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Research Calls and Funding Opportunities

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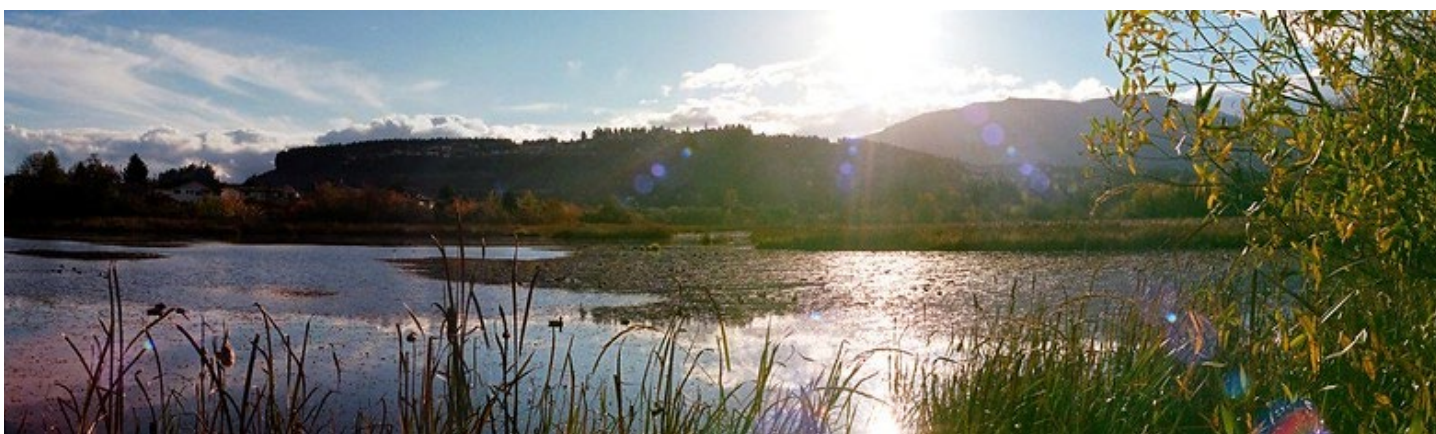
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Funding and Award Opportunities

Call for Proposals:	*BC Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT): Contemporary Issues in Student Mobility*

Proposal deadline: **To be determined (Fall 2025)**

Value: $25,000
Duration: 1 year

Research is a significant component of the BC Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT) mandate, and of the Council's work facilitating a more comprehensive understanding of credit transfer and student mobility in the ever-changing BC post-secondary environment. The BCCAT Research Committee invites faculty, staff, and graduate students from member institutions of the BC Transfer System to submit project proposals for research contracts.

The funding for successful project proposals will be allocated by the Council for the next fiscal year (starting April 1).

As part of its [Mandate, Membership, Role and Responsibilities](#), Council "conduct[s] research on student and credit mobility." The [BCCAT Research Plan](#) identifies priority areas for research. These include:

- Transfer and articulation
- Admissions and credit assessment
- Credentials and pathways
- Supporting student access, mobility and success
- Post-secondary capacity, demand and demographics
- High school transitions

Informed by these sources, BCCAT's Research Committee has issued this open call for proposals. Using the LOI, BCCAT staff will work with the proponents to align the project with BCCAT's mandate. After the Letters of Intent have been reviewed, proponents may be invited to submit a Full Proposal incorporating feedback received from the Letter of Intent phase. All full proposals must have institutional support, expressed through a statement of support from the appropriate administrator (Vice-president or Dean) and evidence of direct or in-kind support from the institution.

For more information: [Visit the BCCAT Call for Proposals web page](#).

