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Funding and Award Opportunities

Thinking of applying for any of these opportunities? [Please click here to fill out our Proposal Notice of Intent \(NOI\) form.](#)

*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).

Eligible Projects

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:
 - Validated substance-specific sampling methods currently do not exist, and
 - 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.

Research Question

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: *NSERC Discovery Horizons Grant*

Letter of Intent deadline: **June 16, 2025**

Full Application deadline: **October 20, 2025**

Value: \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year (depending on research team size)

Duration: Up to 5 years

Discovery Horizons grants support investigator-initiated individual and team projects that broadly integrate or transcend disciplines to advance knowledge in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE).

Established in 2021 by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the [Tri-agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee](#) (TAIPR) is dedicated to the review of interdisciplinary research. This jointly administered tri-agency peer review committee will assess all full applications submitted to NSERC's Discovery Horizons pilot program, as well as relevant applications submitted to SSHRC's Insight Grants and Insight Development Grants and CIHR's Project Grants programs.

In the context of this funding opportunity, the term “interdisciplinary” should be understood to fully encompass all research that connects, crosses or falls in between the traditional disciplines of the three agencies, including transdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, convergence research and other approaches at the interface.

Discovery Horizons grants are expected to be valued from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year and will be commensurate to the size of the research team (applicant and co-applicant(s)). For this competition, NSERC is expecting to award approximately 10 to 20 grants this year.

Objectives

The Discovery Horizons program provides NSERC's entry point to the tri-agency interdisciplinary peer review mechanism. It supports Discovery research projects that would significantly benefit from being assessed by the Tri-agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee, and aims to:

- answer NSE research questions that are best addressed through interdisciplinary approaches
- advance NSE disciplines through cross fertilization and new ways of thinking about research questions; ideas and frameworks; approaches and methods; platforms, tools and infrastructure; people, partners and trainees
- provide leading-edge NSE training for highly qualified personnel (HQP) in interdisciplinary research environments.

Eligibility

Both individuals and teams may apply to the Discovery Horizons program. The applicant and any co-applicants must all be [eligible to hold NSERC funding](#). One person must be designated to administer the grant; this person is the “applicant” and is responsible for completing and submitting the full application on behalf of the team.

While the research team is expected to have significant expertise in NSE research, not all members need to engage in research in the NSE. College faculty members who meet the relevant eligibility criteria can participate in Discovery Horizons as co-applicants. For an adjunct professor, the same eligibility requirements apply as the Discovery Grants program.

A non-NSE applicant may be the lead applicant on the Discovery Horizons application as long as they meet all of the eligibility criteria, and as long as the research activities proposed respond to the three objectives of the NSERC Discovery Horizons pilot program. For eligibility related questions you may contact [the Eligibility team at NSERC](#).

Subject matter eligibility

An eligible proposal must meet both of the following criteria:

- Its primary objective must be to advance knowledge in the NSE
- It must integrate or transcend disciplines in ways that would significantly benefit from peer review by a tri-agency interdisciplinary peer review committee
- Note that proposals that solely rely on the use of existing NSE methods and/or tools, while not advancing knowledge within an NSE field are not eligible for Discovery Horizons.
- Applications that fall entirely within the research areas of one agency should be directed towards existing committees or evaluation groups, based on the practice and criteria of each agency.

The [Tri-agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee](#) will assess projects submitted to all three federal granting agencies. Applications should be submitted to the agency that is responsible for the dominant research discipline(s) or area(s). Refer to [Selecting the appropriate federal granting agency](#) and the [Addendum to the guidelines for the eligibility of applications related to health](#) for further information.

Indigenous research

Research involving Indigenous Peoples and communities is especially welcome in projects supported by Discovery Horizons grants. NSERC specifies Indigenous research as research in any field or discipline related to the natural sciences or engineering that is conducted by, grounded in, or meaningfully engaged with First Nations, Inuit, Métis or other Indigenous Peoples and nations, communities, societies or individuals, and their wisdom, cultures, experiences or knowledge systems, as expressed in their dynamic forms, past and present.

