OFFICE OF RESEARCH
NEWSLETTER

Research Calls & Funding Opportunities

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Funding & Award Opportunities

Call for proposals: *RRU - The New Ways Fund:*
    Centering Reconciliation, Indigenization, and Decolonization

Deadline to apply: July 31, 2023 @ 11:59 pm

Value: Up to $5,000
Duration: 1 year

Attn RRU Core Faculty Members

The Office of Indigenous Education is pleased to announce a new funding call, **The New Ways Fund - Centering Reconciliation, Indigenization, and Decolonization**.

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training has provided Royal Roads University with funds for pilot projects that directly engage faculty in centering reconciliation, Indigenization, and decolonization. The goal of these initiatives is to enhance the post-secondary educational experiences and outcomes for Indigenous students.

Based on broad consultation with our Heron People Circle of Old Ones/Elders, Chiefs of our host and local nations, Indigenous students and our university community, our planning framework includes six core elements that are intended to put these principles into action.

6 Core Elements
- Respecting and learning from the people of these lands
- Promoting understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing and being
- Committing to learning about the past and its impact on Indigenous Peoples
- Celebrating Indigenous cultures
- Applying Indigenous protocols to research with Indigenous peoples
- Contributing to repairing the effects of oppression of Indigenous peoples

Selection Criteria
1. A clear connection to one or more of the six core elements and how they will be achieved.
2. How the proposed initiative might support and or contribute to the post-secondary educational experiences for Indigenous students and non-Indigenous students.
3. The clarity of the project design.

Application deadline: 11:59pm July 31, 2023. **Late applications or applications not submitted through the Internal Awards inbox will not be accepted**.

Eligibility: All core faculty members

Funding amount for 2023: $5000.00

Award term: September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 (no funds may be spent before the start date)

Submission details: Applications must consist of one (1) word or PDF document and can include a video file (optional). Please submit to the New Ways Fund Panel via RRU Internal Awards.

Details about the grant and the application form have been emailed to core faculty members.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need support, please contact: RRU Internal Awards.

Call for proposals: RRU Internal Grants for Research (IGR) 2023-24

Deadline to apply: July 31, 2023 @ 11:59 pm

Value: Up to $3,000

Duration: One year

Attn RRU Faculty Members

The 2023-24 RRU Internal Grants for Research (IGR) competition is now open.

The application deadline is 11:59pm, July 31st , 2023. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

The project funding will be available for one year with a start date of October 1st , 2023. *No expenses may be incurred before the start date.* Current Internal Grants for Research will end on September 30, 2023.

Only one RRU Internal Grant for Research (IGR) award can be held by each eligible candidate at a time, and a final report must be completed before a new grant is awarded.

Guidelines and application form

You will find the guidelines and application form on the [RRU Internal Grants for Research web page](#).

Reminder: Please write your project description in clear, plain language. Use non-technical terms that can be understood by a range of audiences with varied areas of expertise.

Please direct all submissions and questions to: [RRU Internal Awards](#).

Call for nominations: Robbins-Ollivier Award for Excellence in Equity

Internal nomination deadline: August 21, 2023

Value: $100,000
Duration: 1 year (with the potential for a one-year no-cost extension)

Attn RRU Faculty Members

The Canada Research Chairs Program (CRCP) is inviting eligible institutions to submit nominations to the second annual Robbins-Ollivier Award for Excellence in Equity.

The objectives of the award are to:

- fund bold and potentially game-changing institutional-level initiatives that will challenge the status quo, spark change and take action to address persistent systemic barriers within the institution research ecosystem and academia more broadly;
- recognize faculty members who contribute their time, expertise and lived experience to help address inequities in their institution, the research ecosystem and academia; and
- provide opportunities for students and trainees to contribute to this important work.

This prestigious award will therefore recognize an innovative, institutional-level project led by a faculty member who has a track record of equity related leadership and experience.

Please note: Nominations are limited to initiatives that help identify and/or address systemic barriers within the nominating institution and, by extension, the research ecosystem. Research projects in EDI-focused disciplines will not be accepted.

If you would like to submit a project for consideration, please complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) form (emailed out to RRU faculty) to provide a brief summary of your project and describe how your nomination will address the award selection criteria listed on the website under the categories of:

1) Project; and
2) Leadership and commitment to equity.

Send your completed Award EOI form to [the Research Office](#) no later than midnight, August 21st.