Call for Proposals: WorkSafeBC Research Grants Program

Proposal deadline: **July 14, 2025**

Grant	Value	Duration
Analytical Sampling Methods for Substances with an ACGIH TLV	Determined by WorkSafeBC, based on the proposed project methodology, timeline, workplan and budget.	Up to 3 years
Impact of Fuel Selection During Live Fire Training on Firefighter Exposures to Carcinogens	Determined by WorkSafeBC, based on the proposed project methodology, timeline, workplan and budget.	Up to 6 months
Factors for Musculoskeletal Injury (MSI) in Rated (Metric) Work Systems	Determined by WorkSafeBC, based on the proposed project methodology, timeline, workplan and budget.	Up to 2 years

WorkSafeBC's Research Services has just issued three [Requests for Proposals (RFP)](#) for research on the following topics:

1. Analytical sampling methods for substances with an ACGIH TLV
2. Impact of fuel selection during live fire training on firefighter exposures to carcinogens
3. Factors for musculoskeletal injury (MSI) in rated (metric) work systems

This funding stream is designed to address operational need and help answer key questions in occupational health and safety and workers' compensation. The Specific Priorities and Systematic Reviews grants support short-term, primary and secondary research of immediate relevance. This research gives us the strongest scientific evidence to use when developing policy and practice.

Analytical Sampling Methods for Substances with an ACGIH TLV

Section 5.48 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation provides established exposure limits (ELs) for a worker's exposure to hazardous chemical substances. Generally, these ELs are established according to the TLVs adopted by the ACGIH. Prior to the adoption of new or revised TLVs, WorkSafeBC reviews and consults with stakeholders on potential implementation challenges, including access to validated sampling methods for these substances.

Research Topics

Researchers are invited to submit proposals related to one or more of the following topics.

1. WorkSafeBC is seeking research projects that aim to develop, implement, and/or validate analytical sampling methods for substances with ACGIH TLVs for which:
   o Validated substance-specific sampling methods currently do not exist, and
   o Existing methods are not adequate.
2. WorkSafeBC is seeking a systematic review on portable, real-time gas sensor technologies, with an emphasis on new and emerging technologies that could be used for ultra low-level detection of the priority substances described above.
3. WorkSafeBC is seeking an evidence-based approach for applying existing validated methods for inhalable TLVs to other substances with inhalable TLVs that have similar physicochemical properties but do not have a validated method.

Impact of Fuel Selection During Live Fire Training on Firefighter Exposures to Carcinogens

Firefighters are regularly exposed to a wide variety of hazardous combustion byproducts when fighting fires. Some byproducts such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are suspected human carcinogens.

Many fire departments in B.C. simulate indoor and outdoor fire scenes to provide firefighters with a live fire training opportunity. Firefighters may be at risk of exposure to PAHs and VOCs during live fire training. Typically, live fires for training purposes are Class A or Class B fires.

Research Question

Researchers are invited to submit proposals related to the following question:

- What is the impact of fuel selection on firefighters' exposure to carcinogenic substances such as PAHs and VOCs during live fire training?

  WorkSafeBC is seeking research on firefighters' exposure to PAHs and VOCs during live fire training, and how the fuel type impacts exposure (i.e. Class A vs. Class B fire).

Factors for Musculoskeletal Injury (MSI) in Rated (Metric) Work Systems

Musculoskeletal injuries (MSIs) are among the most common workplace injuries in B.C., accounting for approximately one-third of all workplace injury claims across various industries. These injuries are often associated with long recovery times for workers and significant costs for employers. It is critical to identify physical and psychosocial risk factors for MSI in the workplace to develop effective prevention strategies.

WorkSafeBC is seeking research to identify workplace factors, including physical and psychosocial factors, that influence MSI risk amongst rated (metric) system workers. The research question is provided below. Applicants may further refine the question in their proposal.

Researchers are invited to submit proposals related to the following question:

- What are workplace factors, including psychosocial and physical factors, associated with MSI risk amongst workers who engage in rated (metric) work?

    WorkSafeBC is seeking primary research to address the research question. Industries of interest include, but are not limited to, agriculture, silviculture, manufacturing, transportation, and warehousing.