Webinars

A short presentation of the program will precede a Q&A session.

| Webinar language | Date and time | Webinar link |
|------------------|--|--|
| Français | Mardi, le 20 mai de 10:00 à 11:30 - heure de l'Est; de 7:00 à 8:30 - heure du Pacifique | Présentation en français |
| English | Tuesday, May 20 Noon to 1:30 pm Eastern; 9:00 to 10:30 am Pacific | English session: |

For more information: [Visit the NSERC Discovery Horizons 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](#)

Call for Proposals: *New Frontiers in Research Fund* 2025 Exploration Competition

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

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| 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.

Subject matter (fit to program)

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.

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

Call for Proposals: SSHRC - 2025 Policy Innovation Partnership Grants

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.

Eligibility

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.

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 Partnership Engage Grants

Proposal deadline: 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 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](#)

View [upcoming SSHRC deadlines here](#), and [integrated calendar of agency and interagency funding opportunities here](#).

Thinking of applying for any of these opportunities?

[Please click here to fill out our Proposal Notice of Intent \(NOI\) form.](#)

Please contact the [Office of Research Services](#) and we will assist you in the development of your proposal. Also, note that the principal investigator for any grant application submitted through Royal Roads University must be a core faculty member at RRU.

Questions about your author rights, publishing, or promoting your research?

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Questions about your data management plan?

Contact [Amber Gallant](#), Data Services Librarian, at 250-391-2600, ext. 4433.

Spotlight

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Research: Research supporting 2SLGBTQIA+ people and communities

Tomorrow, **May 17th**, is the international day against homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia. This year's theme, determined and shared by the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Association, is **The Power of Communities**, a theme that "highlights the strength and resilience that emerges from our collective solidarity, recognising the contributions of human rights defenders, LGBTQIA+ civil society groups, allies, and millions of people in our communities who support human rights and collective liberation"¹.

To learn how your research can be more inclusive of 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples and organizations, we encourage you to review the [2SLGBTQ+ Inclusion in Research Toolkit](#). This toolkit offers a high-level overview of building 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion into research design, and can be downloaded as a PDF or Word Document by going to RRU's [EDI in Research Resources page](#) and scrolling down to the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research Toolkits.

¹ Paletta, D. (2024, October 12). ["The Power of Communities": IDAHOBIT 2025 Theme Announced!](#) *Ilga World News*.

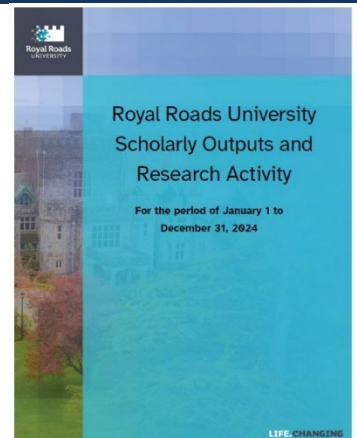
RRU Scholarly Outputs and Research Activity 2024 now online

The 2024 edition of the *Royal Roads University Scholarly Outputs and Research Activity* publication is now available on the Research website.

We thank everyone who contributed to this work, which showcases the excellent and wide-ranging research contributions of Royal Roads University faculty, associate faculty, staff, doctoral students, and others in 2024.

From your contributions this year, we also found some additions to the 2023 edition. That document has been updated on the website.

You can view the [RRU research, publications and awards publications for all years on our website here](#).



Call for Volunteer Researchers to Support Ashoka Fellows

Application deadline: May 23, 2025

This spring, Ashoka is launching a new research initiative to connect our global network of social entrepreneurs with researchers who can help them strengthen their impact through evidence-based insights. This is an open call inviting researchers from around the world to participate in this exciting opportunity!

Many Ashoka Fellows have research needs that will help further their field, confirm the effectiveness of their methodologies, clarify certain doubts, collect feedback from their beneficiaries, clients, or partners. Current research

needs of Ashoka Fellows cover a wide spectrum of topics: education, health, environment, community development, technology, economics, gender studies, policy and governance, agriculture, migration studies.

