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Funding & Award Opportunities

Call for Proposals: Real Estate Foundation of BC – General grants

Application deadline: February 7, 2024

Value: Up to \$50,000

For requests over \$50,000, REFBC generally does not serve as the sole cash funder of a project. Funding from other sources need not be fully confirmed and committed at the application stage. For requests up to \$50,000, matching funding from other sources is encouraged but not required.

Duration: Up to 12 months or multi-year

The Real Estate Foundation of BC makes grants to support projects that advance sustainability, equity, and social justice in relation to land use and real estate practices in BC.

REFBC grants can support:

- Law and policy reform
- Applied research
- Community engagement
- Professional education
- Public education

We are particularly interested in projects that support Indigenous rights and interests in land use and real estate. It is important for us to prioritize grants to Indigenous-led organizations, as well as projects that advance justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion for racialized and other communities systematically excluded from land use decision-making.

Our grants budget fluctuates from year to year, based on the income we receive from interest earned on pooled real estate deposits. In the last five years, we've granted an average of \$4.6 million per year.

Funding priorities

- **Land use:** Relationships between people and the land promote thriving, resilient communities and natural environments for current and future generations.
- **Fresh water:** Freshwater ecosystems are healthy, sustainable, and intrinsically valued.
- **Built environments:** Built environments support inclusive, thriving communities and a high quality of life without undermining natural systems.
- **Food sovereignty:** Land is protected and enhanced to support thriving local sustainable food systems. Food sovereignty is enhanced for communities, particularly communities historically denied control over food systems through colonization
- **Real estate profession:** Real estate professionals, industry groups, and their partners demonstrate leadership and innovation in advancing sustainable and equitable land use, built environments, climate action, and real estate practices that improve quality of life for all residents

What type of research and education does REFBC fund?

REFBC supports applied research and education. By applied, we mean research and education that answers specific community-driven questions, addresses a community-identified problem or gap, and includes community-level implementation.

Ultimately, we are interested in research that helps us understand issues or problems and will help contribute to practical solutions that will be applied on the ground. Universities and colleges should note our grants are not intended to support pure or theoretical research that is exploratory in nature.

What criteria does REFBC use to assess applications?

Strong applications have clear, actionable objectives and deliverables that address real problems related to land use or real estate. We place high value on projects that build long-term capacity within communities, professions, and organizations.

Our grants team uses five assessment criteria to help us make funding decisions and prioritize diverse projects. When completing a grant application, you'll be asked how your project incorporates these qualities:

- **Need.** What is the significance of the issue or gap being addressed?
- **Leadership and Innovation.** Does the project strengthen leadership in a field, support emerging leaders, and/or take an innovative approach?
- **Relationship-Building.** Are the people who need to be at the table, at the table?
- **UNDRIP.** Does the project uphold or advance the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UNDRIP\)](#)?
- **Legacy.** Can the outcomes be sustained? Will they have an ongoing legacy?

To see the full Project Assessment Criteria, view our [Guide to Funding Priorities](#).

For more information: [Visit the REFBC grants web pages](#)

Call for Proposals: 2024-25 Research and Professional Development Pool

Application deadline: February 15, 2024 @ 11:59 pm

Funding amount for 2024: Up to \$4000

Award term: 1 year (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. *No funds may be spent before the start date.*)

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

The 2024-25 Research and Professional Development Pool (RPD) competition is now open. As per Section 31.5 (a, ii) of the [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 deadline: 11:59 pm on **February 15, 2024**.

Late applications or applications not submitted through the [Internal Awards inbox](#) will not be accepted.

Guidelines and Application form:

<https://www.royalroads.ca/research/find-funding/internal-funding/research-professional-development-pool>

Eligibility: All full-time Royal Roads faculty Association (RRUFA) members including librarians

Submission details

Applications must consist of one (1) word or PDF document and be submitted to the Research and Professional Development Panel via ruinternalawards@royalroads.ca

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 ruinternalawards@royalroads.ca for report information.

For more information, support, and to submit: Contact the [Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#).

