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### Research Calls and Funding Opportunities

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### Funding and Award Opportunities

#### Call for applications: 2026-27 SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG) Competition

**Application deadline:** **February 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm**

*Note: Late applications or applications not submitted through the [Internal Awards inbox](#) will not be accepted.*  
If February 15th falls on a weekend or STAT holiday, applications will be due the following business day at 11:59pm.

**Value:** Up to \$5,000

**Duration:** 1 year (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027)

No funds may be spent before the start date

Attn: RRU Faculty Members,

The 2026-27 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).

### *Eligibility*

All SSHRC eligible faculty (i.e., core faculty working in social science and humanities disciplines) can apply unless you received funding from the SSHRC SIG competitions in 2025-26.

### *Guidelines and Application Form*

The Guidelines and application form are available on the RRU [Research Services website here](#).

Effective starting with this year's competition, please note the following:

- **The Committee will not read any content in the project description that exceeds the 1500-word limit.** The Committee will base its decision solely on the first 1500 words of the project description, along with the other sections of the application. A list of works cited does not count towards the 1500-word limit.
- **No follow-up for missing information or requests for additional information will be conducted.** Decisions will be made on the basis of the final submitted application.
- **Abstracts are now required.** If you do not want the abstract to be posted on the university's website, you can note that in the abstract section.

Faculty members may normally hold only one SIG award from 2025 to 2028 (2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 fiscal years). If you currently hold a SIG25 grant, or if you held one that is now complete, you will not be eligible for this competition.

### *Submission details*

The **project description section of the application must not exceed 1500 words**. Applications must be submitted to the [Research Advisory Committee via email](#).

If you have any questions, concerns or need support, please [contact the Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#).

## *Call for applications 2026-27 Buttedahl and Skene Learning and Teaching Innovation Fund (BSF) competition*

**Application deadline: February 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm**

*Note: Late applications or applications not submitted through the [Internal Awards inbox](#) will not be accepted.*  
If February 15th falls on a weekend or STAT holiday, applications will be due the following business day at 11:59pm.

**Value:** Up to \$4,000

**Duration:** 1 year (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027)

No funds may be spent before the start date

Attn RRU Faculty members,

The 2026-27 Buttedahl and Skene Learning and Teaching Innovation Fund (BSF) competition is now open. This award honours Bob Skene and Dr. Paz Buttedahl, and supports projects related to their joint commitment to enhancing teaching

and learning at Royal Roads. The fund supports faculty members to make direct links between scholarship, teaching effectiveness, research, and student learning.

#### *Eligibility*

All RRU core faculty are eligible.

#### *Guidelines and Application Form*

The Guidelines and application form are available on the RRU [Research Services website here](#).

Effective starting with this year's competition, please note the following:

- **The Committee will not read any content in the project description that exceeds the 1500-word limit.**  
The Committee will base its decision solely on the first 1500 words of the project description, along with the other sections of the application. A list of works cited does not count towards the 1500-word limit.
- **No follow-up for missing information or requests for additional information will be conducted.**  
Decisions will be made on the basis of the final submitted application.
- **Abstracts are now required.**  
If you do not want the abstract to be posted on the university's website, you can note that in the abstract section.

Faculty members may normally hold only **one** BSF grant at a time. Final reports for previously funded BSF awards are required in order to receive new funds.

#### *Submission details*

The **project description section of the application must not exceed 1500 words**. Applications must be submitted to the [Research and Professional Development Panel via email](#).

If you have any questions, concerns or need support, please [contact the Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#).

**Call for applications: 2026-27 Allan Cahoon Global Advancement and Diversity Fund (GAD) competition**

**Application deadline: February 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm**

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

If February 15th falls on a weekend or STAT holiday, applications will be due the following business day at 11:59pm.

