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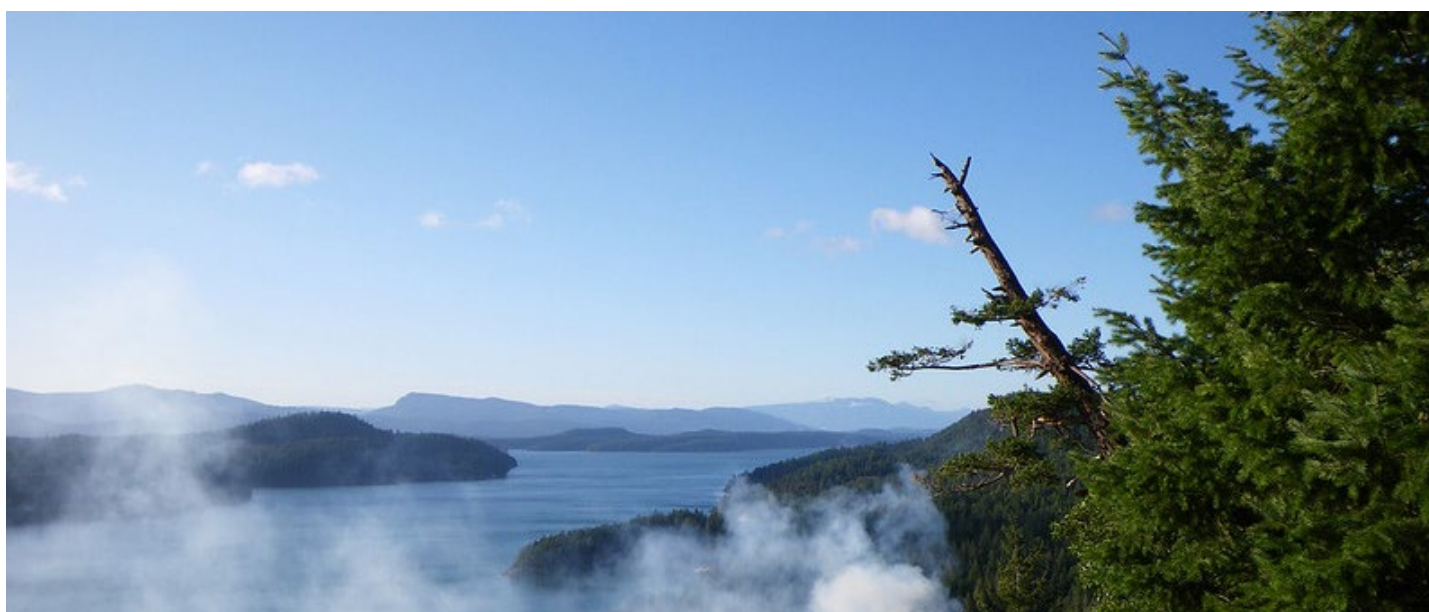
Research Calls and Funding Opportunities

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Funding and Award Opportunities

Call for Applications: RRU Internal Grant for Research (IGR) 2026-27

Application deadline: June 30, 2026 @ 11:59 pm

Late applications or applications not submitted through the [Internal Awards inbox](#) will not be accepted. If June 30th falls on a weekend or STAT holiday, applications will be due the following business day at 11:59 pm.

Value: Up to \$3,000

Duration: 1 year

The 2026-27 RRU Internal Grants for Research (IGR) competition is now open.

Royal Roads University Internal Research Grants are available to core faculty, deans and librarians to support projects that undertake research and mobilize knowledge. Proposals are encouraged from a broad range of research topics, while keeping in mind Royal Roads' three research themes.

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

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

The guidelines and application form are available on the [RRU Internal Awards website](#).

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include RRU core faculty, deans, and librarians.

Applicants may hold only one IGR at a time (but may hold this award simultaneously with internal grants noted above). Funds will not be released for a new award until applicants have submitted their final written report for a previous grant.

