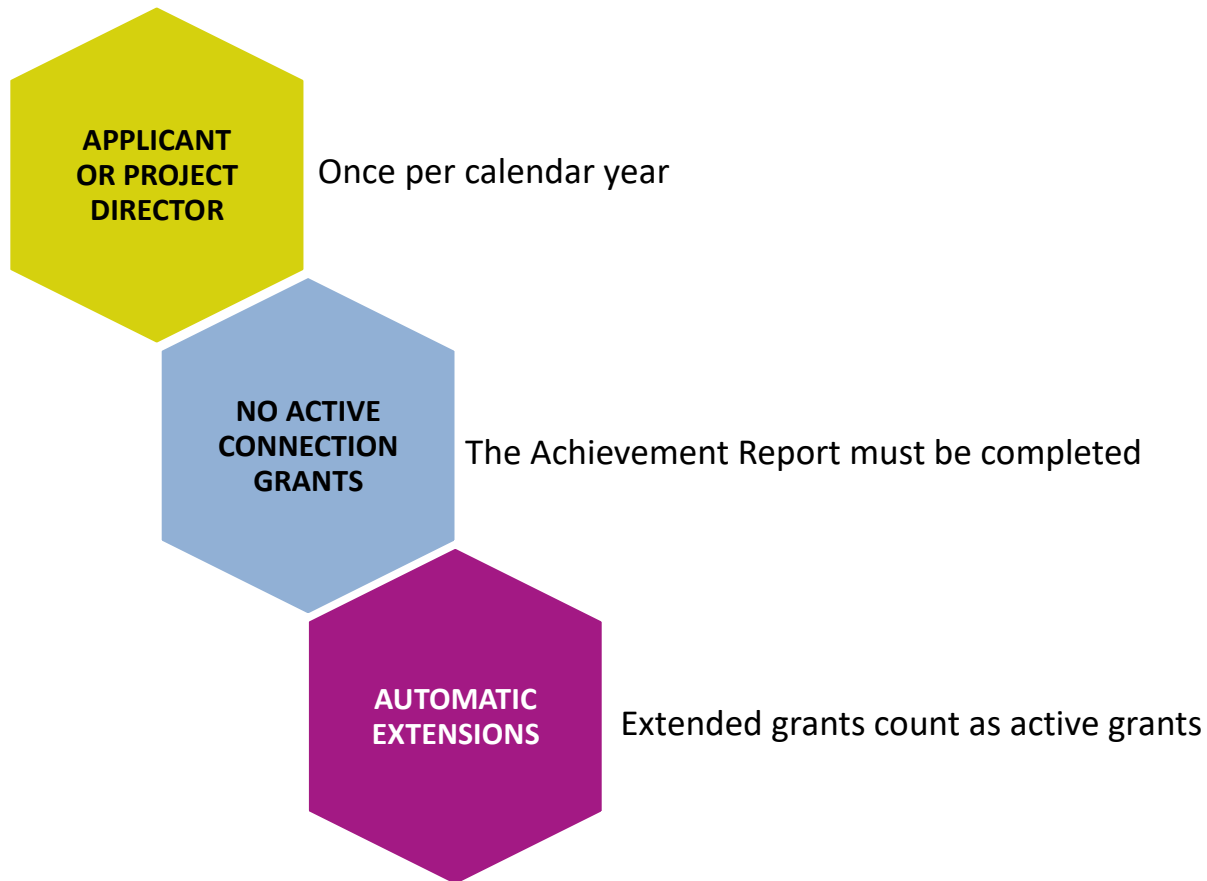
# Submission Process



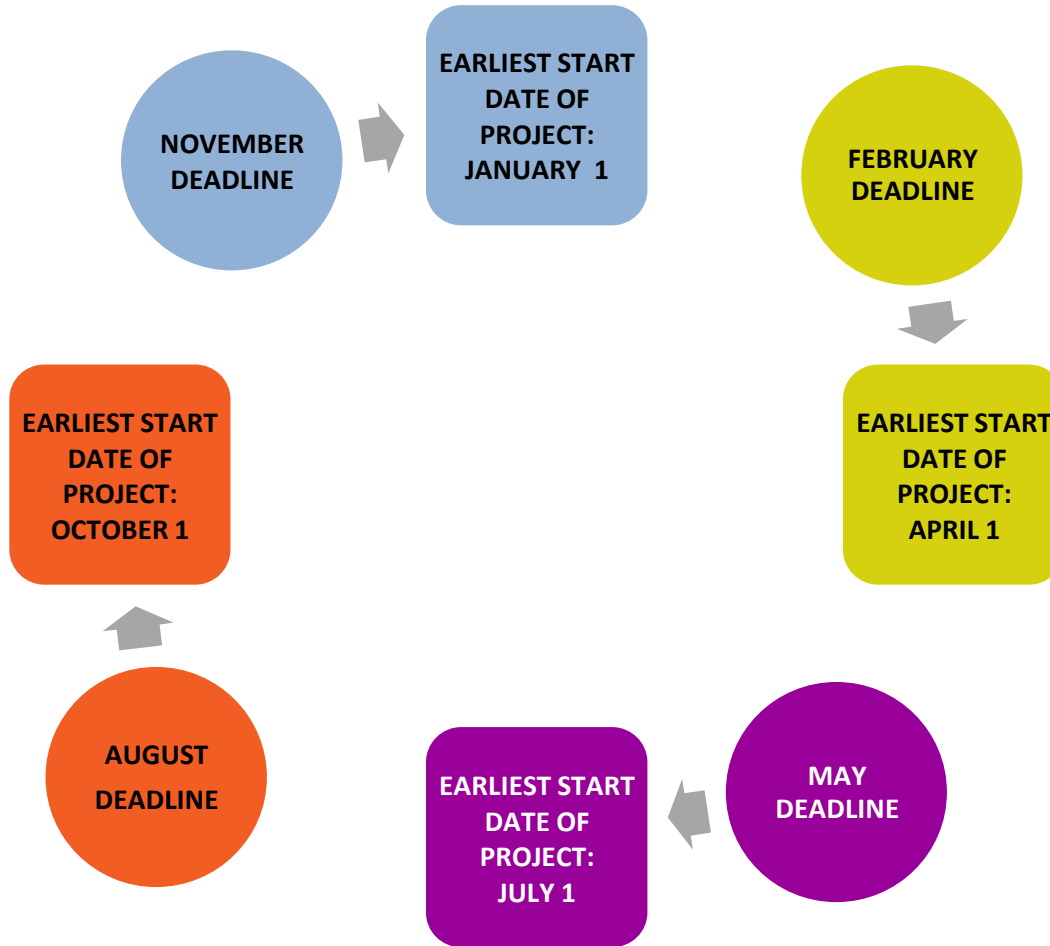
## On SSHRC online system

- Applications submitted : Deleted 30 days after deadline date.
- Draft applications : Deleted if not accessed during a 12-month period.