**Value:** Up to \$4,000

**Duration:** 1 year (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027)

No funds may be spent before the start date

Attn: Royal Roads staff and faculty members,

The 2026-27 Allan Cahoon Global Advancement and Diversity Fund (GAD) competition is now open. The fund supports three initiatives: one for students and two for faculty and staff. The opportunities for faculty and staff alternate depending on the year. This year the call is specifically for a Global Advancement Project, a project with a focus on forging new opportunities and furthering the interests of diversity.

## *Eligibility*

All current core faculty or permanent staff members are eligible to apply.

## *Guidelines and Application Form*

The Guidelines and application form are available on the RRU [Research Services website here](#).

Effective starting with this year's competition, please note the following:

- **The Committee will not read any content in the project description that exceeds the 1500-word limit.**  
The Committee will base its decision solely on the first 1500 words of the project description, along with the other sections of the application. A list of works cited does not count towards the 1500-word limit.
- **No follow-up for missing information or requests for additional information will be conducted.**  
Decisions will be made on the basis of the final submitted application.
- **Abstracts are now required.**  
If you do not want the abstract to be posted on the university's website, you can note that in the abstract section.

Faculty and staff members may normally hold only one GAD grant at a time. Final reports for previously funded GAD awards are required in order to receive new funds.

## *Submission details*

The **project description section of the application must not exceed 1500 words**. Applications must be submitted to the [Research Advisory Committee via email](#).

If you have any questions, concerns or need support, please [contact the Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#).

**Call for applications: 2026-27 Research and Professional Development Pool (RPD) competition**

**Application deadline: February 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm**

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

If February 15th falls on a weekend or STAT holiday, applications will be due the following business day at 11:59pm.

**Value:** Up to \$4,000

**Duration:** 1 year (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027)

No funds may be spent before the start date

Attn: full-time RRU Faculty Association (RRUFA) Members,

The 2026-27 Research and Professional Development Pool (RPD) competition is now open. As per Section 31.5 (a, ii) of the RRUFA Collective Agreement, "The Research and Professional Development Pool is a consolidated account solely for the use of full-time Members for all expenses related to scholarly advancement, including travel expenses, attendance at conferences, and travel and related expenses for research activities."

## *Eligibility*

All full-time Royal Roads faculty Association (RRUFA) members including librarians are eligible to apply.

## *Guidelines and Application Form*

The Guidelines and application form are available on the RRU [Research Services website here](#).

Effective starting with this year's competition, please note the following:

- **The Committee will not read any content in the project description that exceeds the 1500-word limit.**  
The Committee will base its decision solely on the first 1500 words of the project description, along with the other sections of the application. A list of works cited does not count towards the 1500-word limit.
- **No follow-up for missing information or requests for additional information will be conducted.**  
Decisions will be made on the basis of the final submitted application.
- **Abstracts are now required.**  
If you do not want the abstract to be posted on the university's website, you can note that in the abstract section.

Faculty members may normally hold only **one** RPD grant at a time. Final reports for previously funded RPD awards are required in order to receive new funds.

## *Submission details*

The **project description section of the application must not exceed 1500 words**. Applications must be submitted to the [Research and Professional Development Panel via email](#).

If you have any questions, concerns or need support, please [contact the Internal Research Grants Coordinator](#)



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## *Call for applications: Real Estate Foundation of BC – General Grants*

**Application deadline:** **February 5, 2026** (stage 1)

Stage 2 by invitation only

**Value:** Not specified. (The grant budget fluctuates from year to year.)

**Duration:** Not specified

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

REFBC grants can support:

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

REFBC prioritizes grants to Indigenous-led organizations. They are particularly interested in projects that support Indigenous rights and interests in land use and real estate. They are also interested in projects that advance justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility — by and for racialized and equity-deserving communities systematically excluded from land use decision-making.

The REFBC grants budget fluctuates from year to year, based on the income received from interest earned on pooled real estate deposits. In the past five years, an average of \$8 million per year has been granted. Last year, 74% of grant funding went to Indigenous-led organizations.