Subtopics of interest include:

- What psychosocial factors support workers in meeting or managing their performance targets?
- What are the interaction effects, if any, on risk of MSI when physical and psychosocial factors are present?

For more information: Visit the WorkSafeBC Request for Proposals web page.
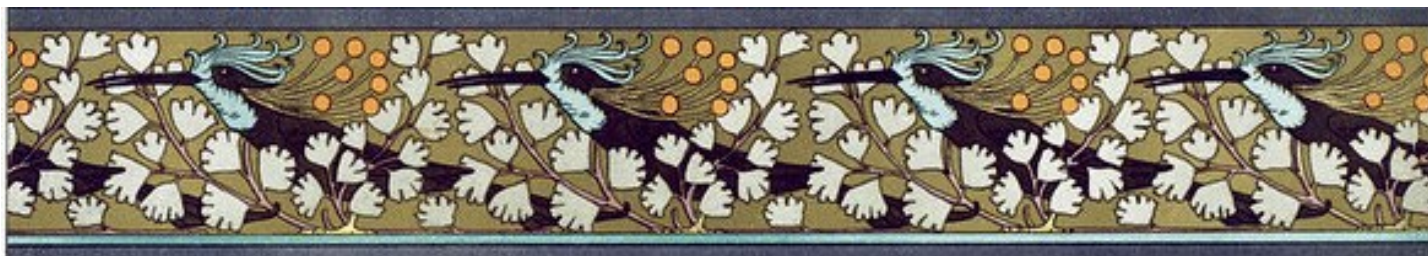
Call for proposals: *Launch of the new Harmonized Tri-agency Scholarship and Fellowship programs*

Application deadline: Summer 2025 (various competitions)

Value: $27,000 (master's level)
             $70,000 (doctoral level)
             $70,000 (postdoctoral level)

Duration: 1 year (master's level)
             3 years (doctoral level)
             2 years (postdoctoral level)

The Tri-Agency scholarship and fellowship programs administered by the three federal research funding agencies have been streamlined into a new harmonized talent program called the Canada Research Training Awards Suite (CRTAS) that will open for applications in summer 2025.

With the new CRTAS program, the annual number of scholarships and fellowships available to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers will increase by 1,720 awards. This increase will include 300 additional awards at the master's

level, 1,200 at the doctoral level, and 220 at the postdoctoral level. The annual value for these awards will be $27,000 at the master's level, $40,000 at the doctoral level and $70,000 at the postdoctoral level.

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Master's (CGRS M)

Objective: help develop research skills and assist in the training of highly qualified personnel by supporting students who demonstrate a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and early graduate studies.

Selection criteria:

- Academic excellence (50%);
- Research potential (30%);
- Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills (20%).

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship – Doctoral (CGRS D)

Objective: recognize and support the next generation of outstanding trainees in research. By providing support for a high-quality research training experience to awardees, the CGRS D program strives to foster impacts within and beyond the research environment.

Selection criteria:

- Research Potential (50%);
- Relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia (50%).

Canada Postdoctoral Research Award (CPRA)

Objective: recognize and support the next generation of outstanding innovators, knowledge workers, creative thinkers and researchers at a pivotal time in their careers. The program provides funding and flexibility, empowering emerging Canadian and international leaders to develop the skills to build world-class research and drive Canadian prosperity and competitiveness.

Selection criteria:

- Research potential and experience (50%);
- Quality of proposed research program (50%).

Research and Innovation will send out a call for RRU postdoctoral supervisors to support applications to the newly harmonized Canada Postdoctoral Research Award (CPRA) in the coming weeks.

For more information: Launch of the new Harmonized Tri-agency Scholarship and Fellowship programs

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Call for Proposals: SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants

Proposal deadline: **June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2025**

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 Research Partnerships program. The goal of this program is to realize social sciences and humanities research's potential for influence, benefit and impact, within and beyond postsecondary institutions, by supporting research and related activities and tools that facilitate co-creating and exchanging research knowledge.

