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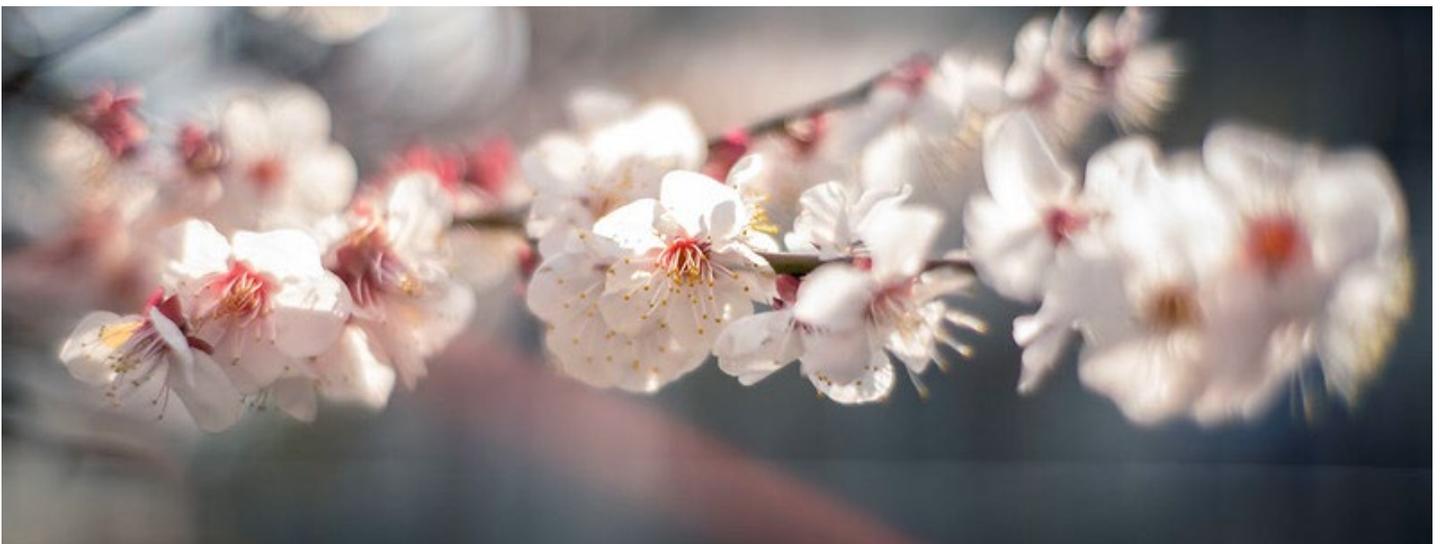
Research Calls and Funding Opportunities

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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:

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- **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.
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- **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 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.

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.](#)

Call for proposals: Destination Horizons Grants 2026

Proposal deadlines: **May 22, and September 22, 2026**

Value: Up to \$15,000

Duration: 1 year

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 (EU) 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](#).

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.

Matching funds

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.

Applicants must demonstrate their ability to secure at least the minimum matching funding. Applicants must do so by including a letter of support from the host institution that clearly confirms the amounts and types of contributions the host is providing.

Applicants can draw on complementary funding from SSHRC research grants and/or from other research funding agencies, but must make clear in their budget proposal there is no duplication of financial support for the same budget expenses. While such funds can be used in this complementary way, these funds cannot be counted toward the requirement for matching funds.

Subject matter

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, etc.) are not eligible for funding under this funding opportunity.

Applicants

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).

Applicants must be affiliated with a Canadian postsecondary institution that holds institutional eligibility at the time of application. Researchers who maintain an affiliation with a Canadian institution that holds institutional eligibility, but whose primary affiliation is with a non-Canadian postsecondary institution, are not eligible for applicant status.

Postdoctoral researchers and students are not eligible for applicant or co-applicant status for a Destination Horizon Grant.

Webinar

To learn more about the application process, applicants are invited to listen to the webinar recording from the previous competition. The recording is available in [English](#) and in [French](#).

For more information: [Visit the Destination Horizons 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: Black Legacies in Canada and the Academy

Join [Yabome Gilpin-Jackson](#), Vice-President, People, Equity and Inclusion at Simon Fraser University on **February 18th from 11 a.m. to noon**, for Royal Roads University's Black History Month keynote event. This free, public event will be recorded.

The author of several books, book chapters, and journal articles, Gilpin-Jackson is a well-known presenter on equity, organization development and systems change, leadership and Black identity. Her publications include *Transformation After Trauma*, *The Power of Resonance*, co-editor for the 2022 Palgrave Handbook of Learning for Transformation, the *We Will Lead Africa* book series and short story collections about global African experiences: *Identities*, *Ancestries*, *Destinies*. She is past Chair of the Organization Development Network. When asked about her work in the world, Gilpin-Jackson describes it as “developing our human capacity to be, think and do things differently and better.”

[Learn more and register for this event here!](#)

Upcoming Horizon Europe Events and Webinars

Information sessions

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

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!

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.*

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