### *Funding priorities*

REFBC grants support work in five areas. Projects may span more than one priority.

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

### *Application process*

This form is Stage 1 of the application process. All applicants will be notified of their Stage 1 outcome (shortlisted or declined) approximately 8-10 weeks after the intake deadline. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to revise and add to their applications in Stage 2; these applicants will have approximately 4 weeks to complete a Stage 2 application. Stage 2 applications will go to REFBC's Board of Governors in June or September for a funding decision.

### *Webinars*

Before you apply, you are encouraged to attend a webinar with Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) staff. It's an opportunity to learn about REFBC's [funding priorities](#) and the application process, connect with grants program staff, and ask questions.

Webinar	Date and time	Webinar link
For Indigenous-led organizations only	Tuesday, January 13, 2026 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Register to attend</a>
For all applicants	Thursday, January 15, 2026 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<a href="#">Register to attend</a>

**For more information:** [Visit the REFBC Grants web page.](#)

**Call for applications: Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada 2026-27**  
**‘Achievement unlocked: protecting privacy while online gaming’**

**Application deadline:** **February 26, 2026**

**Value:** Up to \$100,000 per project

**Duration:** 1 year (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027)

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) has launched its 2026-2027 Contributions Program funding cycle with a call for proposals under the theme “Achievement unlocked: protecting privacy while online gaming.”

Gaming is an integral part of the entertainment landscape with nearly half of Canadian adults and 70% of Canadian teens regularly playing games online. To learn more about the privacy implications of gaming on individuals, the OPC is seeking proposals for projects that will advance knowledge related to the collection and use of personal data in the online gaming sphere.

*The objectives of the Program are:*

- To capitalize on existing research capacity in academic, not-for-profit and other sectors to generate new knowledge and support the development of expertise in selected areas of privacy and data protection.
- To increase awareness and understanding among individuals and organizations of their privacy rights and obligations.

*Eligibility*

Only not-for-profit organizations – including consumer, voluntary and advocacy organizations, educational institutions, and industry and trade associations – are eligible for funding.

Only research or public awareness proposals that address privacy issues in the private sector will be considered. Proposals that touch on issues falling within the federal public sector can be submitted, provided that the primary focus of the proposal deals with the private sector.

The OPC will examine only wide-scale projects or projects of national application that are relevant to the federal sphere. Projects that examine issues or address concerns that are exclusively or predominantly local, provincial or foreign in scope will not be considered eligible for funding.

*Encouraging partnerships between academia and civil society*

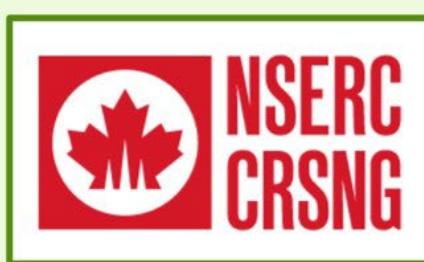
We encourage universities and other research groups to develop partnerships with civil society organizations as part of their proposals. For example, universities could collaborate with public education groups, or advocacy associations could partner with research groups. During the assessment process, additional points will be allocated to proposals that put forward plans for such partnerships.

*Webinars*

Applicants are invited to attend a virtual information session to learn more about applying for funding under the Contributions Program. For more information, contact [the Contributions Program office](#).

- English session: Monday, January 19, 2026 (1:30 p.m., ET)
- French session: Monday, January 19, 2026 (2:30 p.m., ET)

**For more information:** [Visit the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada Contribution Program 2026-27 website](#)



## *Call for proposals: SSHRC Connection Grants*

**Proposal deadline:** **February 2, May 1, August 4, and November 2, 2026**

**Value:** Events: **\$10,000 to \$25,000**

Outreach activities: **\$10,000 to \$50,000;**

**Duration:** **1 year**

Connection Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the [Research Partnerships program](#).