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

SSHRC Partnerships Tool-Kit

This tool-kit includes useful tools and resources to help researchers and partners plan and implement a partnership—from preparing an application for partnership funding to knowledge mobilization activities.

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: **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.

Webinars

Webinar / Webinaire	Date	MS Teams link / Lien MS Teams
Connection Grants (English)	Wednesday, May 28, 2025 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Eastern 8:00 am – 10:00 am Pacific	[English webinar link](#) Meeting ID: 297 036 583 625 7 Passcode: 5rh7Bk9d
Subventions Connexion (français)	Jeudi, le 29 mai 2025 11 h 00 – 13 h 00 HE	[Webinaire français](#) Numéro du webinaire : 295 067 894 833 8 Mot de passe du webinaire : Ed3B5MK9

For more information: [Visit the SSHRC Connection Grants web page](#)

Notice of Intent (NOI) deadline: August 19, 2025
Full application deadline: October 21, 2025

Value: Up to $100,000 per year (plus up to 25% indirect costs)
Duration: Up to 2 years

Webinars

NFRFE-2025 - NOI Webinar (English)	Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:00 pm Eastern time 10:00 am Pacific time	Webinar Link Webinar number: 2338 567 7308 Webinar password: h2xV4S3ui6V (42984738 when dialing from a phone or video system) Join by phone: +1-438-797-4001 Canada Toll (Montreal); Access code: 233 856 77308
FNFRE-2025 – Avis d'intention (en français)	Jeudi le 22 mai 2025, 10 h à midi, heure de l'Est	Lien pour joindre le webinaire Numéro du webinaire: 2338 567 7308 Mot de passe: h2xV4S3ui6V (42984738 des téléphones et des systèmes vidéo) Joindre par téléphone: +1-438-797-4001 numéro sans frais (Montréal), Code d'accès : 233 856 77308

The goal of the Exploration stream is to inspire high-risk, high-reward and interdisciplinary research.

Exploration grants support research that pushes boundaries into exciting new areas. Researchers are encouraged to think "outside of the box" and undertake research that would defy current paradigms; brings disciplines together in unexpected ways and from bold, innovative perspectives; and has the potential to be disruptive or deliver game-changing impacts.

Exploration stream grants support projects that:

- bring disciplines together beyond traditional disciplinary or common interdisciplinary approaches;
- propose to explore something new, which might fail; and
- have the potential for significant impact.

Exploration grants support research with a range of impacts—economic, scientific, artistic, cultural, social, technological, environmental or health-related. This list is not exhaustive; other types of impacts are also recognized. Diversity of perspectives is important, and the fund encourages research proposals led from any discipline, from those in the social sciences and humanities, to health, the natural sciences and engineering.

Eligibility

To encourage projects that push the boundaries in terms of interdisciplinarity, **proposals must be submitted by research teams with at least two individuals**. In addition to a nominated principal investigator (NPI), the team must include either a co-principal investigator (co-PI) or a co-applicant. Teams may include one co-PI and any number of co-applicants and/or collaborators.

Exploration grants support projects that are high risk, high reward and interdisciplinary. They may involve disciplines, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for funding across the three agencies. Eligible projects include those with specific short-to-medium-term objectives, as well as discrete phases in longer-range research programs.

To meet the minimum requirement to be considered **interdisciplinary**, a proposed research project must combine elements from at least two different disciplines (as defined by a group-level classification based on the [Canadian Research and Development Classification](#)). Projects that integrate two disciplines with a long and established tradition of working together (e.g., biology and chemistry or psychology and education) may satisfy the above requirement but not meet the expectations of the program. The onus is on the applicant to explain the novelty of the interdisciplinary approach to justify the fit to program. Interdisciplinarity is evaluated by the multidisciplinary review panel.

