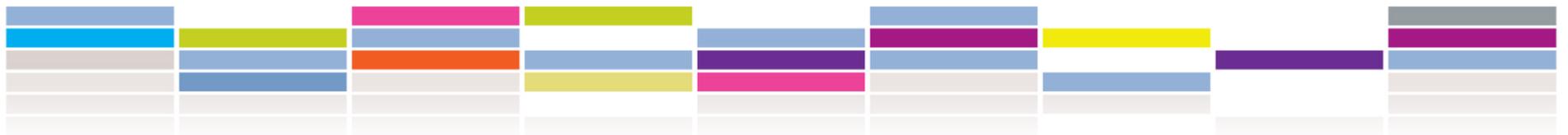


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Partnership Funding Opportunities and Support to Aboriginal Research by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

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Social sciences and humanities research provides critical insights into human thought and behaviour to enable Canadian innovation, creativity, prosperity and an improved quality of life.

SSHRC's Program Architecture

TALENT

Supporting students and postdoctoral fellows to develop next generation researchers and leaders across society

INSIGHT

Supporting excellent research to advance knowledge and build understanding about people, communities and societies

CONNECTION

Supporting the exchange of knowledge to maximize the intellectual, cultural, social and economic impacts of social sciences and humanities research

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

SSHRC Partnership Suite

Funding Opportunity	Relevant Program
Partnership Grants	Insight, Connection, or a combination of the two Talent
Partnership Development Grants	Insight, Connection, or a combination of the two



Funding for Formal Partnerships

- [Partnership Development Grants](#) provide support to foster new research and/or related activities with new and/or existing partners; and to design and test new partnership approaches for research and/or related activities.
- [Partnership Grants](#) provide support to new or existing formal partnerships for initiatives that advance research, research training and/or knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities.



Key Characteristics

Partnership Grants

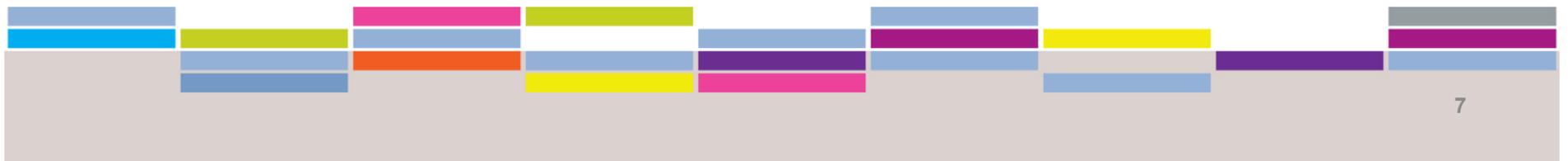
- Institution is the applicant
- Duration of 4 to 7 years
- Valued up to \$2.5M
- Minimum 35% cash and in-kind contribution required from other sources (i.e., institution and partners)
- Two-stage application process
- PG LOI deadline is February 15

Partnership Development Grants

- Project Director is the applicant
- Duration of 1 to 3 years
- Valued between \$75K and \$200K
- No minimum contribution required from other sources
- One-stage application process
- PDG deadline is November 30

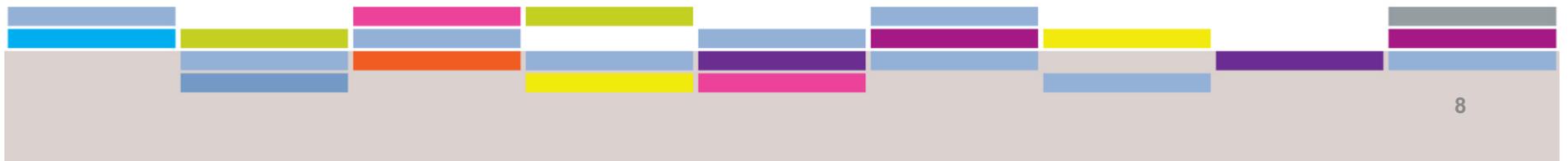
Key Characteristics

- Administering organization can be a Canadian university, college or non-profit organization.
- Requires a formal partnership.
- Partnerships may be academic-only or multisectoral.
- At least one post-secondary institution must be involved.



Possible Partnership Approaches:

- Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research partnerships
- Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge and understanding
- Networks for research and/or related activities
- Partnered knowledge mobilization
- PG Only: Partnered research centres; Partnered Chairs; Partnered Research Training Initiatives

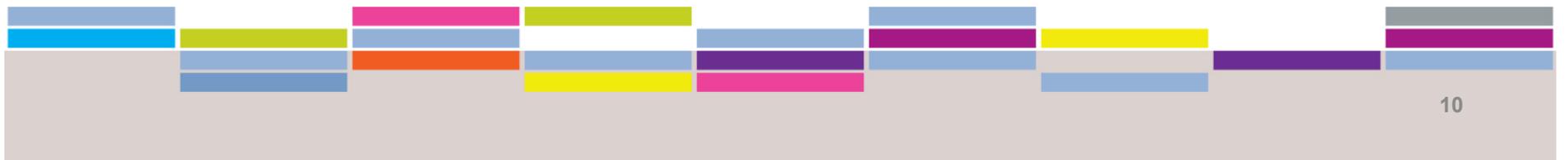


Building partnerships across sectors

Between
2011 and
2014
SSHRC
support
facilitated

- 371 formal partnership projects
- 3128 partner organizations
- \$252 million in partner contributions (cash and in-kind)

Imagining Canada's Future



Imagining Canada's Future: Six Future Challenge Areas

1. What new **ways of learning**, particularly in higher education, will Canadians need to thrive in an evolving society and labour market?
2. What effects will the quest for **energy and natural resources** have on our society and our position on the world stage?
3. How are the **experiences and aspirations of Aboriginal Peoples** in Canada essential to building a successful shared future?
4. What might the implications of **global peak population** be for Canada?
5. How can **emerging technologies** be leveraged to benefit Canadians?
6. What knowledge will Canada need to thrive in an **interconnected, evolving global landscape**?