Call for proposals: 2024-25 SSHRC Institutional Grant

Application deadline: February 15, 2024 @ 11:59 pm

Funding amount for 2024: Up to \$5000

Award term: 1 year (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. *No funds may be spent before the start date.*)

Attention RRU Faculty members:

The 2024-25 SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG) Competition is now open. The SIG funding is made available through SSHRC's Institutional Grants competition. SSHRC provides these grants to help eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions fund, through their own merit review processes, small-scale research, and research-related activities. SIG funds are intended to help Canadian postsecondary institutions strengthen research excellence in the social sciences and humanities. The funds are complementary to, and in line with, SSHRC's three main pillars of activities (Talent, Insight and Connections).

Application deadline: 11:59 pm on **February 15, 2024**.

Late applications or applications not submitted through the [Internal Awards inbox](#) will not be accepted.

Guidelines and Application form:

<https://www.royalroads.ca/research/find-funding/internal-funding/social-sciences-humanities-research-council-institutional>

Eligibility: All SSHRC eligible faculty (i.e., core faculty working in social science and humanities disciplines) can apply unless you received funding from the SSHRC SIG competitions in 2022-23 or 2023-24.

Submission details

Applications must consist of one (1) word or PDF document and be submitted to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) via rruinternalawards@royalroads.ca.

Faculty members may normally hold only **one** SIG award from 2022 to 2025 (2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years). **If you currently hold a SIG22 or SIG23 grant, you will not be eligible for this competition.** Please contact rruinternalawards@royalroads.ca if you have any questions.

For more information, support, and to submit: Contact the [Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#)

Call for proposals: 2024-25 Allan Cahoon Global Advancement and Diversity Fund

Application deadline: February 15, 2024 @ 11:59 pm

Funding amount for 2024: Up to \$4000

Award term: 1 year (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. *No funds may be spent before the start date.*)

Attention Royal Roads staff and faculty members:

The 2024-25 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 **Global Advancement Project**, a project with a focus on forging new opportunities and furthering the interests of diversity.

Application deadline: 11:59 pm on **February 15, 2024.**

Late applications or applications not submitted through the [Internal Awards inbox](#) will not be accepted.

Guidelines and Application form: <https://www.royalroads.ca/research/find-funding/internal-funding/allan-cahoon-global-advancement-diversity-fund>

Eligibility: All current core faculty or permanent staff members are eligible

Submission details

Applications must consist of one (1) word or PDF document and be submitted to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) via rruinternalawards@royalroads.ca.

Faculty and staff 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 rruinternalawards@royalroads.ca for report information.

For more information, support, and to submit: Contact the [Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#)



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Call for proposals: 2024-25 Buttedahl and Skene Learning and Teaching Innovation Fund

Application deadline: February 15, 2024 @ 11:59 pm

Funding amount for 2024: Up to \$2000

Award term: 1 year (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. *No funds may be spent before the start date.*)

Attention RRU Faculty members:

The 2024-25 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 deadline: 11:59 pm on **February 15, 2024.**

Late applications or applications not submitted through the [Internal Awards inbox](#) will not be accepted.

Guidelines and Application form: <https://www.royalroads.ca/research/find-funding/internal-funding/buttedahl-skene-learning-teaching-innovation-fund>

Eligibility: All core faculty are eligible

Submission details

Applications must consist of one (1) word or PDF document and be submitted to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) via ruinternalawards@royalroads.ca.

Faculty members may normally hold only **one** BSF grant at a time. Final reports for previously funded BSF awards are required in order to receive new funds. Please contact ruinternalawards@royalroads.ca for report information.

For more information, support, and to submit: Contact the [Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#)



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Call for Proposals: Lab to Market Grants

Letter of Intent (LOI) deadline: February 12, 2024

Full proposal deadline: September 9, 2024 (by invitation only)

Value: \$1 million to \$10 million per year

Duration: Up to 5 years (renewable)

On behalf of the Government of Canada, the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada](#) (NSERC), in collaboration with the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) (CIHR) and the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council](#) (SSHRC), is pleased to [launch](#) **Lab to Market grants**, a new tri-agency initiative designed to foster the development of entrepreneurship skills and commercialization capacity within networks across the academic community.

This initiative is designed to equip researchers and highly qualified personnel with essential tools, resources and knowledge to transform their academic research into innovations ready for market.

