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Funding and Award Opportunities

Call for Proposals: 2025-26 SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG) Competition

Application deadline: June 20, 2025 at 11:50 pm

Late applications or applications not submitted through the Internal Awards inbox will not be accepted

Value: Up to \$5,000

Duration: August 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 (no funds may be spent before the start date)

The 2025-26 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).

[Guidelines and Application form](#)

Competition guidelines and the application form can be found on the [RRU Internal Grants web page here](#).

Note that the Applications must consist of one (1) word or PDF document and be submitted to the [Research Advisory Committee \(RAC\) via Internal Awards](#).

Eligibility

All RRU SSHRC eligible faculty (i.e., core faculty working in social science and humanities disciplines) are able to apply.

Faculty members may normally hold only one SIG award from 2025 to 2028 (2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 fiscal years). Final reports for previously funded SIG awards are required in order to receive new funds.

For more information and to submit an application: [Contact RRU Internal Awards](#).

Call for Proposals: New Ways Fund 2025/26 Competition

Application deadline: June 30, 2025 at 11:50 pm

Late applications or applications not submitted through the Internal Awards inbox will not be accepted

Value: Up to \$5,000

Duration: September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026 (no funds may be spent before the start date)

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

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

The six core elements for this grant include:

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

Applicants must include a clear connection to one or more of the six core elements and how they will be achieved.

Guidelines and Application form

Competition guidelines and the application form can be found on the [RRU Internal Grants web page here](#).

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

Eligibility

All RRU core faculty are eligible to apply. Note that faculty members may only hold one New Ways Fund award at a time.

For more information and to submit an application: [Contact RRU Internal Awards](#).

Call for Proposals: 2025-2026 RRU Internal Grant for Research (IGR)

Application deadline: July 31, 2025 at 11:50 pm

Late applications or applications not submitted through the Internal Awards inbox will not be accepted

Value: Up to \$3,000

Duration: October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 (no funds may be spent before the start date)

Attn: RRU Faculty Members

The 2025-26 RRU Internal Grants for Research (IGR) competition is now open. These grants are for projects that undertake research and mobilize knowledge. Proposals are encouraged from a broad range of research topics, while keeping in mind Royal Roads' [three research themes](#).

Internal Research Grant funding is separate from, but can be used to complement activities being undertaken with these internal or other external funding sources:

- Personal Professional Development Fund (Article 31.4 in the [2022-2025 RRU Faculty Association Collective Agreement](#))
- Professional Development Pool (otherwise known as the Professional Development/Scholarly Activity Pool; Article 31.5 in the [collective agreement](#))
- Other internal awards, such as the Buttedahl and Skene Fund, Cahoon Global Advancement and Diversity Fund, and the SSHRC Institutional Grants

Guidelines and Application form

Competition guidelines and the application form can be found on the [RRU Internal Grants web page here](#).

Note that the Applications must consist of one (1) word or PDF document and be submitted to [Internal Awards](#).

Eligibility

Royal Roads University Internal Research Grants are available to core faculty, deans and librarians to support projects that undertake research and mobilize knowledge.

Applicants may hold only one IGR at a time (but may hold this award simultaneously with internal grants noted above).

Funds will not be released for a new award until applicants have submitted their final written report for a previous grant.

For more information and to submit an application: [Contact RRU Internal Awards](#)



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Call for Proposals: *Women's Voice and Leadership Learning Partnership: Global Learning Hub*

Application deadline: June 24, 2025

Value: \$1.2 million

Duration: 48 months

Global Affairs Canada and IDRC are supporting a [Learning Partnership](#) to enhance the efforts and impacts of the flagship Canadian program, Women's Voice and Leadership, renewed in 2023. This call for proposals seeks to recruit the host organization (or consortium of organizations) for the Learning Partnership's global learning hub.

This hub will be responsible for facilitating a global community of practice for peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing among women's rights organizations, LGBTQI+ groups and their networks.

As a first step, the hub will facilitate a participatory design process to co-create a learning agenda — shared learning questions and priorities across regions — with renewed Women's Voice and Leadership partners. The hub will then support the partners in co-implementing the learning agenda by facilitating multiple learning activities, including the use of innovative approaches. Based on analysis and synthesis, the hub will generate practical insights that can improve the partners' practices and online/offline strategies. The hub will also administer an online portal for virtual exchanges between partners and share resources publicly on lessons learned and results.

Across the four years of funding, the hub will strive to provide opportunities to reflect on and understand experiences with a view to helping partners strengthen their advocacy and interventions to protect and promote gender equality.