By participating, researchers can:

- Collaborate with top social entrepreneurs solving real-world challenges,
- Apply their research skills to impact-driven projects,
- Expand their professional network within the Ashoka community,
- Receive professional recognition through co-authorship, reports, and letters of acknowledgment,
- Explore opportunities for publishing and presenting research findings.

If interested, please [fill out this brief form](#) by May 23rd, so that we can ascertain the best match with potential Ashoka Fellow research initiatives.

Horizon Europe Updates

Horizon Europe [2025 project calls](#) have been pre-published.

In addition to the opportunities listed below, other networking opportunities include:

- EU Universities UnILiON, May 22, for Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment; [Registration Link & Agenda](#)
- EU Universities UnILiON, May 27, for Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society; [Registration Link & Agenda](#)
- EU Universities UnILiON, June 4, for Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility; [Registration Link & Agenda](#)
- EU Universities UnILiON, June 10, for cross-cluster New European Bauhaus (NEB) Facility calls that focus on sustainable urban development and construction; [Registration Link & Agenda](#)

Connection Canada – Horizon Europe Digital and AI Matchmaking Event

Event date: [Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 3:30 pm CEST / 9:30 am EDT](#)

You are invited to take part in [Connexion Canada](#)—a virtual matchmaking and brokerage event designed to foster research and innovation collaboration between Canadian, Spanish, and other Horizon Europe partners under Cluster 4: Digital, Industry, and Space of Horizon Europe, the EU's 95.5 € billion research and innovation program.

Organized by the Trade Commissioner Service of Canada in Spain, Connexion Canada is open to innovators from Europe, Canada, and Horizon Europe associate countries who are exploring funding opportunities and potential partnerships in key technology domains.

Why participate?

- Connect with Canadian, Spanish, and EU partners via a dedicated matchmaking platform
- Learn how Canada's Associate Country status under Horizon Europe supports funding and joint projects
- Gain expert advice on proposal preparation and collaboration strategy

Focus areas include:

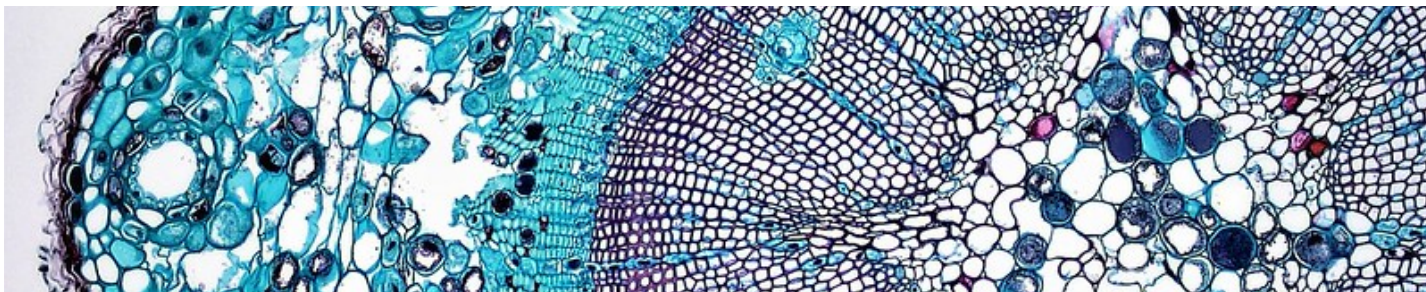
- Destination 3: Data services and trustworthy AI
- Destination 4: Strategic autonomy in emerging technologies

- Destination 6: Human-centric digital and industrial innovation

Matchmaking platform availability:

The B2B platform will be open for meetings from May 21 to June 2, allowing plenty of time to schedule and conduct one-on-one discussions. The messaging function is already active and will remain available even after the meeting window closes—so you can start reaching out to potential collaborators today.

Explore the agenda and register for [Connexion 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 - Europas 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](#).

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