Agenda

1. Overview of Partnership Development Grant (PDG)
2. Tips and resources
3. Questions
Overview: SSHRC Program Streams

**INSIGHT**
Supports and foster excellence in social sciences and humanities research intended to deepen, widen and increase our collective understanding of individuals and societies, as well as to inform the search for solutions to societal challenges.

**CONNECTION**
Supports knowledge mobilization activities—such as networking, disseminating, exchanging and co-creating research-based knowledge—as an important element of publicly engaged scholarship, and as a means of strengthening research agendas.
## Overview: SSHRC Partnership Programs

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# Key Distinctions

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<td>Duration of 4 to 7 years</td>
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PDG: Aims & Objectives

• Develop research and related activities in the social sciences and humanities, including knowledge mobilization and the *meaningful involvement of students and new scholars*, by fostering new partnerships for research and related activities involving existing and/or potential partners

Or…
PDG: Aims & Objectives

• Design and test new partnership approaches for research and/or related activities that may result in best practices or models that either can be adapted by others or have the potential to be scaled up to a regional, national or international level
Round Table: Aims & Objectives

- What are you thinking about in terms of your larger partnership aims and objectives?
- Are you considering insight, connections or a combination?
- Recipient insights: focus / balance
Partners, Co-applicants, Collaborators

• A partner is an institution/organization
• A participant (i.e., project director, co-applicant, collaborator) is an individual
• Partners participate actively in the project and contribute in a meaningful way to the success of the endeavour
• Supporting organizations contribute cash and/or in-kind contributions but are not actively participating in project activities
Source: K Reid (Lakehead University)
Requirements for:

**Co-applicants**

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**Partner Organizations**

- Partners must upload a Letter of Support/Engagement prepared by an individual in the organization with authority over the cash and / or in-kind contributions being made. Partner contacts **do not** have to complete a SSHRC CV.
- Note: Collaborators do not submit CVs for either partnership funding opportunity.
Partnership: Definition

• SSHRC definition: “[a] bilateral or multilateral formal collaboration agreement between an applicant and one or more partners.”

• Partnerships must include at least one Canadian postsecondary institution and at least one partner beyond the institution or organization administering the grant funds

• It is not mandatory that the U of S be listed and confirmed as a partner but if it is a partner, there must be some evidence of ‘formal partnership’
Partnership: 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
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
Round Table

• What types of partnerships, are you thinking about? Types of organizations?
• Recipient insights: approach to the partnership – what it looks like

"I know you have your heart set on the round table, but we should send your proposal to the furniture safety committee first before voting on it here."
Partnership: Evidence

- Letters of support and Evidence of Formal Partnership
- No SSHRC template but various types of agreements have been accepted; e.g.
  - contracts
  - guiding principles
  - MOUs
  - intellectual property agreements between partner organizations and/or individual investigators
  - conflict resolution agreements
Partnership: Evidence

- Strategic plans that mention the project
- Motions or resolutions passed by governing bodies of partner organizations as recorded in meeting minutes
- Financial (cash or in-kind) contributions (SSHRC-eligible) are outlined in the supporting documentation
Partnership: Evidence

• Typically, this section includes an agreement between all partners or key partners; it’s up to your team to judge what is most appropriate in your particular case

• N.B.: these documents will be used by the committee to help judge the genuineness of the formal partnership and the quality of management and governance arrangements
Round Table

• What types of evidence are feasible from your organizations?

• Recipient insights: approach and garnering formal evidence of partnership
Involving Trainees

Effective research training:

• Builds both academic competencies and general professional skills that would be transferable to a variety of settings

• Includes international and/or intersectoral opportunities whenever possible and applicable

• Includes specific, effective mentoring and institutional support

• SSHRC’s Guidelines for Effective Research Training
Cash & in-kind Contributions

- Mandatory, but no minimum contribution required from partners
- Applicants and partners are expected to demonstrate a formal partnership exists or will be developed, in part through the financial and non-financial commitments made by partners.
- Different types of cash and in-kind contributions
- Host institution support (e.g. student support, space, equipment) is important, but perhaps more so is your ability to leverage support external to the host institution – partners
Example

• Recently successful U of S PDG application
• Request: $199,822
• Partner (UofS) provided student support
• Partners (other than U of S):
  o $20,000 cash
  o supported a student
  o $70,500 in-kind
    ▪ staff time/commitment
    ▪ travel to workshops and events
    ▪ workshop organization, hosting etc.
Recipient Insights

• Securing funds
  o challenges?
  o Internal vs external, etc.?
Evaluation

• Multidisciplinary selection committees include expertise from the academic community, and from the public, private and non-profit sectors

• Evaluation criteria:
  Challenge (50%) – aim and importance of the endeavour
  Feasibility (20%) – the plan to achieve excellence
  Capability (30%) – expertise to succeed
Tips

• Know what’s required and what’s involved: **read** the program description, application instructions and the evaluation criteria

• Show clear of evidence of partnership and partnership activities

• Ensure you have matching funding

• Include students
Tips

• Start early! These PDG components take time:
  
  o evidence of formal partnership
  
  o letters of support from partners
  
  o matching funding; talk to your ADR, partners
  
  o SSHRC CVs
Tips

• Make full use of these resources:
  
  o [UofS Internal Review](#)
  
  o [Research Facilitator](#)
  
  o Previous UofS recipients and adjudicators
  
  o [Partnership toolkit](#)
  
  o [SSHRC Program Officers](#)
    partnershipgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca
    613-943-1007
Questions?