Eligibility

This call for proposals is meant for women's rights and feminist organizations, or consortia of organizations, that are **primarily governed, led and directed in the Global South** (or at a minimum predominantly work in countries that benefit from Official Development Assistance and have the promotion of the rights of women, youth, girls and gender-diverse people as their primary mission).

Applicants will need to demonstrate previous experience in applying feminist monitoring, evaluation and learning practices, with an interest in demonstrating the benefits of feminist or gender-transformative approaches, and be able to perform services in English, French and Spanish, at a minimum.

Virtual information session

A virtual information session will also be held on June 3, 2025, at 9:00 EDT, with simultaneous interpretation in English and French. To confirm your attendance and receive your invitation, please [complete the registration form](#).

For more information: [Visit IDRC's Women's Voice and Leadership Learning Partnership web page](#)



Grant pre-announcement: Vancouver Foundation Participatory Action Research Grants

Applications open Summer 2025

Value:	Convene Grants:	Up to \$20,000
	Investigate Grants:	Up to \$100,000 per year
Duration:	Convene Grants:	Up to 1 year
	Investigate Grants:	Up to 3 years

Participatory Action Research Grants (PAR) support research that is co-led by community members and researchers to learn more about the root causes of pressing issues impacting the health of communities.

The Participatory Action Research methodology is based on the belief that research must be done with people, not for them or on them. The researchers and community members that make up the research team are active co-participants who learn from one another. The research is grounded in critical reflection and is action-oriented to influence systemic change on the issues they are investigating.

Early in 2020, Vancouver Foundation began a project to deepen systems change grant-making, first by recognizing entrenched power imbalances and then by reimagining our relationships and practices. As we continue our work to shift and share power with community, we have introduced some changes to this grant call, including removing the matching of funds for the Investigate grants to address barriers to accessing grants.

The ongoing pandemic, the devastation caused by extreme weather events and the continued groundswell of the reconciliation and anti-racism movements has only amplified this urgency. PAR grants aim to investigate and understand the root causes of oppressive structures and to build fair and equitable systems to challenge them. If the number of applications we receive is greater than the funding we have available, then we will prioritize:

- Projects that are co-led by communities who are disproportionately impacted by racism and other discriminatory behaviours and beliefs within health systems
- Research teams that include as many community members as professional researchers
- Research projects that bring an intersectional lens to the work

Types of Participatory Action Research Grants

There are two different grant types available, depending on the stage your project is at in the participatory action research process.

1. Convene Grants (up to \$20,000, for up to one year)

Convene grants are short-term grants to help teams to unpack a complex health issue and to question the systemic behaviours that have created that issue, or that are holding the issue in place. Convene grants help teams to articulate a research question and to develop a participatory research project plan that can then be submitted to funding organizations in the future. The funding requested should be distributed equitably between the convening process and the community's participation in that process. Convene grants are a one-stage application.

2. Investigate Grants (up to \$100,000 per year, for up to three years)

Investigate grants are multi-year grants to help teams answer a research question, analyze their findings, and share knowledge in a way that supports the community to take action in the future. Investigate grants have a two-stage application process. Applicants begin their application by completing the first stage of questions and, if successful, are then invited to complete the remaining questions.