Award term

The project funding will be available for one year with a **start date of October 1st, 2026**. **No expenses may be incurred before the start date.**

For more information: Visit the [RRU Internal Awards website](#), or [contact RRU Internal Awards](#).

Call for applications: New Ways Fund 2026-27 Competition

Application deadline: June 30, 2026

Value: Up to \$5,000

Duration: 1 year

Attn: RRU Core Faculty Members

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

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

Application deadline - 11:59 pm June 30, 2026.

Late applications or applications not submitted through the [Internal Awards inbox](#) will not be accepted. If June 30th falls on a weekend or STAT holiday, applications will be due the following business day at 11:59 pm.

Eligibility - All core faculty members.

Funding amount for 2026 - up to \$5,000.00.

Award term - September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027 (No funds may be spent before the start date.)

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

The application form was sent out by email. If you are not able to access it, please contact [RRU Internal Awards](#).



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Call for proposals: SSHRC Connection Grants

Proposal deadlines: 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.

Only a Canadian institution that holds institutional eligibility can administer funds. However, the intellectual leadership and governance for Connection Grant activities can come from within the research community and/or from within the not-for-profit sectors.

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](#).

[Sustainable Agriculture Research Initiative](#)

The **Sustainable Agriculture Research Initiative** (SARI) is a joint effort between the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) in partnership with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and in collaboration with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), to fund research leading to a sustainable, resilient and profitable agriculture sector in a net-zero economy. SARI was supported by [Budget 2022](#), which included a commitment for immediate action toward climate mitigation, in support of the [2030 Emissions Reduction Plan: Canada's Next Steps for Clean Air and a Strong Economy](#) to support farmers as partners in building a clean, prosperous future.

The [Sustainable Agriculture Research Initiative Connection Grants](#) (SARI-CG) aim to build on the momentum of the [\\$87.5 million investment](#) made in 2024 to support 16 research partnership projects funded through [SARI](#), as well as the [\\$1.9 million investment](#) in the [Common Ground Canada Network](#) following the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Network on Sustainable Agriculture in a Net-Zero Economy funding opportunity](#).

The SARI-CG are intended to support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives, bringing together those working to advance sustainable agricultural sectors and food systems to support a just transition to net-zero in Canada, regardless of whether they have previously been involved in SARI grants or the Network grant. The grants provide up to \$50,000 over one year for both events and outreach activities.

Visit the [Sustainable Agriculture Research Initiative Connection Grants website](#) for more information.

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

Call for proposals: *New Frontiers in Research Fund - Exploration*

Notice of Intent deadline: **August 18, 2026**

Full application deadline: **October 20, 2026**

Value: Up to \$100,000 per year, plus up to 25% for indirect costs

Duration: Up to 2 years

The goal of the Exploration stream is to inspire high-risk, high-reward and interdisciplinary research.

Exploration grants support research that pushes boundaries into exciting new areas. Researchers are encouraged to think “outside of the box” and undertake research that defies current paradigms; brings disciplines together in unexpected ways and from bold, innovative perspectives; and has the potential to be disruptive or deliver game-changing impacts.

Exploration stream grants support projects that:

- **bring disciplines together** beyond traditional disciplinary or common interdisciplinary approaches;
- propose to **explore something new**, which **might fail**; and
- have the **potential for significant impact**.

Exploration grants support research with a range of impacts—economic, scientific, artistic, cultural, social, technological, environmental or health-related. This list is not exhaustive; other types of impacts are also recognized. Diversity of perspectives is important, and the fund encourages research proposals led from any discipline, from those in the social sciences and humanities, to health, the natural sciences and engineering.

Research team

To encourage projects that push the boundaries in terms of interdisciplinarity, proposals must be submitted by research teams with at least two individuals. In addition to a nominated principal investigator (NPI), the team must include either a co-principal investigator (co-PI) or a co-applicant. Teams may include one co-PI and any number of co-applicants and/or collaborators.

Teams should reflect an integrated interdisciplinary approach to the project, including expertise in all relevant disciplines.