Royal Roads may only submit one nomination. Only submissions demonstrating how they meet the award criteria will be considered for nomination. Multiple submissions that meet the award criteria will be reviewed by RRU's Research Advisory Committee.

For more information: [Visit the Robbins-Ollivier Award for Excellence in Equity web page](#)

Compulsory Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) deadline: September 15, 2023
Full proposal deadline: November 6, 2023
Start of awards: September 2024

Value: Up to $200,000 CDN per proposal
Duration: 24 to 36 months

Context, scope, and principles of the call

The world is facing exceptional social, economic, technological, environmental, and geopolitical challenges, including migration, climate change emergencies, energy crises, war, conflict, political extremism, erosion of democratic institutions, protest, violence, corruption and growing public distrust of governance and expertise. These affect not only the institutions of democratic government but also the wider structures and processes that make our societies work and hold together. The call on Democracy, Governance and Trust (DGT) seeks to understand specifically how democracy, governance, and trust are integral to the tackling of both short-term crises and long-term challenges and are themselves a focus of the discontent and disruption facing many societies. It will support research that develops diverse methodological, disciplinary, and cross-national perspectives in relation to these topics, their causes, and dynamics; and builds capacity to respond creatively to these challenges, thereby maximising opportunities to strengthen democracy, governance, and trust for the benefit of all in society.

Eligibility requirements

Applicants must apply as a transnational research project partnership and partner with a number of national research teams based in the participating T-AP countries listed on the call website. Each project must:

- Comprise at least three (3) eligible Co-Principal Investigators from at least three different T-AP participating countries from both sides of the Atlantic.
- Nominate one of the Co-Principal Investigators as the project's Lead Principal Investigator (Lead PI). All co-PIs share responsibility for directing the project and co-ordinating proposed research activities in addition to participating in the execution of the research project. Co-applicants and collaborators contribute to executing the research project.

Objectives

The DGT call aims to deepen and widen our knowledge and understanding of opportunities, challenges, and crises relevant to democracy, governance and trust. The framing of this call recognizes that many disciplinary perspectives and methodologies may be brought to bear on these questions and that proposals are strengthened by inclusive and innovative collaborations across disciplinary and national boundaries. The call is specifically keen to identify how conditions for democracy, governance and trust to flourish can be maintained, fostered, rebuilt where needed and nurtured through a range of interventions and initiatives based on basic research and/or empirical evidence.

We invite interdisciplinary and innovative research proposals that promise advances in one or several of the following ways:

(i)   Improve and innovate our conceptualization and theorization of democracy, governance and trust.
(ii)   Address topics aimed at collective responses to global challenges for democracy, governance and trust.
(iii)   Empirically define and describe the opportunities, challenges and crises relevant to democracy, governance and trust from a historical, contemporary, or prospective perspective.
(iv)   Offer diverse methodological, disciplinary, and cross-national perspectives on these topics.
(v)   Study or test interventions (i.e., improving outcomes and making a difference) aimed at enhancing democratic processes, improving governance, and rebuilding trust in formal and informal political systems, economic structures, cultural associations, education and public institutions.
(vi)   Advance knowledge through co-developing work programs with communities, educators, and key stakeholders in civil society, education and government.

(vii)   Examine the role of digital media, tools, and technologies in eroding or strengthening democracy, governance and trust and the roles of education, cultural institutions and the law in shaping, facilitating and restraining this role of digital media.

Overarching themes

This call focuses on outstanding, innovative, and interdisciplinary research relating to the three components of the call - democracy, governance and trust - investigated ideally in combination. The focus on these themes will encourage research teams to develop innovative and outstanding interdisciplinary research proposals. It is also envisaged that proposals will potentially consider linkages between these themes as well as develop, and add to, their analysis in ways that explore the past and contemporary factors shaping democracy, governance and trust. Approaches may focus on dynamics, processes, contexts, and the making of meaning in relation to each of these. Historical inquiry into those factors that help us understand the present and the future are also welcome.

For more information: Visit the T-AP call on Democracy, Governance and Trust web page

     Read the addendum for Canada-based applicants

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Call for proposals: *SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants*

Application deadline: September 15 and December 15, 2023

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.

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 (e.g., Network) 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.

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.

For more information: Visit the SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants web page

Call for proposals: SSHRC Insight Grants

Application deadline: October 1, 2023

Value: $7,000 to $400,000
Duration: 2 to 5 years

Insight Grants support research excellence in the social sciences and humanities. Funding is available to both emerging and established scholars for research initiatives of two to five years.