These grants support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted [knowledge mobilization](#) initiatives. These events and activities represent opportunities to exchange knowledge and engage with participants on research issues they value. 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 support workshops, colloquiums, conferences, forums, summer institutes, documentaries 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.

SSHRC welcomes applications involving Indigenous research, as well as those involving research-creation. To this regard, Connection Grants support events and outreach activities related to research-creation and Indigenous research.

### *Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative*

Through this initiative, SSHRC is committed to funding up to 10 meritorious Connection Grant proposals per competition to help the social sciences and humanities research community develop, adopt and disseminate research data management standards, practices, tools and skills. Learn more about the [Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative](#).

Unless otherwise indicated, there is no separate application process for most initiatives and supplements. However, candidates must select this initiative on the first page of the application to indicate they wish to be considered for an initiative or a supplement. They also need to explain why they wish to be considered in their application form. SSHRC staff will conduct an administrative review to evaluate the proposal's relevance to this initiative. Applications deemed ineligible for the Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative will remain in the Connection Grants competition.

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

## Call for proposals: SSHRC Insight Development Grants

**Proposal deadline:** February 2, 2026

**Value:** \$10,000 to \$100,000

**Duration:** 1 to 2 years

Insight Development Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the [Insight research program](#).

Insight Development Grants support research in its initial stages. The grants enable the development of new research questions, as well as experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches and/or ideas. Funding is provided for short-term research development projects of up to two years that are proposed by individuals or teams.

Insight Development Grants foster research in its early stages but are not intended to support large-scale initiatives.

Long-term support for research is offered through SSHRC's [Insight Grants](#).

Proposed projects can involve, but are not limited to, the following types of research activities:

- case studies
- pilot initiatives
- critical analyses of existing research

Projects can also involve national and international research collaboration, and the exploration of new ways of producing, structuring and mobilizing knowledge within and across disciplines and sectors.

Funding is available for two distinct categories of scholars:

- [Emerging scholars](#) who will develop new research questions and/or approaches. Such projects can build on and further the applicant's (or team's) graduate work and/or represent a continuation of their overall research trajectory.  
For the current competition, at least 50% of funds will be reserved for applications from emerging scholars.
- [Established scholars](#) who will explore new research questions and/or approaches that are distinct from the applicant's previous/ongoing research. Research projects should be clearly delimited and in the early stages of the research process. Insight Development Grant funding is not intended to support ongoing research for established scholars.

SSHRC welcomes applications involving [Indigenous research](#), as well as those involving [research-creation](#).

### *Joint initiatives*

SSHRC collaborates with organizations from across the not-for-profit, private and public sectors to support and promote training, research and connection activities in the social sciences and humanities. SSHRC's joint initiatives are designed to reflect its strategic objectives and mandate, inform decision-makers, and, in certain cases, address specific needs of its partners.

The following joint initiatives are associated with this funding opportunity:

- [Department of National Defence Research Initiative](#)
- [Mitacs Accelerate—Grants](#)

**For more information:** Visit the [SSHRC Insight Development Grants web page](#).

**Proposal deadline:** February 10, 2026

**Value:** Stage 1: up to \$30,000

Stage 2 (by invitation only): up to \$2.5 million

**Duration:** 4 to 7 years

Partnership Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the [Research partnerships program](#). Proposals exclusively for [partnered research training initiatives](#) are expected to respond, instead, to the objectives of the [Research training and talent development program](#).

These grants provide support for new and existing [formal partnerships](#) over four to seven years to advance research, research training and/or [knowledge mobilization](#) in the social sciences and humanities. This is done through mutual co-operation and sharing of intellectual leadership, as well as through resources such as cash and/or [in-kind contributions](#).

Partnership Grants are intended for large teams of postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types that work in formal collaboration.

The quality of training, mentoring and employability plans for students and [emerging scholars](#) will be evaluated as an important part of the proposed initiative. SSHRC's [Guidelines for effective research training](#) explain how students and emerging scholars can meaningfully participate in proposed initiatives.

