Connect with SSHRC: Community Engagement Visit

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SSHRC’s vision for 2016-2020

Canada sustains and enhances its position as a global leader in humanities and social sciences research and research training, improving the lives of Canadians through ideas and innovation.
IMAGINING CANADA’S FUTURE
How can emerging technologies be leveraged to benefit Canadians?

What knowledge will Canada need to thrive in an interconnected, evolving global landscape?

What new ways of learning, particularly in higher education, will Canadians need to thrive in an evolving society and labour market?

How are the experiences and aspirations of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada essential to building a successful shared future?

What effects will the quest for energy and natural resources have on our society and our position on the world stage?

What might the implications of global peak population be for Canada?
Goal and Objectives

Why:
• Positioning the value of SSH in addressing societal challenges

What:
• Gaining insights into these areas
• Informing decision-making
• Building cross-sectoral partnerships

How:
• Analysis and monitoring of trends and advancements
• Knowledge Synthesis Grants
• Knowledge mobilization activities
Opportunities to Participate in Imagining Canada’s Future

- Open Data Challenge
- Canada 150
- International Policy Ideas Challenge

- Symposia
- Workshops
- Experts

- Knowledge Synthesis
- Grants

- National Dialogue

Dynamic Environment
Increased Demand for SSH Expertise
### Supporting Research & Research Training: Knowledge Synthesis Grants 2015-2017

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Open Data Challenge
Natural Resources and Energy

Submissions accepted until March 31, 2016

WWW.SSHRC-CRSH.GC.CA/HDODC
WWW.SSHRC-CRSH.GC.CA/DDODH
International Policy Ideas Challenge

Submissions accepted until March 31, 2016

www.international.gc.ca/policychallenge
www.international.gc.ca/defipolitique
# SSHRC Funding Opportunities

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**PARTNERSHIPS** - Within the academic community and between academia, industry, government, not-for-profits and communities.

Partnership Development Grants / Partnership Grants

Joint Initiatives
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<td><strong>Insight Grants</strong></td>
<td>October 2015</td>
<td>Total applications received: 1725</td>
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<td>February 2015</td>
<td>Eligible applications: 1238</td>
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<td>Awards: 286</td>
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<td>Total Investment: $17M over 2 years</td>
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INSIGHT GRANTS
Applications and Awards 2012-2015

![Graph showing the number of applications and awards from 2012 to 2015. The number of applications ranged from 1799 in 2012 to 1991 in 2015, while the number of awards ranged from 486 in 2012 to 466 in 2015.](image-url)
INSIGHT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
Applications and Awards 2011-2015

Applications

Awards

- 2011: 630
- 2012: 936
- 2013: 1,028
- 2014: 1,128
- 2015: 1,237

- 2011: 246
- 2012: 329
- 2013: 306
- 2014: 285
- 2015: 286
INSIGHT - BUDGET PRESSURES

- Max grant reduced to $400K
- Max per year reduced to $100K
- Principle of *minimum essential* funding
- Committees to benefit directly from cuts made with controlled budget envelope
  - Minimum and maximum success rate range
  - A proposal will automatically fail if the budget is reduced by 50% or more
Elimination of the Notice of Intent (NOI) phase

No CV/CCV required for collaborators

New criteria for Emerging Scholar category (IDG only)

New resource: Preparing an Insight Development

Grants research-creation application
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<td><strong>Connection Grants</strong></td>
<td>Eligible Applications received: 450</td>
<td>Awards: 289</td>
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<td>Total requested: $11.6 million</td>
<td>Total awarded: $6.9 million</td>
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<td>Total requested: $2.1 million</td>
<td>Total awarded: $489 000</td>
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<td>- Energy</td>
<td>Total requested: $936,616</td>
<td>Total awarded: $506,678</td>
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CONNECTION - CHANGES

- CVs no longer required for collaborators;
- New deadline time is 8:00 pm ET (instead of midnight);
- Application on-line system is offline for 48 hours after each deadline;
- The Knowledge Mobilization Plan and Relationship to Other Support attachments no longer required;
- The Event Presenters form has been significantly streamlined.
## PARTNERSHIPS

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<td>November 2014</td>
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PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
Applications and Awards 2011-2015

Applications - LOI

Applications - Full

Awards
JOINT INITIATIVES

• **The Digging into Data Challenge** aims to address how "big data" changes the research landscape for the humanities and social sciences. The Digging into Data Challenge is sponsored by leading funders from different countries – Round IV to be launched March 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2016.

• **Genome Canada and SSHRC** have launched a joint initiative to jointly support research and related activities pertaining to genomics, with one of the first initiatives focusing on societal implications of disruptive innovation in genomics.

• **Healthy and Productive Work**, a joint initiative of CIHR and SSHRC, reflects the interplay between health and social sciences in responding to the growing interest in maintaining a healthy, productive and inclusive Canadian workforce.
JOINT INITIATIVES (cont’d)

• “More Years, Better Lives – The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change.” Under this joint initiative, the call for proposals Welfare, Wellbeing and Demographic Change was launched in January 2016.

• **Access to Research Data Centres Program** is a joint initiative of SSHRC, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Statistics Canada to promote research and training in the application of social statistics.

• **Sport Participation Research Initiative** is a joint initiative with Sport Canada to fund research to support our understanding of issues such as: Participant development, values and ethics and economic and social benefits of sport participation.