To ensure that Exploration grants support high-risk, high-reward projects across the broadest spectrum of disciplines, individuals can participate in only one application of the NFRF Exploration grants stream at a time, as either an NPI, co-PI or co-applicant.

Other research team members, such as trainees (graduate and other students, postdoctoral fellows, etc.) and research personnel (research associates, technicians, etc.), can participate in the project’s research activities, but are not invited as participants through the Convergence Portal.

Early career researcher

A proposal is considered to be led by early career researchers (ECRs) if both the NPI and co-PI (if applicable) are ECRs. An ECR is a researcher within five years from the start date of their first research-related appointment, minus the length of any eligible delays in research (e.g., illness, maternity, parental), as of the first day of the month in which the competition is launched (April 1, 2026, for this Exploration competition).

Subject matter (fit to program)

Exploration grants support projects that are high risk, high reward and interdisciplinary. They may involve any disciplines, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for funding across the three agencies. Eligible projects include those with specific short-to-medium-term objectives, as well as discrete phases in longer-range research programs.

To meet the minimum requirement to be considered interdisciplinary, a proposed research project must combine elements from at least two different disciplines (as defined by a group-level classification based on the [Canadian Research and Development Classification](#)). Projects that integrate two disciplines with a long and established tradition of working together (e.g., biology and chemistry or psychology and education) may satisfy the above requirement but not meet the expectations of the program. The onus is on the applicant to explain the novelty of the interdisciplinary approach to justify the fit to program. Interdisciplinarity is evaluated by the multidisciplinary review panel.

The following elements are indicative of projects that do not meet program expectations for high risk, and are considered ineligible: research that is the obvious next step; data collection without interpretation of underlying mechanisms or patterns; professional practice or consulting services (contract research); set-up and operational management of an institute or a formal or informal group of researchers (network); curriculum development; organization of a conference or workshop; digitization of a collection or creation of a database; application of existing technology or commercialization of a product/process; routine analyses; and/or acquisition and maintenance of research equipment

For more information: [Visit the New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration web page](#)

Call for proposals: Partnership Engage Grants

Proposal deadline: 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: Destination Horizons Grants 2026

Proposal deadlines: **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.

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](#)



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Call for proposals: SSHRC Insight Grants

Proposal deadlines: **October 1, 2026**

Value: Stream A: \$10,000 to \$125,000
Stream B: \$125,001 to \$500,00

Duration: 2 to 5 years

Insight Grants support research excellence in the social sciences and humanities. Funding is available to both [emerging scholars](#) and [established scholars](#) for research initiatives of two to five years. Insight Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the [Insight Research program](#).

Stable support for long-term research initiatives is central to advancing knowledge. It enables scholars to address complex issues about individuals and societies, and to further our collective understanding. Insight Grants support research proposed by scholars and judged worthy of funding by their peers and/or other experts. Insight Grant research initiatives can be undertaken by an individual researcher or a team of researchers working in collaboration.

Applicants choose from one of two streams, depending on the amount of funding required. Both streams will be adjudicated by the same committees, and will receive the same rigorous level of [merit review](#). The deadlines and application process are identical for both; however, the targeted success rate for Stream A is higher than for Stream B.

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

[Associated supplements and 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 available for this funding opportunity:

- [Department of National Defence Research Initiative](#)
- [John R. Evans Leaders Fund](#)
- [Mitacs Accelerate—Grants](#)
- [Sport Participation Research Initiative](#)

[Future Challenge Areas](#)

Applicants are encouraged to explore SSHRC's current [Future Challenge Areas](#) and consider how their research may align with these forward-looking themes. While Future Challenge Areas are not part of the merit review criteria and do not involve additional funding, they can help applicants think creatively about the future implications of their work. Review the Future Challenge Areas and related [evidence briefs](#) for inspiration as you prepare your application.