The following elements are indicative of projects that do not meet program expectations for high risk, and are considered ineligible: research that is the obvious next step; data collection without interpretation of underlying mechanisms or patterns; professional practice or consulting services (contract research); set-up and operational management of an institute or a formal or informal group of researchers (network); curriculum development; organization of a conference or workshop; digitization of a collection or creation of a database; application of existing technology or commercialization of a product/process; routine analyses; and/or acquisition and maintenance of research equipment.

Applications for projects that are the same or similar, in whole or in part, to ones that have been submitted to or funded by other federal research granting agency programs should not be submitted to the NFRF program. Applications for projects the same as or similar to projects that have been unsuccessful in receiving funding from other agency programs may be submitted to the NFRF program in cases where the lack of success is due to the high-risk and/or interdisciplinary nature of the project, rather than limited funds in a highly competitive pool.

Selection criteria and assessment

There are five selection criteria for funding opportunities offered under the NFRF program.

- Interdisciplinarity / fit-to-program (pass/fail)
- Equity, diversity and inclusion in research practice (pass/fail)
- High risk (40%)
- High reward (40%)
- Feasibility (20%)

For more information: [Visit the NFRF 2025 Exploration Competition web page](#)

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Proposal deadline: September 10, 2025

Value: Up to $400,000 per year over 15 years, up to a total of $6 million

Duration: Up to 15 years (An impact review will be conducted every five years to assess the relevance of the partnership and determine whether funding will continue.

The goal of this pilot funding opportunity is to support a partnership between a postsecondary research entity and one or more federal government departments to establish a long-term research program focusing on specific topics in an area of importance to Canada and public decision-makers.

If the pilot is deemed successful, the funding opportunity will be offered periodically, subject to availability of funds. Each competition will focus on a new target area in which research in the social sciences and humanities is well positioned to make an impact. Only one partnership will be funded per competition.

The successful partnership is expected to advance research, capacity, and policy development in the target area by:

- engaging one or more federal government departments to identify and address public policy needs;
- conducting long-term research that generates knowledge with the potential to inform federal policy-making;
- working with, adapting and/or developing comprehensive datasets relevant to the needs of the public policy community and future researchers;
- improving access and use of research knowledge within Canada's policy-making communities; and
- supporting high-quality training experiences for students and/or postdoctoral researchers.

The partnership is expected to be based within an established research entity at a Canadian postsecondary institution that has a demonstrated track record in the target area. The successful partnership will have significant flexibility in the scope, priorities and activities of the program of research to adapt to new developments and changing circumstances, as needed, over the duration of the grant. As the partnership is expected to strengthen Canadian policy-making in the target area, applicants must partner with at least one Canadian federal government department.

Target area 2025: Improving Canada's Productivity

Productivity is foundational to a country's long-term economic growth and prosperity. When productivity is growing rapidly, it benefits businesses, workers and consumers alike. However, according to the Bank of Canada's Senior Deputy Governor in March 2024, "Canada has seen no productivity growth in recent years," and there are "clear areas for improvement" in the factors driving productivity.

To address this timely issue, this pilot funding opportunity targets research that supports and informs public policy aimed at boosting Canada's productivity.

Applicants are invited to propose a long-term research program with high potential to inform policy-making in this area. A range of research topics directly related to policies driving efficiency gains for Canadian companies is welcome, including, for example, technology adoption, innovation and commercialization, firm investment decisions, workforce skills gaps, competitive intensity, the regulatory environment, supply chain management, scalability, monetary and fiscal policy, and managing through economic disruptions, among others.

Applicants must demonstrate how their proposed program of research would contribute substantially to development of actionable public policies that strengthen Canada's productivity.

Proposals can involve any disciplines, approaches or subject areas eligible for SSHRC funding, but must be aligned with the theme of the target area described in this funding opportunity. See the [guidelines on subject matter eligibility](#) for more information.