Sub questions re: #3

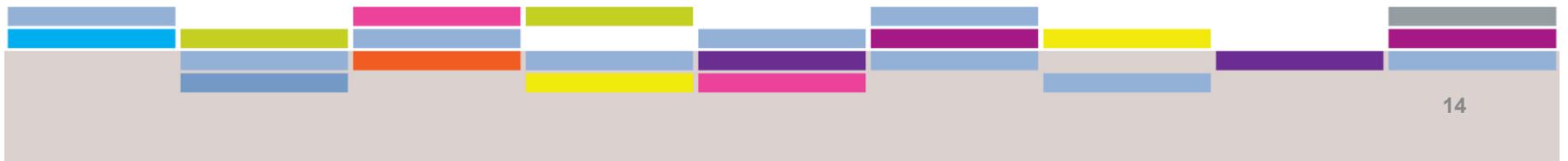
- a) What are the implications of historical and modern treaties?
- b) What barriers exist to increased consciousness about traditional and contemporary Indigenous values, cultures, leadership, and knowledge systems?
- c) How can we build enhanced capacity by, with and for Aboriginal communities to engage in and benefit from research?
- d) What role could digital technologies and creative arts play in teaching and preserving diverse First Nations, Métis and Inuit heritage, memory and identity?
- e) How might the richness of endangered languages and cultures of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples contribute to global human heritage?
- f) What is needed to bridge the growing young Aboriginal population's aspirations and potential to evolving knowledge and labour market needs?

Support to Aboriginal Research



SSHRC's Engaged Commitment

Recognizing the complexity of the 21st century experience – including the need for a future in which Aboriginal communities are empowered, culturally vibrant, healthy, safe and prosperous – our approach stresses the importance of Aboriginal knowledge systems to increase our understanding of human thought and behaviour in the past, present and future.



Approach at a glance:

Focus on the integration of Aboriginal perspectives, knowledge, methodologies and approaches across SSHRC's programs, funding opportunities, and research related activities. Objectives guiding our work:

- support research “by and with” First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples
- recognize scholarly contributions of Aboriginal knowledge systems
- ensure talent development for Aboriginal students and postdoctoral researchers.



Aboriginal Research

In May 2015, SSHRC launched new initiatives to support and promote Aboriginal research and talent development.

- Aboriginal research [statement of principles](#) will serve to guide the implementation of SSHRC's current and future activities.
- A revised definition of [Aboriginal research](#) clarifies research “by and with” Aboriginal Peoples and emphasizes and values the existing strengths, assets and knowledge systems of Aboriginal Peoples and communities.
- [Guidelines for the Merit Review of Aboriginal Research](#) are intended to assist committee members in interpreting SSHRC's specific Challenge, Feasibility and Capability evaluation criteria in the context of Aboriginal research.

Statement of Principles: Features

- A visionary statement and enduring commitment which will guide SSHRC's current and future activities related to Aboriginal research and talent development.
- Overall goal is to recognize that Aboriginal research, which includes a range of theoretical and methodological approaches, supports SSHRC's commitment to scholarly excellence.



Revised Definition: Features

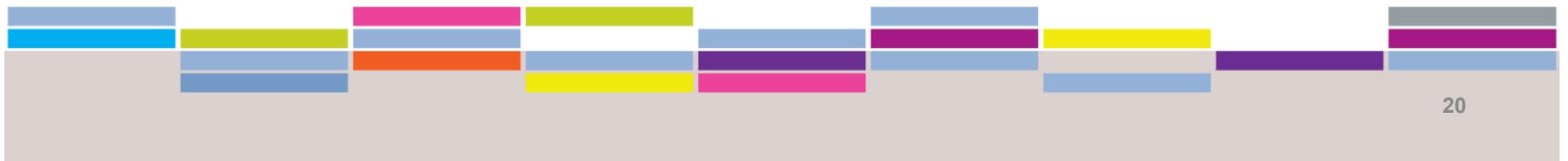
- Elaboration of what Aboriginal research embodies;
- Clarification of “by and with”;
- Focus on research conducted by Aboriginal *and* non-Aboriginal researchers;
- Research can involve Indigenous Peoples worldwide;
- Emphasis on relationships with people, places and the natural environment.

Merit Review Guidelines: Features

- Intended to supplement existing SSHRC materials and Chapter 9 of the Tri Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans;
- Relevant for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal researchers who conduct Aboriginal research;
- Interpretive points to assist and to ensure coherence among merit review committees in applying SSHRC's evaluation criteria.
- Key concepts for the review of Aboriginal research; e.g., Indigenous or traditional knowledge; community; reciprocity.

Moving forward: Aboriginal research

Support to Aboriginal research and talent development across SSHRC's programs and funding opportunities, demonstrates an enduring commitment to scholarly excellence and innovative research.



Links

Partnership Development Grants:

http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_development_grants-subventions_partenariat_developpement-eng.aspx

Partnership Grants:

http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_grants_loi-subventions_partenariat_li-eng.aspx

Aboriginal Research Statement of Principles:

http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/policies-politiques/statements-enonces/aboriginal_research-recherche_autochtone-eng.aspx

Guidelines for the Merit Review of Aboriginal Research:

http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/merit_review-evaluation_du_merite/guidelines_research-lignes_directrices_recherche-eng.aspx

Thank you!

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