[Webinar](#)

Date	Time	Language	Link
August 20, 2026	10:00 am to noon Eastern 7:00 to 9:00 am Pacific	French	Registration and webinar link - French
August 20, 2026	1:00 to 3:00 pm Eastern 10:00 am to noon Pacific	English	Registration and webinar link - English

For more information: [Visit the Insight Grants web page](#)

Call for proposals: SSHRC Partnership Development Grants

Proposal deadline: November 16, 2026

Value: \$75,000 to \$250,000

Duration: 1 to 3 years

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

These grants provide support over one to three years to teams/partnerships, led by an applicant / project director, to:

- develop research and/or related activities in the social sciences and humanities—these can include [knowledge mobilization](#) and the meaningful involvement of students and [emerging scholars](#)—by fostering new partnerships with existing and/or potential partners; or
- design and test new partnership approaches for research and/or related activities that can result in best practices or models—these can either be adapted by others or have the potential to be scaled up to a regional, national or international level.

Partnership funding is intended for formal partnerships between postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types. For more information, see the definitions for [formal partnership](#) and [partner organization](#).

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.

SSHRC invites [applicants](#) and their partner organizations who wish to propose formal disciplinary, interdisciplinary, interinstitutional, international and/or cross-sector partnership arrangements to apply for support through this funding opportunity. Funds are available to support a variety of formal partnership development initiatives in all the disciplines and themes that meet [SSHRC's subject matter eligibility guidelines](#).

SSHRC's [Partnerships tool kit](#) offers tools and resources to assist with the planning and implementation of your partnership.

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.

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

- Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research partnerships
- Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge and understanding
- Networks for research and/or related activities
- Partnered knowledge mobilization

Date	Time	Language	Registration and webinar links
September 24, 2026	11:00 am to 1:00 pm Eastern 8:00 to 10:00 am Pacific	English	Link not yet available. Visit the web site for more information
September 25, 2026	11:00 am to 1:00 pm Eastern 8:00 to 10:00 am Pacific	French	Link not yet available. Visit the web site for more information

For more information: [Visit the Partnership Development Grants website](#)

Call for proposals: SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grants: Changing Nature of Security and Conflict

Proposal deadline: **December 3, 2026**

Value: Stream 1: \$10,000 to \$40,000 for one year
Stream 2: \$10,000 to \$78,000 for one year
(NordForsk's increased contribution to projects in Stream 2 (international) reflects the higher cost of doing research in Nordic countries)

Duration: 1 year (Results announced March 2027)

SSHRC, in partnership with NordForsk, is pleased to launch a Knowledge Synthesis Grants (KSG) competition to mobilize, examine and synthesize social sciences and humanities research on The Changing Nature of Security and Conflict. The resulting syntheses will help identify roles the academic, public, private and not-for-profit sectors could play in promoting more inclusive and equitable societies; and could inform development of effective tools and technologies, robust policies, and sustainable practices needed to support the path toward a diverse and inclusive future for all. SSHRC encourages Indigenous-led and Inuit Nunangat-based research approaches that reflect community priorities, land-based knowledge, and Northern sovereignty. Proposals co-developed with Indigenous Peoples and Northern communities are strongly welcomed.

SSHRC and NordForsk have partnered on this funding opportunity to support research that will foster a deeper understanding of the state of knowledge about the global challenge of The Changing Nature of Security and Conflict. This competition includes two streams:

- Stream 1 (domestic) will be reserved for applications submitted by an applicant affiliated with an eligible Canadian institution. SSHRC may fund up to 16 grants of \$10,000 to \$40,000 per project for one year each.
- Stream 2 (international) applications must include two applicants, with one based in Canada and one based in one of the Nordic countries, as well as a co-applicant from a different Nordic country. The applicants and co-applicant must be affiliated with eligible institutions in their respective countries. SSHRC, along with NordForsk, may co-fund up to 15 grants of \$10,000 to \$78,000 per project for one year each. If you are looking for a new or additional Canadian or international team member for this funding opportunity, add your research interests and contact information to the [networking form](#).

Knowledge Synthesis Grants

KSGs support researchers in producing knowledge synthesis reports and evidence briefs that:

- support the use of evidence in decision making and the application of best practices; and
- assist in developing future research agendas.