Applications must be submitted by an eligible Canadian postsecondary institution. The project director must be affiliated with the host institution (the applicant), and prepare the application on behalf of the host institution and the formal partnership.

Project directors who have received a SSHRC grant of any type but have failed to submit an achievement report by the deadline specified in their Notice of Award are not eligible to apply for another SSHRC grant until they have submitted the report. Postdoctoral researchers and students enrolled in a program of study are not eligible to apply as project directors.

For more information: [Visit the Policy Innovation Partnership Grants 2025 web page](#)

Call for proposals: SSHRC Destination Horizon Grants

Proposal deadline: **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: Red Dress Day is May 5th

May 5th, 2025, is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG2S).

In 2019, the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls published its final report. That report highlighted 231 Calls for Justice, intending to "address the root causes that sustain violence against First Nations, Inuit, and Métis women, girls, two-spirit and gender-diverse people"[1].

The research plan for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls lays out the basic "framework, vision, key considerations, project criteria and overall strategy guiding the research of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls"[2] that led to this report.

As we approach Red Dress Day in May, we can look back at that report and the intensive, difficult research that it led, consider the thorough report and calls for justice that emerged, and recognize that, as of January 2025, only two calls for action have been completed.

To learn more about each call and the relevant actions, please visit the Federal Progress on the Calls for Justice.

[1].   https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1717103903695/1717103981609
[2].   https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/research-plan-1.pdf

Virtual Workshop: Systems Thinking and Sustainability in Changemaker Education

Workshop date: **Thursday, May 8, 2025**
9:00 to 10:00 am Pacific
Noon to 1:00 pm Eastern

Ashoka U and Ashoka Canada are thrilled to collaborate with Compass Education to offer a free virtual workshop exploring **Systems Thinking and Sustainability in Changemaker Education** on Thursday, May 8th at 9 am PDT/ 12 pm EDT. This 60-minute interactive workshop is available to anyone who works or studies on a Changemaker Campus, and may be of particular interest to educators, curriculum developers, and schools of education.

- How can we embed sustainability into education in a way that empowers students as real-world changemakers?
- How can systems thinking transform education to prepare students for the challenges of an uncertain world?

This workshop is facilitated by Nicole Swedlow, Executive Director of Compass Education. Compass Education is a global non-profit educator-led organization that empowers learning communities to educate and act for a sustainable future. Join this workshop to get an introduction to their free learning tools for educators.

Register here: [AshokaU virtual workshop registration](#)

If you have any questions about the workshop, please reach out to [Rebecca Klaassen (Ashoka Canada)](#)

Canada–Baltics Horizon Europe Online Networking Event

Event date: **May 29, 2025**
10:30 am – Noon Eastern time
7:30 am – 9:00 am Pacific time

The Embassies of Canada in the Baltic States (Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia), in collaboration with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), as well as the National Contact Points (NCPs) from each participating country, are pleased to invite researchers, innovators, academic institutions, and organizations from both Canada and the Baltic region to participate in a virtual networking event.

This is the first event of its kind, aimed at fostering international partnerships and enhancing cooperation opportunities under Horizon Europe Clusters 4 and 5, which focus on Digital, Industry and Space (Cluster 4) and Climate, Energy and Mobility (Cluster 5).

The event will take place online via Microsoft Teams on May 29, 2025. For more details, see the [full agenda](#). You can register using the following link: [Canada–Baltics Horizon Europe Networking Event - Europos horizontas](#)

The organisers highly encourage you to present your project idea linked to a specific Horizon Europe call from WP 2025 and introduce your institution. The 2025 Work Programme has also been pre-published and you can find them here: [Horizon Europe work programmes webpage](#).

Participants planning to pitch will receive guidelines by email after May 15th, explaining how to prepare a short presentation (one-pager) and effectively pitch their idea during the event.

Participation is free of charge, but registration is mandatory. [Register here](#).

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