Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) | Insight Development Grants

Sponsor Full Application Deadline:  Friday, February 2, 2018
OSR internal deadline with mandatory OSR checklist: Friday, January 19, 2018

Mandatory OSR Checklist & final application submission Your application must be submitted via the SSHRC Research Portal and your signed OSR Checklist sent to jennifer.callaghan@mcgill.ca by -> Thursday, February 1st, 10 AM

Once your application is submitted via the online system, OSR can return it to you for revisions.

Objective: Insight Development Grants provide support for short-term research development projects in its initial stages for up to two years for emerging and established scholars (individuals or teams) in the social sciences and humanities. At least 50% of funds will be reserved for applications from emerging scholars.

The grants enable the development of new research questions, as well as experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches and/or ideas.

Proposed projects may involve, but are not limited to, the following types of research activities:
- case studies;
- pilot initiatives; and
- critical analyses of existing research.

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

SSHRC welcomes applications involving Aboriginal research, as well as those involving research-creation.

New joint initiatives with Genome Canada, Societal Implications of Disruptive Innovation, The Belmont Forum, and the Department of National Defence are now available to IDG applicants. The joint initiative will support social sciences and humanities research and related activities pertaining to military personnel readiness, organizational and operational effectiveness, and human effectiveness in modern operations.

In particular, DRDC is interested in Defence and Security Target Research Area Descriptions focussing on:
1. Enabling sustained and effective military organizational culture change;
2. Developing trust in diverse organizational teams and in cross-cultural settings; and
3. Trust in autonomous intelligent systems.

For more information, please visit the DRDC website.

Emerging scholars: This funding supports high-quality research projects by emerging scholars to develop new research questions and/or approaches. Such projects may build on and further the applicant’s (or team’s) graduate work and/or represent a continuation of their overall research trajectory.
Established scholars: Funding for established scholars provides support to explore new research questions and/or approaches that are distinct from the applicant’s previous/ongoing research. Research projects should be clearly delimited and in the early stages of the research process. Insight Development Grant funding is not intended to support ongoing research for established scholars.

Value and Duration: $7,000 to $75,000 for up to two years (with an automatic extension period for one year)

Eligibility: Insight Development Grant applications may be submitted by an individual researcher or by a team of researchers (consisting of one applicant and one or more co-applicants and/or collaborators).

Researchers may not apply, as principal applicants, for Insight Grants and Insight Development Grants within the same calendar year (whether successful or not).

Postdoctoral researchers are eligible to be applicants for an Insight Development Grant. However, in order for SSHRC to release grant funds, successful applicants must formally establish an affiliation with an eligible Canadian postsecondary institution within three months of the grant start date (i.e., by September 2018 for the current competition), and maintain such an affiliation for the duration of the grant period.

Additional Information: The applicant as well as all co-applicants and collaborators have to submit a Canadian Common CV-no data from the old SSHRC CV will be migrated.

Applicants should consult the instructions on how to complete the Canadian Common CV. Please note that the CCV can now import publication details from external bibliographic databases, such as PubMed, Citeulike, DBLP, Google Scholar, IEEE Xplore, Plos, Scopus, and Web of Science. For details, see the Release Notes and How-To sections of the CCV website.

It is strongly recommended to start completing the SSHRC CCV well in advance of the competition deadline to allow time to register and ensure that your co-applicants and collaborators do the same.

Applicants who have received a SSHRC grant of any type but have failed to submit a final research report by the deadline specified in their Notice of Award are not eligible to apply for another SSHRC grant until they have submitted the report.

Researchers who applied for an Insight Grant in October 2016 may only apply for an Insight Development Grant in February 2018 if the objectives of the research are significantly different.

Submission Information: Please submit your application via the online submission system. The application will not be transmitted to SSHRC when you click “submit,” but only after the Grants Officer has had the opportunity to approve it in the system and forward it to SSHRC.

A signed OSR checklist must be sent to jennifer.callaghan@mcgill.ca.


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