Lab to Market grants support Canadian post-secondary institutions and their affiliated institutions in creating and sustaining networks across Canada dedicated to the development and delivery of entrepreneurial skills training. These networks will offer a comprehensive mix of training, mentorship, hands-on experience and collaboration with organizations that can contribute to the development and implementation of entrepreneurial skills training programs.

The Lab to Market initiative provides stable, long-term funding for all disciplines within the natural sciences, engineering, the social sciences, the humanities, and health. Lab to Market grant funding will support networks where participants will be encouraged to foster and build an entrepreneurial ecosystem that elevates innovation and contributes to the economic and societal impact of Canadian research. These grants will provide support ranging from \$1 million to \$10 million per year for a period of up to five years, with a possibility of renewal.

Activities supported

Lab to Market grants aim to assist networks of post-secondary institutions and their collaborators in creating and delivering curricula to equip researchers and highly qualified personnel (HQP) with skills necessary to transfer scientific, social, and service innovation to market or to community users. Lab to Market grants encompass a wide range of activities, including training, mentorships and practical learning experiences. Examples of activities that a network might provide are:

- **Interactive online learning modules**
Creating and delivering virtual content to help researchers and HQP understand the market viability of their research. These digital resources are designed to explore entrepreneurship as a viable career option and the potential impact of research initiatives on society.
- **Mentorship and business coaching:**
Providing researchers and HQP with the opportunity to engage with and be mentored by experienced business professionals.
- **Financial assistance for participants:**
Supporting HQP by reducing other professional or academic obligations to allow them to participate in training.

- **Innovation support connections:**
Facilitating connections between researchers and HQP with broader federal initiatives and local and regional innovation networks.
- **Facilitation of collaborations and knowledge sharing:**
Fostering opportunities for collaboration and sharing of best practices through conferences, meetings and exchanges.

Networks participating in the Lab to Market grant program are encouraged to foster connections with leaders from the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, advisors, mentors, investors and other relevant entities in their regions. These interactions are pivotal to building an entrepreneurial ecosystem that elevates innovation and contributes to the economic and societal impact of Canadian research.

Webinars

Webinars will be offered to present information on Lab to Market grants and answer questions.

English Date and time: January 25, 2024, from 2 - 3 p.m. (ET), 11 am – noon (Pacific)
[Webinar link](#)
 Meeting ID: 249 157 454 131
 Passcode: Kta59D

French Date and time: January 25, 2024, from 10 - 11 a.m. (ET), 7 - 8 am (Pacific)
[Webinar link](#)
 Meeting ID: 239 565 329 229
 Passcode: u4G3sE

For more information: [Visit the Lab to Market Grants web pages](#)

Call for proposals: SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants

Application deadline: March 15 or June 15, 2024

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.

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 Connection Grants

Application deadline: May 1, 2024

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.

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](#)

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:

Storytelling as Methodology: Anti-Oppression in Teaching and Research

BCcampus's Research Speaker Series presents: *Storytelling as Methodology: Anti-Oppression in Teaching and Research*.

Event date: January 23, 2024 @ 11 am – noon

Anti-oppressive teaching is not simply more representation of marginalized groups or more inclusive understandings of identity. Anti-oppressive research cannot be only the study of oppression and its impacts or new ways to combat it. Just as being “not racist” is not the opposite of racism, anti-oppressive teaching and research, like anti-racist work, is about more than oppression: it unearths and resists systems, policies, pedagogy, and the colonial roots of academia.

Dr. Lyndze Harvey (she/her) is a Queer settler on the unceded territories of the Lək'wəŋən WSÁNEĆ Peoples. She is an assistant teacher professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Victoria

[Click here find out more, and to register.](#)

BCCampus Strategic Planning (2024-2027) Survey

BCcampus is seeking your valuable input for its strategic planning from 2024–2027. Engage by participating in a 10-15 minute-long survey and have an influence on our future priorities and initiatives. Join us and be a part of shaping the future of post-secondary education in British Columbia!

This survey will close January 31, 2024.

To learn more and to participate: [BCCampus Strategic Planning \(2024–2027\) - Survey](#)

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