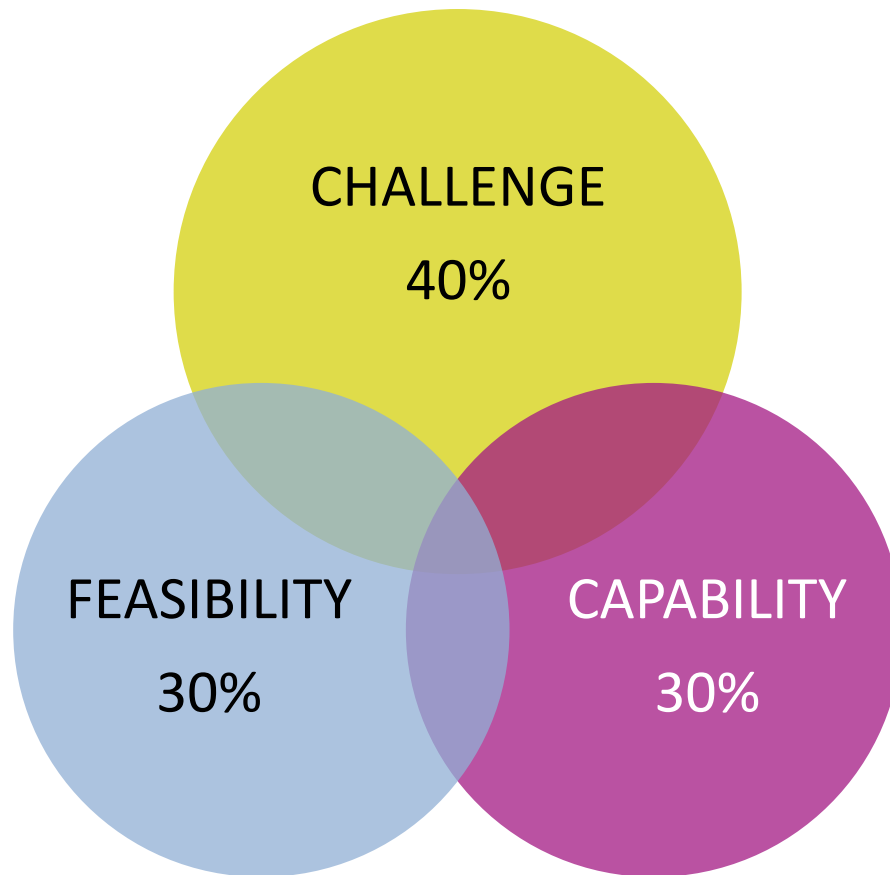
# Multiple Applications Regulations



# When to apply?



# Adjudication Process



# Feedback

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## Connection Grants

<b>Scores</b>	Yes
<b>Descriptors</b>	Yes, if discussed and unsuccessful
<b>Additional comments</b>	Yes, if applicable
<b>Sextile category</b>	Yes
<b>Ranking</b>	Yes, if successful
<b>External reports</b>	No

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# Notification of Competition Results

## To institutions

- Post-secondary institutions
  - Results accessible through GSAP
  - Notifications sent through CARA
- NFPs
  - Results sent to financial contacts via our extranet

## To applicants

- Sent directly to applicants via our extranet
- Result packages contain
  - Notice of Decision, Letter of Decision
  - If applicable: Notice of Award, Terms and Conditions, and Committee Comment Form

Please see our [Service Standards](#) for the notification of results timeline

# Support of Tools for Connection-Related Activities

- Applicants can use grant funds up to \$50,000 to develop connection-related tools for the purpose of knowledge mobilization activities.
- Please see our [Guidelines for support of Tools for Research and Related Activities application process](#) for more information.

# Indigenous Research

In May 2015, SSHRC launched new initiatives to support and promote Indigenous research and talent development.

Indigenous research [statement of principles](#) will serve to guide the implementation of SSHRC's current and future activities.

A revised definition of [Indigenous research](#) clarifies research “by and with” Indigenous Peoples and emphasizes and values the existing strengths, assets and knowledge systems of Indigenous Peoples and communities.

[Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research](#) are intended to assist committee members in interpreting SSHRC's specific Challenge, Feasibility and Capability evaluation criteria in the context of Indigenous research.

# Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative

- SSHRC intends to fund up to 10 meritorious proposals per competition to help the Canadian social sciences and humanities research community strengthen its capacity for data management
- Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative applications are subject to the Connection Grants evaluation criteria and scoring. In addition, the merit review committee will evaluate the degree to which applications respond to the objectives of the call, as listed on this slide.

# Research Data Management (RDM)

## Capacity Building Initiative

### **Intended to fund activities that:**

- develop and/or adopt data management standards, practices, tools and skills
- connect researchers or students with data management professionals and service providers
- share and develop knowledge and skills relating to data collection and storage, metadata, preservation, retention, sharing, credit and citation
- share and develop knowledge and skills related to data used or created in the context of Indigenous research
- enable the social sciences and humanities research community to meet the requirements of the [Tri-Agency RDM policy](#)

## Accessibility in programs and services at the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

- Raising research community awareness of accessibility services
- Methods of communication
- Types of adaptive measures
- New procedure of requesting an adaptive measure via a form
- For more details, please consult this webpage launched in 2023 and updated in 2025
- If you have questions about accessibility, please send us an email to [accessibility-accessibilite@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:accessibility-accessibilite@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## **My Connection project is strictly an Outreach Activity – who should I include as a Presenter?**

For Connection projects, “Presenters” are not only people who will give a presentation at an event. Presenters are defined by SSHRC as individuals who will make an active contribution to the project’s objectives and/or the production of concrete deliverables (e.g. preparing exhibition materials, producing a podcast). You can think of them as participants.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Are recurrent annual events eligible for Connection Grant support?**

Yes, recurrent annual events are eligible for Connection Grant support, but you must demonstrate how the event differs from what was previously funded (e.g. what new knowledge is being mobilized, what new methods are being used).

# Frequently Asked Questions

**I have been invited to a conference abroad; can I apply for a Connection Grant to support my travel expenses?**

No. Connection Grants are not travel grants. They are intended to support applicants and project directors who are running a knowledge mobilization event or activity. Connection funding can support applicants' travel costs and other expenses if they are organizing an event or activity abroad. In this case, the applicant must demonstrate within the application why the event needs to be held outside Canada and its potential to mobilize Canadian research on an international stage.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What role can students have on a team?**

Individuals enrolled in a program of study are not eligible to apply as applicant, project director, or co-applicant, regardless of their professional affiliation.

Students can be collaborators. Students who are collaborators on a project team cannot be paid a stipend or wage by the grant.