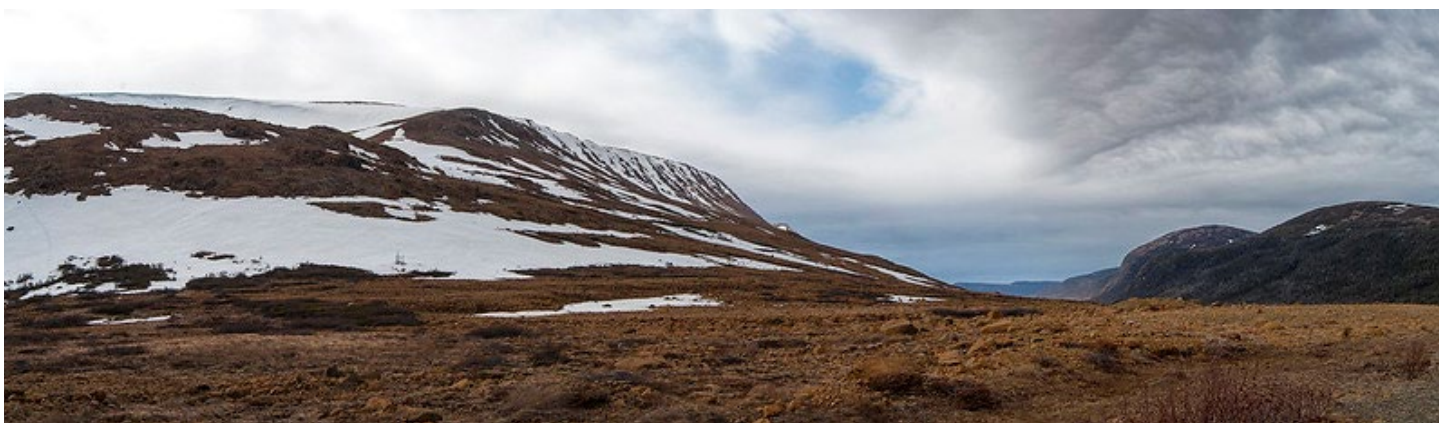
Eligibility

The research projects we consider for funding:

- must investigate the root causes of a complex health issue
- must be a collaboration between community organizations and institutions with access to an ethics board, such as universities and research institutions.
- must be led by a [registered charity or other qualified donee](#) listed by the Canada Revenue Agency.

We specifically invite projects that investigate the root causes of racism and other discriminatory behaviours and beliefs experienced by adults and children within health systems, especially communities who are disproportionately impacted by these discriminatory behaviours.

For more information: [Visit the Vancouver Foundation Participatory Action Research Grants web page](#)



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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.

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.

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

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 may satisfy the above requirement but not meet the expectations of the program.

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.

Webinar recordings

The links to the recordings of the Notice of Intent webinar presented on May 22nd for the 2025 Exploration competition can be found below, alongside a link to the slides used during the presentation.

English

[NFRF Exploration 2025 NOI Webinar - English](#)

[English slides](#)

Français

[FNFR Exploration 2025 Webinaire Avis d'intention - Français](#)

[Diapositives Français](#)

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.](#)

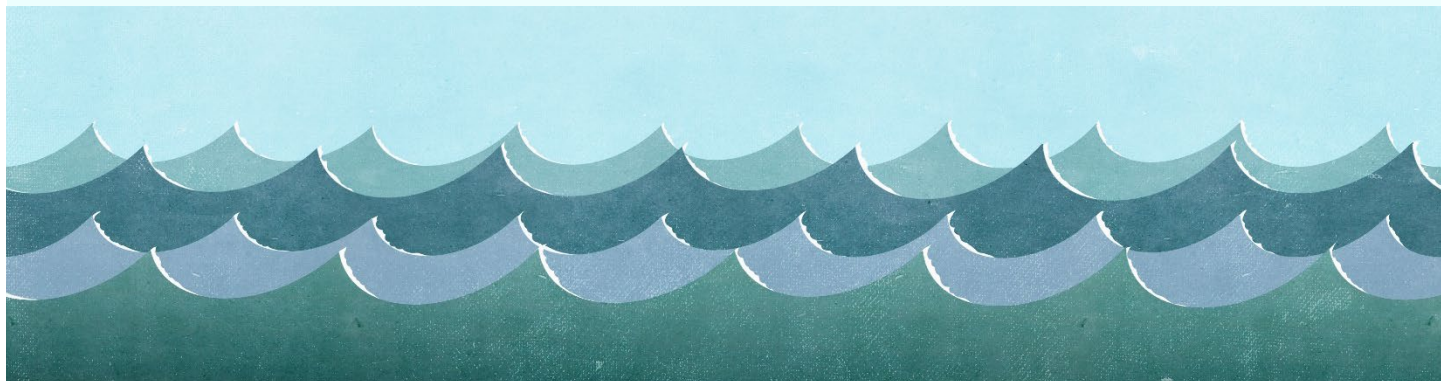
Please contact the [Office of Research Services](#) and we will assist you in the development of your proposal. Also, note that the principal investigator for any grant application submitted through Royal Roads University must be a core faculty member at RRU.

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: The international journal Nature reports on US labs facing closure

After Nature authors reported on the [first 30 days of the Trump administration](#) in February – in which thousands of US science agency employees were laid off and reforms to research grant standards were announced – we are seeing the impact of those anti-science reforms. The March 28th article, [These US labs risk imminent closure after Trump cuts](#), speaks to some of those impacts being felt at the University of Pennsylvania, where faculty and researcher positions are being lost, and entire labs are at risk.

To read this article, please click the blue button on the [top right of this web page](#) that says “Access through your institution”, and sign in using your RRU credentials.

Horizon Europe Updates

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

Networking opportunities include:

- EU Universities UnILiON, May 22, for Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment; [Registration Link and Agenda](#)
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