Stable support for long-term research initiatives is central to advancing knowledge. It enables scholars to address complex issues about individuals and societies, and to further our collective understanding.

Insight Grants support research proposed by scholars and judged worthy of funding by their peers and/or other experts. Insight Grant research initiatives can be undertaken by an individual researcher or a team of researchers working in collaboration.

Applicants choose from one of two streams, depending on the amount of funding required. Both streams will be adjudicated by the same committees, and will receive the same rigorous level of merit review. The deadlines and application process are identical for both; however, the targeted success rate for Stream A is higher than for Stream B.

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

The Insight Program

Insight Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the Insight program, which are to:

- build knowledge and understanding from disciplinary, interdisciplinary and/or cross-sector perspectives through support for the best researchers;
- support new approaches to research on complex and important topics, including those that transcend the capacity of any one scholar, institution or discipline;
- provide a high-quality research training experience for students;
- fund research expertise that relates to societal challenges and opportunities; and
- mobilize research knowledge, to and from academic and non-academic audiences, with the potential to lead to intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit and impact.

For more information: Visit the SSHRC Insight Grant web pages

Call for proposals: SSHRC Connection Grants

Application deadline: November 1, 2023

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.

Matching funds

SSHRC will not fund the full cost of any Connection Grant project. Additional support in the form of eligible cash and/or in-kind contributions (excluding registration fees) equivalent to a minimum of 50% of the amount requested from SSHRC must come from sponsoring organizations.

For more information: Visit the SSHRC Connection Grants web page

Call for proposals: SSHRC Partnership Development Grants

Application deadline: November 15, 2023

Value: $75,000 to $200,000
Duration: 1 to 3 years

Partnership Development Grants provide support over one to three years to teams/partnerships, led by a project director, to:

- develop research and/or related activities in the social sciences and humanities—these can include knowledge mobilization and the meaningful involvement of students and emerging scholars, by fostering new partnerships with existing and/or potential partners; or
- design and test new partnership approaches for research and/or related activities that can result in best practices or models—these can either be adapted by others or have the potential to be scaled up to a regional, national or international level.

Partnership Development Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the Insight program and/or the Connection program.

Partnership funding is intended for formal partnerships between postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types. For more information, see the definitions for formal partnership and partner organization.

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 the creation of 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, once awarded. For more information, see Eligibility.

SSHRC invites applicants and their partner organizations who wish to propose formal disciplinary, interdisciplinary, interinstitutional, international and/or cross-sector partnership arrangements to apply for support through this funding opportunity. Funds are available to support a variety of formal partnership development initiatives in all of the disciplines and themes that meet SSHRC's subject matter eligibility guidelines.

For tools and resources to assist with the planning and implementation of your partnership, see SSHRC's Partnerships Tool-Kit.

Types of partnerships

Two categories of partnerships can request support: existing partnerships, and new 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.

- **Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research partnerships**: Interinstitutional research initiatives designed to make a significant contribution to advancing knowledge and understanding in the social sciences and/or humanities.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Partnered knowledge mobilization**: Partnerships designed to synthesize, apply and mobilize new and existing social sciences and humanities research knowledge in accessible ways.

For more information: Visit the SSHRC Partnership Development Grants web page

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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 Rosie Croft, University Librarian, at 250-391-2699.

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: The principal investigator for any grant application submitted through Royal Roads University must be a core faculty member at RRU.

Spotlight

THIS WEEK'S EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION RESOURCE

Free Bystander Training with Right to Be

Most of us have witnessed a situation of harassment that we're uncomfortable with. But we may have been unsure what to do.

Right to Be offers a wide variety of free bystander training sessions online, presenting a range of bystander strategies that you can scale to your comfort level for a variety of situations. This training is great for team or individual training.

Some upcoming sessions include:

- Bystander Intervention for Youth: How to Show Up for Others (July 26)
- Bystander Intervention to Stop Hate Based Harassment (July 27)
- Bystander Intervention to Stop Anti-Asian/American and Xenophobic Harassment (July 31)
- Bystander Intervention in the Workplace Demo (August 2)
- Bystander Intervention to Support the Disability Community in Public Spaces (August 8)

See their website to sign up for upcoming training sessions.

Questions about anything in the Research e-bulletin?   Contact the **Office of Research Services**