The intellectual leadership and governance for a new or existing formal partnership can come from the research community and/or partner organizations from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. However, only an institution that meets the [institutional eligibility requirements](#) can administer the grant funding. For more information, see [Eligibility](#).

SSHRC's [Partnerships Tool-Kit](#) offers tools and resources to assist in the planning and implementation of your partnership.

#### *Value and Duration*

Partnership Grants undergo a two-stage merit review process. This funding opportunity description applies to Stage 1 applications. Only applicants successful in the Partnership Grants—Stage 1 process are invited to apply at Stage 2.

**Stage 1:** Applicants successful at Stage 1 are awarded grants valued at up to \$30,000. These funds help applicants prepare the Stage 2 application.

**Stage 2 (by invitation only):** Using the funds awarded in a successful Stage 1 application, Stage 2 applicants:

- further refine the question(s) to be addressed;
- establish partnership arrangements, a governance structure and/or an approach/methodology; and
- consolidate their collaborative activities.

Partnership Grants awarded at Stage 2 are valued at up to \$500,000 per year over four to seven years, up to a total of \$2.5 million.

#### *Types of partnerships*

There are two categories of partnerships that can request support:

- existing partnerships to foster new research and/or research-related partnership activities that are distinct from the partnership's previous/ongoing partnership activities; and
- new partnerships to foster new research and/or research-related partnership activities that are undertaken by partnerships in their initial stages.

Here is a list of possible formal partnership approaches. Applicants are not limited to these approaches and are welcome to combine some of the features described below:

- **Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research partnerships:** Interinstitutional research initiatives designed to make a significant contribution to advancing knowledge and understanding in the social sciences and/or humanities. While SSHRC welcomes proposals for interdisciplinary research partnerships involving natural sciences, engineering and/or health partner organizations, proposed partnerships must follow SSHRC's [subject matter eligibility guidelines](#).
- **Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge and understanding:** These partnerships use ongoing collaboration and mutual learning to foster innovative research, training and the co-creation of new knowledge on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.
- **Networks for research and/or related activities:** These networks are designed to advance the innovative co-creation of knowledge, as well as training and mobilization of research, on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.
- **Partnered knowledge mobilization:** These partnerships are designed to synthesize, apply and mobilize new and existing social sciences and humanities research knowledge in accessible ways to build institutional capacity and increase the national and international impact and stature of Canadian research.
- **Partnered chairs:** These partnerships nominate research chairs designed to advance research and/or related activities in a specific social sciences and/or humanities area. Partner organizations pool financial resources and suggest an amount of funds required from SSHRC. Proposals must show that a formal agreement exists between the partner organizations to maintain the chair position for a minimum of four years. Proposals must include the name of the suggested chairholder. For more information, see SSHRC's Guidelines for [partnered chairs](#).
- **Partnered research centres:** These partnerships create or support a research centre designed to advance research and/or related activities in a specific social sciences and/or humanities area. Partner organizations pool financial resources and suggest an amount of funds required from SSHRC. Proposals must demonstrate that a formal agreement exists between the partner organizations to maintain the centre for a minimum of four years.
- **Partnered research training initiatives:** These partnerships are designed to support the creation of innovative approaches that enrich research training experiences for students and postdoctoral researchers while enabling their transition to academic or non-academic workplace settings. For more information, see SSHRC's [Guidelines for partnered research training initiatives](#). These guidelines apply only to proposals that focus primarily on research training and must respond to the objectives of the [Research training and talent development](#) program.

**For more information:** [Visit the SSHRC Partnership Grant web page](#)

*Call for notices of intent: New Frontiers in Research Fund 2026 International - Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges*

**Notice of Intent deadline:** **March 3, 2026**

**Letter of Intent deadline:** **June 9, 2026**

**Application deadline:** **November 3, 2026 (by invitation only)**

**Value:** **Up to CA\$ 1,500,000 per project**

**Duration:** **3 years**

The [International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges](#) represents a collaboration among research funders from the Åland Islands, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, the Faroe

Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom to support international, interdisciplinary and transformative research aimed at harnessing disruptive technology to address major global societal challenges.

