

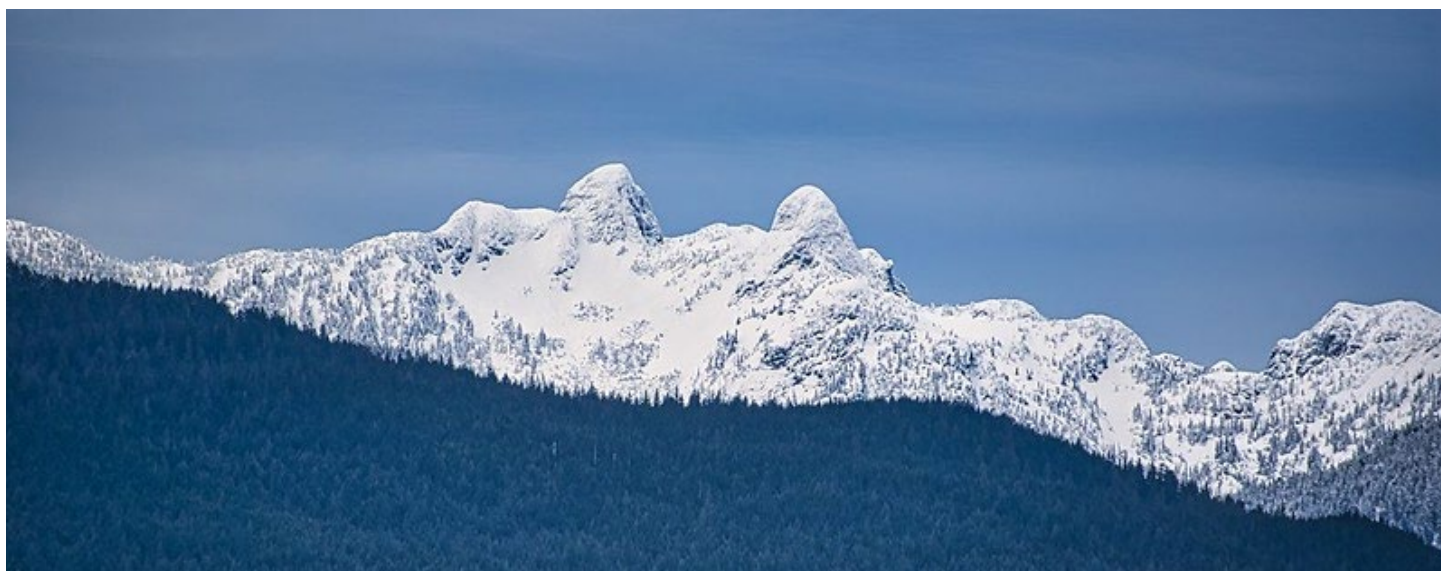
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Funding and Award Opportunities

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](#)

*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.

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



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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.

This call aims to harness the potential of disruptive technology to offer novel solutions to global challenges and accelerate progress towards achieving the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#). 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.

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	Link to register and join - English 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	Link to register and join - French 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.](#)



Call for proposals: SSHRC Connection Grants

Proposal deadline: 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.](#)

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.

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

Contact [Cassandra Larose](#), Scholarly Communications Librarian, at 250-391-2600, ext. 4324.

Questions about your data management plan? See the Library's [Research Data Management Guide](#) for more information, or [contact the library](#).

Spotlight

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Research: Supporting Neurodiversity in Post-Secondary Education

As post-secondary institutions continue to reflect on equity, accessibility, and inclusion, a focus on neurodiversity helps deepen our understanding of how learning environments can better support diverse ways of thinking and learning. Following on from the [February 2025 BCcampus Neurodiversity Series](#), BCcampus will be offering professional development focused on neurodiversity in February 2026.