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Can my application include bursaries to encourage increased student attendance?**

No. Students must have an active role in your Connection project in order to be eligible for support.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How do I know if something is eligible for SSHRC support?**

SSHRC grants are governed by the Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration. If you are not sure whether something you are proposing would be eligible, please contact us. Funding opportunity eligibility rules will be considered alongside Tri-Agency Financial Administration rules – meaning that eligible and non-eligible expenses specific to the Connection Grants prevail over eligible and non-eligible expenses outlined in the Guide.

# Frequently Asked Questions

**I just learned that my Connection Grant proposal was not successful. Can I resubmit for the next competition?**

Individuals, as applicants or project directors, can only apply to the Connection Grants funding opportunity once per calendar year.

# Helpful Links

[Connection Grants](#)

[Research Partnerships Program](#)

[Connection Grants - Individual, Application Instructions](#)

[Connection Grants - Institution, Application Instructions](#)

[Indigenous Research](#)

[Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative](#)

[Guidelines for Effective Research Training](#)

[Guidelines for Effective Knowledge Mobilization](#)

[Guidelines for Cash and In-Kind Contributions](#)

[SSHRC definition of Research-Creation](#)

[Connection Achievement report](#)

[Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](#)

[Subject Matter Eligibility](#)

[Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency](#)

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# Sustainable Agriculture Research Initiative

## Connection Grants (SARI-CG)

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*A joint initiative supporting knowledge mobilization  
for a sustainable, net-zero agriculture sector in Canada*



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# What is the Sustainable Agriculture Research Initiative Connection Grant?



## Background & Context

SARI is a joint initiative by **SSHRC, NSERC and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)** — supported by Budget 2022 — to build a sustainable, resilient and profitable agriculture sector in a net-zero economy.

### **SARI-CG builds on:**

- \$87.5M invested (2024) in 16 SARI research partnership projects
- \$1.9M invested in the Common Ground Canada Network








## Purpose

Support short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization activities that bring together researchers and practitioners advancing sustainable agricultural sectors and food systems for Canada's just transition to net-zero.

### **Eligible activities:**

- Workshops, conferences, colloquiums, forums, summer institutes, documentaries, and other events or outreach activities
- Activities at agricultural exhibitions, fairs, demonstration farms, and farm shows
- Interdisciplinary exchanges integrating social sciences, natural sciences, engineering and other fields

## Key Differences: SARI-CG vs. Regular Connection Grants

	Regular Connection Grants	SARI Connection Grants
 <b>Funding</b>	<p><b>Events:</b> \$10K–\$25K</p> <p><b>Outreach Activities:</b> \$10K–\$50K (higher amounts considered with justification)</p>	<p><b>Events and Outreach Activities:</b> \$10K–\$50K (higher amounts considered with justification)</p>
 <b>Matching Funds</b>	Minimum 50% of amount requested from SSHRC	Minimum 25% of amount requested from SSHRC (reduced requirement)
 <b>Focus Area</b>	Any topic eligible for SSHRC funding within social sciences & humanities	Must focus on sustainable agriculture and food systems / net-zero transition in Canada
 <b>Partners</b>	SSHRC	SSHRC + NSERC + Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)
 <b>Application</b>	Standard Connection Grants form 4 competition windows/year	<p>Standard Connection Grants form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ select 'Sustainable Agriculture Research Initiative Connection Grants' under Joint/Special Initiative</li> <li>✓ include 'Sustainable Agriculture' keyword</li> </ul>

# How to Apply & Key Reminders



## Use the Standard CG Form

- Complete the regular Connection Grants application on the SSHRC Web CV portal
- Select "Sustainable Agriculture Research Initiative Connection Grants" in the Joint/Special Initiative field
- Add "Sustainable Agriculture" in the Keywords section



## Tailor Your Proposal

- Detail benefits as they relate to SARI objectives in the Expected Outcomes module
- Describe how activities support SARI objectives in the Description of Project module
- To request >\$25K for an event, select 'Outreach Activity' as project type



## Additional Reminders

- **Matching funds:** minimum 25% (not 50%) of amount requested from SSHRC
- Approximately 32 projects expected to be funded
- **Earliest project start date:** October 1, 2026
- One-year extension option available with no additional funding
- Can also apply to regular CG in same year — if objectives differ and no duplication of funding

Questions? Contact: [partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) | Toll-free: 1-855-275-2861

# Your questions

Contact information:

Program Support: [connection@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:connection@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

Technical Support: [webgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:webgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

# Thank you!



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