Applicants must address the following three objectives in their proposals:

- State of knowledge, strengths and gaps
 - critically assess the state of knowledge of the future challenge theme under consideration from a variety of sources, as appropriate;
 - identify knowledge strengths and gaps within the theme;
 - acknowledge Indigenous knowledge systems and research methodologies when appropriate; and
 - identify the most promising policies and practices related to the theme.
- Research data
 - assess the quality, accuracy and rigour (i.e., methodological approaches) of current work in the field; and
 - identify strengths and gaps in the quantitative and qualitative data available.
- Knowledge mobilization
 - engage cross-sectoral stakeholders (academic, public, private and not-for-profit sectors) and/or First Nations, Inuit and Métis rights holders throughout the project to mobilize knowledge related to promising policies and practices; and
 - use effective knowledge mobilization methods to facilitate the sharing of research findings with cross-sectoral stakeholders and Indigenous rights holders.

This KSG funding opportunity is guided by the following questions:

- Drawing on domestic, international and/or cross-sectoral evidence, what can researchers tell us about these issues?
- How might the findings guide public policy, practice and research agendas for Canada (Stream 1) and Canada and/or the Nordic countries (Stream 2) in the immediate and long term?

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

Expected outcomes

Knowledge syntheses are comprehensive analyses of literature and other forms of knowledge on a particular question or issue. All types of knowledge synthesis approaches, tools and protocols, such as scoping reviews, systematic reviews and narrative syntheses, are encouraged under this funding opportunity. Synthesized results can include qualitative, quantitative or multimethod research.

Knowledge Synthesis Grants are not intended to support original research. Rather, they are intended to support the synthesis of existing research knowledge and identify knowledge gaps. This call is particularly focused on the state of research produced over the past 10 years.

In support of these objectives, Knowledge Synthesis Grants will help identify roles that the academic, public, private and not-for-profit sectors, including Indigenous rights holders, can play in developing and implementing robust policies, best practices and tools.

Signals of change and thematic questions

The questions and subthemes listed below aim to demonstrate, through some examples, the breadth of the global challenge of The Changing Nature of Security and Conflict. As this is not intended to be an exhaustive list, we welcome proposals on all other topics/issues relevant to this future challenge area.

- Emerging technologies and innovation
- Intergenerational equity and inclusion
- Environmental considerations
- Geopolitical and international perspectives
- Strengthening public-private sector collaborations

The call for proposals invites applications from researchers in any discipline that can inform and contribute to the objectives of this funding opportunity. Future challenges cross multiple sectors and research disciplines and require broad collaboration to address them; applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that feature multidisciplinary research teams.

Webinar

Date	Time	Language	Webinar link
June 18, 2026	11:00 am - noon Eastern 8:00 – 9:00 am Pacific	Bilingual	Not yet available. Visit this link for more information.
October 8, 2026	11:00 am - noon Eastern 8:00 – 9:00 am Pacific	Bilingual	Registration and webinar link

For more information: [Visit the SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grants call 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, phone: 250-391-2600, ext. 4324.

Questions about your data management plan?

Contact [Rebekah Prette](#), Librarian, Business Information and Data Services, phone: 1 778-247-4144.

Spotlight

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Research: Join the RRU Pride Keynote: From Comfort to Courage: Leading Through Times of Change

[From Comfort to Courage: Leading Through Times of Change](#) will be a keynote presentation by Coltan Fagan in celebration of [Pride Week](#). Coltan, an alum of the Master of Arts in Tourism Management program and current Doctor of Business Administration candidate, will draw on his current research on the impacts of anti-2SLGBTQ+ discourse in Alberta. This session will explore how acts of courage — speaking up, taking action and stepping into the unknown — can create meaningful impact.

Event details

- **Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2026,
- **Time:** 10 to 11 a.m. (Pacific)
- **Meeting link:** <https://royalroads.zoom.us/j/89956230311?pwd=2rVww5IwKzGnwhGLtjrmS2mTC71ah2.1>

Notice of Opportunity for the SSHRC President process

Closing date: July 9, 2026

The search for a new SSHRC president is underway. See the [Governor in Council appointment notice](#) for full details. Interested candidates have until July 9 to submit their applications.