- **February 5:** [Designing for Inclusive Learning with AI](#) – This workshop explores the intersections of Artificial Intelligence, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), and neurodiversity in educational environments.
- **February 20-24:** [Supporting Neurodivergent Wellness in Higher Education](#) – A 2-part workshop focusing first on educators' wellbeing, and then on students' wellbeing.
- **February 19:** [Bridging the Gap: Supporting Neurodivergent Learners from Campus to Career](#) – This workshop is based on national research findings on the barriers neurodivergent learners face when moving from post-secondary education into the workforce.

BCcampus has also launched [NeuroChats: Conversations Toward Inclusive Campuses](#), a new podcast series that centres neurodivergent experiences and inclusive approaches to teaching and learning across B.C.'s post-secondary sector.

For more information: Visit the [Supporting Neurodiversity in Post-Secondary Education](#) web page.

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 28, 2026: [AI-Data-Robotics Info Day and Brokerage Event](#)

The European Commission will provide an overview of AI, data, and robotics calls under the 2026-2027 Work Programme. Participants are also invited to join the matchmaking event to connect with potential partners and discuss project ideas.

February 11, 2026: [European Commission Webinar on Lump Sum Funding](#)

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 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: [Advancing 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. *Please register as soon as possible.*

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 expressions of interest: Building Resilient Futures – Higher Ed's Broader Purpose (March 4-5, 2026)

Abstract deadline: **January 28, 2026**

Conference dates: **March 4-5, 2026**

We invite you to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to be part of an event taking place March 4-5, 2026 at McGill University and the University of Calgary, Building Resilient Futures: Higher Ed's Broader Purpose, co-sponsored by Universities Canada and the Sustainability in Higher Education Across Canada Network (SHEAC).

The event represents the culmination of Universities Canada's three-year Climate Initiative and will bring together small groups of researchers, practitioners, and university administrators (~30 at each location) from diverse institutions, organizations, and career stages to consider recommendations and tangible steps forward. Our central objective is to understand the role(s) Canadian higher education institutions must play in leading societal progress towards more resilient and regenerative futures. The main question we ask is:

How can we leverage our collective institutional capacity to drive the change and innovation needed for climate-resilient and regenerative futures?

To address that question, we seek participants to join a working group in one of three thematic areas: 1) Teaching and learning that creates action; 2) Community engagement that builds partnership; and 3) University governance that fosters institutional agility and innovation. Participants are expected to contribute to pre-work (e.g. review workshop materials, introductory team meeting) and a final report with recommendations for future action. In addition, rather than being simply a one-off event, we intend this gathering to be the start of an ongoing community of practice focused on climate action across sectors and domains. Participants will have the opportunity to remain engaged if they choose. For more information about thematic areas, or the event more generally, [please visit the site here](#).

Our intention for the event is that it be generative and impact-oriented, and to move from theory to tangible action. Outputs from the event will include, at minimum, the following:

- The co-development of a vision and recommendations/priorities related to climate resilience and regenerative futures for Canadian postsecondary education.
- A roadmap or outline of actions to be taken or projects to be developed by working groups in line with our three thematic areas for a future collaborative grant proposal.
- The creation of a community of practice that meets regularly to support Canadian institutions in continuing to move forward.

Participants will need to fund their own travel, but Universities Canada is able to offer partial support for those without other means. [Please visit this site for event details](#).

Please reply as soon as possible, and no later than Wednesday, January 28th, 2026.

Submitting an EOI

We seek participants from public, academic, and private sectors who can offer diverse perspectives and represent a range of career stages and disciplinary backgrounds. If you are interested in being part of Resilient Futures, please follow this link to fill out a form and submit an EOI. The EOI (max 2 pages) should include responses to the following questions and be submitted where indicated in the form:

1. What inspires you to attend this event?
2. What do you hope to gain from your participation?
3. What perspectives, expertise, or contributions do you hope to bring to the conversation?

We hope that you will submit an EOI to join us in building resilient futures for our communities and institutions, and be part of an ongoing community committed to climate action and resilience!

If you have any additional questions, please [contact Sonia Pacin](#).

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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