The [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) were adopted by all member states of the United Nations in 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. They are a call to action for all countries to work together to tackle major and interlinked global challenges to ensure long-term peace and prosperity. There has been global recognition that the world is behind on achieving the SDGs by their 2030 target date. Indeed, the challenges facing humanity instead seem to be intensifying. Concurrently, advances in science, communication and disruptive technology are changing the world around us.

This call aims to harness the potential of disruptive technology to offer novel solutions to global challenges and accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs. More research is needed on how disruptive technologies can be used in contextually appropriate interventions to have transformative economic or societal impacts to improve the lives of people and the planet.

In this call, “disruptive technology” is defined as “an innovation whose application replaces or radically alters systems, processes and/or behaviours to have transformative economic or societal impacts. The impact may be localized or far-reaching. Disruptive technology may include cutting-edge and novel innovations, or the application of an existing innovation in a new context, bringing about substantial change or paradigm shifts.”

Research harnessing disruptive technologies to address global challenges requires an interdisciplinary approach involving expertise across disciplines—including the natural sciences, engineering, health sciences, social sciences and humanities—and across sectors, including academia, government, not-for-profit organizations, community organizations and private industry. Co-development of research and solutions in partnership with affected stakeholders is essential for long-term success.

This interdisciplinary and stakeholder-oriented approach is instrumental to pushing forward change at an international scale to help make progress towards achieving the SDGs. Projects in this call must directly address at least one of the SDGs.

In recognition that there are gaps in the SDGs, particularly related to Indigenous communities, projects may also apply if they are addressing a global challenge that is not captured by the SDGs.

#### *Expectations for funded projects*

The International Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges call will support research projects focused on harnessing disruptive technologies to address at least one of the SDGs or another recognized global challenge. Projects may be focused on developing or implementing a disruptive technology, or on researching the impact of a disruptive technology on society and/or economies.

Projects must be interdisciplinary, integrating information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts or theories from two or more disciplines or bodies of specialized knowledge. Projects must involve disciplines from at least two of the following three areas: natural sciences and engineering; social sciences and humanities; and health and life sciences.

Projects are expected to include appropriate stakeholders and end-users in the co-development and co-leadership of the project. Engagement with other sectors, as appropriate, will help identify barriers to implementation and develop strategies to overcome them. A transsectoral approach, involving the academic, research, economic (businesses), societal (governmental and nongovernmental organizations) and/or community sectors, as appropriate, ensures relevant outcomes, and positions research for uptake and use, which will maximize impact in the long term. Non-academic stakeholders may be included as team members or collaborators.

Several funding organizations allow funds to be transferred to team members from outside of their country. Teams are encouraged to include and budget for members from non-funding-organization countries, particularly the Global South. See Table 1 for more information on which funders allow for international funds transfer, and any limitations.

To highlight the outcomes of funded projects and enable knowledge mobilization and cross-project learning, a forum will be organized at the mid-term (online) and at the end of the grant (possibly in-person). Stakeholders, including policy-makers from governments and non-governmental organizations, will be invited to the end of grant forum. The forums may also be a springboard for new research collaborations. A kick-off meeting will be organized online for teams to connect with other projects and ask questions of the funders. Applicants are encouraged to include expenses related to attending the end of grant forum in their project budgets.

#### *Eligibility requirements*

Applicants must apply as a transnational research project partnership. Project teams must be interdisciplinary, incorporating required disciplinary expertise. It is strongly recommended that all project teams include at least one expert in social sciences or humanities among the co-principal investigators (co-PIs), fostering successful implementation for maximum impact.

Note that each funding organization may have additional eligibility rules for applicants and proposed projects.

