



Vice-President of Research and Innovation
Research Partner Network

SSHRC Insight Development Grants Competition Supports and Deadlines

The [SSHRC Insight Development Grants](#) support both emerging and established scholars to carry out research in its initial stages.

Funding for established scholars is not intended to support ongoing research but rather to explore new research questions and/or approaches that are distinct from the applicant's previous/ongoing research.

The competition is annual, with the deadline always on February 2, or the subsequent business day. Applicants may request support for research projects lasting one to two years. Funding is from \$7,000 to \$75,000, with a minimum of \$7,000 in any single year. At least 50% of funding will be reserved for Emerging Scholars. But Established Scholars may make a case for an application if it constitutes a new direction of research. The IDG competition requires the [Canadian Common CV](#).

Deadlines:

- Budget Justification Review (Voluntary): January 9
- Peer Review (voluntary) registration: November to December (Dates TBD)
- Faculty sign off: Confirm deadline with your Associate/Vice-Dean, Research
- Research Administrative Services (Mandatory): Wednesday, January 22, 2025
- SSHRC: February 3, 2025 (*Submit in SSHRC portal by 10am*).

Your key contact for the Insight Development Grants competition is [Dr. Sylvia Ijeoma Madueke](#). Your Associate/Vice-Dean, Research, and your college's Office of Research will also provide support.

Being subscribed to the [sshrcUofA](#) researcher forum and RpNet [Monthly Bulletin](#), will ensure you are informed about social sciences and humanities-specific deadlines, grant-support events, and other research-related opportunities, in a timely manner.

Supports for the Insight Development grant competition are described below, organized according to the three grant-crafting stages of planning, writing and submission to SSHRC.

1] Planning Stage (June - August)

- Confirm your eligibility to apply for and hold research.
 - Quick Tip: if you are continuing faculty, you are [eligible](#), if not (ie: adjunct, emeriti, academic teaching staff, postdoctoral fellows), check your employment contract and confirm with your Department Chair or Faculty Associate or Vice Dean, Research.
- Contact your IDG-specific [Research Partner](#). She will help you strategize about the focus on your application, appropriate committee to submit to, eligibility and justifications for budget items, ideas for incorporating EDI into your project, developing knowledge mobilization, data management and effective student training plans, and more.
- Make sure to consult the [SSHRC IDG application procedure checklist](#).
- Attend a [Noon-hour information overview of Insight Development Grants](#) (Oct. - Nov.).
- Visit the RpNet [Research Whisperer Hour](#) to talk about your proposal.
- Peruse the [Successful Grants library](#), to find past successful IDG applications. Fourteen new IDGs (2023 competition) added in the past year.

2] Writing Stage (September - December)

- [Create a new proposal request](#) in the Researcher Homepage (early September).
 - Help for this may be found by contacting [_rsoinfo](#) or your dept/faculty Research Coordinator.
- Request admission to the SSHRC IDG [Boot camp](#) all day for 5 days (August - September as space is limited).
- Consult the grant excellence (GrEx) [IDG specific resource materials](#). There are tipsheets, and guidance for the various sections of the IDG application.
- Check out the CSSH Office of Research's [library](#) with short helpful videos on Getting Started on Securing Research Funding and Preparing the Knowledge Mobilization components.
- Refer to the RPNet's 'EDI in SSHRC Grants' resources, such as
 - [EDI in SSHRC Grants Info Session Recording 2023](#)
 - [EDI in SSHRC Grants Info Session Powerpoint \(2023\)](#)
 - [EDI in SSHRC Grants Resources and Key Contacts \(2023\)](#)
- Contact your RP for a SSHRC budget template.
- Start your application [in the SSHRC portal](#) (August). Use the portal to send invitations to any co-applicants or collaborators. Unique to the IDG, co-applicants may be out of Canada, and therefore may need [assistance to compile the CCV](#).
- We recommend using the grant-crafting '[algorithm](#)', 'checklist' and budget tasklist tools as background preparation for your initial draft.
- Talk to your Department Chair or Faculty Associate/Vice-Dean, Research if you are looking for a teaching release or need specific space for your project (please note: course release is ineligible as a budget expense). Check the [in-kind budgeting and space allocation](#) resource if necessary.
- If your application is a resubmission then receive a Forensic Review of the prior application, from the RPNet or attend a "Lemons to Lemonade" ReVision Retreat (October).
- Faculty in the College of Social Sciences & Humanities may utilize the Office of Research's student Grant Assistant for help with the following (October- December):
 - Budget estimates, CCV updating, literature scoping, proofreading, copy-editing (not stylistic, structural or ESL editing).
 - Applicants are eligible for grant-editing support. Your Research Partner will assist with this.
- Attend the [IDG Insiders' Roundtable](#) and/or review the summary of past selection [committee members' debriefs](#).
- Register for a College [Peer Review](#) of your penultimate version (mid-December)
- Accept the offer of a Budget Justification Review from the RPNet and CSSH Office of Research (November).
- Revise the penultimate draft (late-December) according to advice from any of the following: Associate/Vice-Dean, Co-applicant/Collaborator, Budget Justification Reviewer, Peer Reviewer and/or Research Partner.

3] Submission Stage (January)

- Attach your SSHRC IDG application to the [Researcher Homepage](#) (early January).
 - Your full application (with CCV) will be reviewed by your Chair and/or Associate Dean Research, who may suggest changes to the application, and must provide their institutional sign off before releasing to Research Administrative Services (RAS).
- After the faculty review, your application will be reviewed by the RAS officer. Complete any changes requested by Research Administrative Services.
- Once informed by RAS that it is approved, you may submit your SSHRC IDG application in the SSHRC portal.