

PRESIDENT'S SSHRC ENHANCEMENT FUND

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

The President's SSHRC (PSSHRC) Enhancement Fund provides targeted support to [emerging scholars](#) who are **reapplying** to the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Development Grant \(IDG\)](#) or **Insight Grant (IG)** competition after their most recent application was rated highly by SSHRC but not funded.

PSSHRC Enhancement applications are subject to competitive adjudication by the PSSHRC Committee Chair, appointed by the Office of the Vice-President Research, in consultation with one or more members of the President's SSHRC Committee.

The PSSHRC Enhancement Fund is financed from an annual grant made to the President by SSHRC in general support of research and scholarly work in the social sciences, humanities and fine arts at the U of S. The size of this annual grant is based on the University's performance in SSHRC's research grants programs and the number of University faculty members who are eligible for SSHRC funding. In addition to this grant, under certain conditions SSHRC permits the University to retain residual balances of completed SSHRC grants. The University of Saskatchewan utilizes these residual funds to support the PSSHRC Program.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications should be submitted within **three months** of receipt of SSHRC IDG or IG competition results and assessment scores.

All applications must be made by completing the appropriate pdf-fillable form and attaching the required documentation. *Applicants are required to supply their SSHRC peer assessment comments (if available), or SSHRC committee rankings, for any requests related to a resubmission of a previously unsuccessful SSHRC proposal.*

The form-fillable Application can be downloaded from the Research Webpage, under [Internal Funding Programs](#).

Applications are to be submitted to Research Services and Ethics Office via [UnivRS](#). Paper applications are not accepted.

AMOUNT OF AWARD

The maximum level of support is \$2,000.

As the demand for funds normally exceeds the funds available, not all meritorious proposals can be supported. In the interest of funding as many requests as possible, if funding is insufficient to award all proposals recommended for funding, the Committee may reduce each grant awarded for the current competition. Subsequent competitions may be cancelled for that fiscal year.

The term of the award is approximately 8 months, up to the closing date of the next SSHRC IDG or IG competition.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

All activities supported under the PSSHRC Insight and PSSHRC Connections program are eligible. Refer to the PSSHRC Insight and Connections program guidelines. Other activities may be considered on a case-by-case basis, provided they are eligible expenses under SSHRC's guidelines **and** serve to strengthen the SSHRC application for resubmission.

ELIGIBLE TO APPLY TO PSSHRC ENHANCEMENT:

- Applicants must have applied to the previous, most recent, SSHRC IDG or SSHRC IG program as the **principal investigator**.
- Applicants must be **reapplying** (re-submitting) to the SSHRC IDG or SSHRC IG program in the next upcoming competition.
- Applicants must have been [emerging scholars](#) at the time the previous (unsuccessful) IDG or IG application was submitted to SSHRC.
- Applicants must be eligible under SSHRC's criteria. Eligibility criteria specific to each funding opportunity are detailed in the individual SSHRC funding program descriptions: <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/index-eng.aspx>
- U of S faculty with term appointments who at the time of receiving a President's SSHRC Enhancement award must have a minimum of 3 years remaining in their current contracts.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The direct, short-term funding provided by the PSSHRC Enhancement fund is intended to increase the competitiveness of a highly ranked IDG or IG application being **resubmitted** to the next upcoming competition.

- Applicants are eligible to apply to the PSSHRC Enhancement fund only **one time** for the **same** IDG or IG application.
- Applicants who receive support under the PSSHRC Enhancement fund **cannot** also apply for support for the same project or activities under the PSSHRC Insight or PSSHRC Connections program.
- Previous recipients of PSSHRC Enhancement funds are eligible to apply to the PSSHRC Enhancement fund again, but not for the same IDG or IG application.
- Applicants are eligible to apply to the PSSHRC Insight and PSSHRC Connections competition, provided it is for a different project.
- Applications will be prioritized based on the list of eligible activities noted under the PSSHRC Insight and PSSHRC Connections program guidelines, and based on SSHRC's ranking of the previously submitted application (where available).
- Researchers seeking support for health-related social sciences and humanities research should review SSHRC's eligibility guidelines prior to applying: http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/background-renseignements/selecting_agency-choisir_organisme_subventionnaire-eng.aspx

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The PSSHRC committee evaluates the short-term activities to be completed within the length of the grant as outlined in the PSSHRC Enhancement proposal taking into account the following:

- Priority of the activity with regard to the list of eligible activities described under either the PSSHRC Insight or PSSHRC Connections program guidelines.
- Degree to which PSSHRC Enhancement funding will enable researchers to position their research for a successful resubmission to an upcoming SSHRC granting program.
- Completeness and clarity of the application.
- Feasibility, including appropriateness of the strategies and timelines for the design and conduct of the activities proposed.

ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

All expenditures **must** be justified and are subject to the use of grant funding restrictions listed below and in the Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/FinancialAdminGuide-GuideAdminFinancier/FundsUse-UtilisationSubventions_eng.asp

Further PSSHRC Enhancement restrictions on use of funding:

- For personnel costs, please use the current University rate of pay and include non-discretionary benefits (Canada Pension Plan, Workers' Compensation, Employment Insurance, Vacation). See <http://working.usask.ca/salaries/index.php>.
- Release time stipends and teaching releases are not eligible.
- Activities conducted under contract for a public or private agency or firm are not eligible.
- Collection or preparation of material primarily intended for personal classroom needs or teaching purposes is not eligible.
- Purchase of equipment is not eligible.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Recipients are required to submit a revised application to the SSHRC IDG or IG program as stated in the original application. **Those not meeting the conditions of the award will not be eligible to apply to future PSSHRC Enhancement competitions.** *Support received from the President's SSHRC Fund must be acknowledged in any resulting publications.*

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

Applicants will normally be advised of results within 6 weeks after submitting their application. If awarded, funds will be available for use immediately following the award and the establishment of a research fund. If the research requires human ethics, animal care and/or biohazard approval, the fund will not be established until Research Services and Ethics Office has been notified the required approvals are in place.

OVER EXPENDITURES AND EXTENSIONS

Over expenditures are not permitted and will become the recipient's personal liability. Extensions are not permitted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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