#### *Webinars*

In preparation for the NOI deadline, we encourage all applicants interested in submitting a NOI, as well as the research administrators, to participate in one of the two upcoming webinars. Below are the dates, times, and links to the webinars.

Language of webinar	Date and Time	Webinar link
English	Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026  9:30 to 11:30 am Eastern 6:30 to 8:30 am Pacific	<a href="#">Link to register and join - English</a>  Webinar number: 273 763 573 256 3 Webinar password: 2wK7Bp3Y Join by phone: (888) 896-2137, 459710223# Canada Toll (Ottawa), Access code: 459 710 223#
French	Wednesday, February 4th, 2026  9:30 to 11:30 am Eastern 6:30 to 8:30 am Pacific	<a href="#">Link to register and join - French</a>  Webinar number: 275 656 553 648 9 Webinar password: wT6fF3aL Join by phone: (888) 896-2137, 94934988# Canada Toll (Ottawa), Access code: 949 349 88#

**For more information:** [Visit the NFRF International 2026 web page](#)

## *Call for proposals: Partnership Engage Grants*

**Proposal deadline:** **March 16, June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2026**

**Value:** **\$10,000 to \$50,000**

**Duration:** **1 year**

Partnership Engage Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the [Research Partnerships program](#).

These 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.

SSHRC welcomes applications involving [Indigenous research](#), as well as those involving [research-creation](#).

For tools and resources to assist in the planning and implementation of your partnership, see SSHRC's [Partnerships Tool-Kit](#).

#### *Types of partnerships*

Following are some possible formal partnership approaches. Applicants are in no way limited to these approaches and are welcome to combine some of the features described below.

- Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge and understanding: Partnerships to foster innovative research, training and the co-creation of new knowledge on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.
- Partnered knowledge mobilization: Partnerships designed to synthesize, apply and mobilize new and existing social sciences and humanities research knowledge in accessible ways to build institutional capacity and to increase the national and international impact and stature of Canadian research.

#### *Joint initiatives*

SSHRC collaborates with organizations from across the not-for-profit, private and public sectors to support and promote training, research and connection activities in the social sciences and humanities. SSHRC's joint initiatives are designed to reflect its strategic objectives and mandate, inform decision-makers, and, in certain cases, address specific needs of its partners.

The following joint initiatives are associated with this funding opportunity:

- [Mitacs Accelerate—Grants](#)

**For more information:** [Visit the SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants web page](#).

#### **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. Note that the principal investigator for any grant application submitted through Royal Roads University must be a core faculty member at RRU.

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## Spotlight

### *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Research: Pressbook: Accessibility Bites*

This book contains a collection of recordings and resources from the BCcampus Accessibility Bites series, including topics for educators such as:

- Assistive technology
- Microsoft Office assistive technology abilities (PowerPoint, Word, etc.)
- Plain language
- Supporting students who are blind or have low vision.

Access this resource here: [Accessibility Bites](#) from BC Campus

### *Upcoming Horizon Europe Events and Webinars*

#### *Information sessions*

Looking to learn more about Horizon Europe and its technical aspects? Check out the events below:

##### **January 2026:**

The European Commission will host [Horizon Europe info days](#) to share information about the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Work Programme. This includes the policy context behind each call, guidance for preparing a high-quality proposal, and a question and answer (Q&A) session.

##### **February 12, 2026:**

The European Commission will host a [webinar on lump sum funding](#) in Horizon Europe. The session will feature insights on preparing lump sum proposals and testimonials from funded projects.

#### *Matchmaking / Brokerage Events*

Looking for European and international partners to form a Horizon Europe consortium? Check out the following free matchmaking events and get ready to pitch your expertise!

##### **January 26 – 30, 2026: [HHN 3.0: Cluster 1\(Health\) Matchmaking Event](#)**

This virtual matchmaking event is organized by Health-NCP-Net (HHN). Participants can engage in online bilateral meetings using the B2M platform and present their ideas during the pitch sessions.