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (the Council) is the federal research funding organization that promotes and supports postsecondary based research and research training in the humanities and social sciences. By focusing on developing talent, generating insights and forging connections across campuses, communities and sectors, the Council strategically supports world-leading initiatives that reflect a commitment to ensuring a better future for Canada and the world. The Council has a governing council consisting of the President and up to 18 other members, whose main responsibilities are advisory in nature.

As Chief Executive Officer of the Council, the President provides strategic leadership and direction to the organization and its governing council, overseeing the effective implementation of the Council's mandate and the alignment of its activities with federal priorities. In this capacity, the President plays a lead role in advancing the government's science, research and innovation agenda. The President submits an annual report on the activities of the Council to the Minister, which is laid before Parliament. The President exercises strategic oversight of the Council's financial and human resources, ensuring sound stewardship and the efficient delivery of programs and services. The President also provides leadership in strengthening support for interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research and works with other federal granting councils and partners across Canada's research and innovation ecosystem.

Call for Written Submissions: 2026 Policy Review: Tri-Agency Policy on Indigenous Citizenship and Membership Affirmation

In 2023, Canada's federal granting agencies – the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), and the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) – began the process of engaging with Indigenous partners to support the development of the [Tri-Agency Policy on Indigenous Citizenship and Membership Affirmation](#) (TPICMA) and its associated [Directive](#). As a key deliverable under the [Setting New Directions to Support Indigenous Research and Research Training in Canada](#), the Policy establishes a process through which applicants from First Nations, Métis and Inuit collectives can affirm their citizenship or membership for funding opportunities that are dedicated to them.

As noted in the Policy and drawn from the collective feedback we received during engagement, the agencies committed to a full policy review within two years. In the coming months, internal and external engagement activities will be conducted through a variety of methods – including an online survey, focus groups and listening sessions, and a written submission period.

The agencies are hoping to engage with you again based on our previous conversations on this topic through one or more of the following options:

1. First, we're happy to share with you the [survey](#). The objective of the survey component of the engagement is to better understand perspectives, lived experiences, and considerations related to the Policy and its associated Directive – as well as their implementation – to inform potential revisions to the Policy. This [survey](#) closes on **July 3rd, 2026**.
2. Secondly, the Indigenous Strategy Division is inviting you to participate in a **focus group session**. Alternatively, you may also wish to schedule an **individual listening session** with us. In either case, the intent is to gather dialogue based on the Policy and Directive generally and in reference to particular areas of focus identified. **Please contact the [Indigenous Strategy Division](#) to schedule your session before **July 17th, 2026**.**
3. We also invite **written submissions about any reflections on the Policy** to be submitted no later than **July 31st, 2026**.

Canada's federal research funding agencies invite interested individuals, organizations, and institutions to participate in the 2026 policy review of the [Tri-Agency Policy on Indigenous Citizenship and Membership Affirmation](#) and its associated [Directive](#).

As part of this consultation process, we are seeking **written submissions** to inform the policy review. Your perspectives, experiences, and recommendations will help ensure that the policy remains relevant, respectful, and responsive to Indigenous communities and partners.

[Who Can Participate?](#)

Submissions are welcome from:

- Indigenous organizations and communities
- Academic and research institutions
- Researchers and scholars
- Partners and stakeholders
- Interested individuals

Submission Requirements

- Submissions must be provided in English or French
- Accepted formats: Word (.doc/.docx) or PDF (.pdf)
- Each submission must clearly indicate:
 - The organization or institution represented, or
 - That the submission is made in an individual capacity
- Each submission must identify 2 to 5 keywords/topics related to their submission.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no minimum page limit to submissions, but there is a **maximum of 20-page limit to submissions and 23-page limit to submissions in French.**

For more information and submissions:

Contact the [Indigenous Strategy Division](#).

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