*Registration closes on January 21, 2026.*

##### **January 28-29, 2026: [NCP4Missions Matchmaking Event](#)**

This virtual matchmaking event will open with an online plenary session to offer practical advice on EU Missions proposals. After the plenary, participants will be able to schedule online bilateral meetings with potential project partners. *Please register as soon as possible.*

##### **January/February 2026: [IDEAL-IST: Cluster 4 Digital Calls Matchmaking Platform](#)**

This virtual matchmaking platform will support matchmaking for Cluster 4 Digital Calls.

*Please register as soon as possible.*

**February 3, 2026:** Canada's NCP Network: Ocean Science Matchmaking Event

This virtual matchmaking event brings together experts from Canada, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, and Portugal to forge new collaborations on sustainable fisheries and ocean management, aquatic pollution and conservation.

*Stay tuned for registration details.*

**February 4, 2026:** [Key Enabling Technologies 2026 Matchmaking Event](#)

This **in-person** event will be hosted in Karlsruhe, Germany and will have six thematic workshops and pitching sessions on manufacturing, raw and advanced materials, energy storage (batteries), artificial intelligence, as well as communications technology. *Spaces are limited. Please register as soon as possible.*

**February 25, 2026:** [Net4Society: Artificial Intelligence in Horizon Europe Calls](#)

This virtual matchmaking event brings together applicants interested in submitting proposals relating to artificial intelligence and requires the involvement of social sciences and the humanities. If you are planning to pitch, please submit your presentation as soon as possible. *Registration closes on February 20, 2026.*

**Call for abstracts:** *Realizing Environmental Justice in Ocean Energy*

**Abstract deadline:** *January 31, 2026*

Conference dates: *August 4-6, 2026*

We are sharing a call for abstracts for the "Realizing Environmental Justice in Ocean Energy" panel at the Energy Ethics Conference taking place August 4-6 2026 in St. Andrews, Scotland. The conference will be held in a fully hybrid format.

New energy infrastructures are part of increasingly busy, multi-purpose oceanic spaces. Many analysts see both great environmental justice risks in the rush to conquer blue frontiers , as well as opportunities for a new blue deal. The uneven field of ocean energy expansion includes industries such as tidal and thermal energy extraction, deep sea mining of critical minerals for renewable energy production, hydrogen transport and offshore wind farms. The ocean energy field also includes community ambitions such as net zero island living, and alleviating energy poverty in Asia and the Caribbean through marine renewables. All of these projects intersect with established ocean roles in fishing, tourism, major transport routes – and as a habitat in its own right.

Building on the oceanic turn in the humanities, as well as critical perspectives on emerging blue economies, this panel asks how ocean spaces are being reshaped by new energy infrastructures – and how scholarship might actively contribute to wise and careful handling of ocean energy. The panel builds on a differentiated notion of environmental justice that includes e.g. representational, procedural and distributionary as well as restitutive and transgenerational aspects, and does not shy away from critiques of the justice framework itself. We ask:

- How do ocean energy projects invoke a wide variety of affective projections, from major investments, to outspoken resistance to faith in solving the climate and environmental justice issues?
- What is specific about the issues of trust and mistrust, hope and despair, in relation to ocean-based energy infrastructures?
- How do the specificities of ocean-based energy production, circulation and consumption impact established terrestrial energy industries?
- What ocean epistemologies other than the blue economy/frontier are suited to building right relations around energy?
- What opportunities can we grasp to put scholarly analyses and networks in the service of blue energy justice?

#### *Abstract submission details*

- Deadline: January 31, 2026
- Maximum length: 250 words
- Please include:
  - Abstract title
  - Abstract text (max. 250 words)
  - Contact details and any affiliations

Abstracts should be submitted directly to the panel convenors:

- [Ichsan Rahmanto](#)
- [Jeanne Féaux de la Croix](#)

**For more information about the panel and the conference:** [Visit the Open Panel Call | Energy Ethics](#)

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